

**Southern Bluffs PTO Meeting  
November 1st, 2022**

Attendees: Alex, Kara, John, Walt, Kate, Andrea, Jacqueline, Vanessa, Kristin (via Skype)

**Treasurer's report- Walt:**

Current balance \$6737.25, minus PBIS allocation, remaining \$6,357.75

Swings funds collected so far: \$8,620.66

Kara will receive check from FundHub in approximately 2 weeks. We will need to cover almost \$1K of the online total raised due to fees that weren't covered (though about 75% of donors did opt to cover the 15% fee)

Total currently spent on swings fundraiser that will be reimbursed: \$2,660.97. We have almost done all of the spending on the swings fundraiser, still need to buy duct tape and popcorn.

As we get expenses for holiday fair stuff, just send invoices to Walt for reimbursement.

Walt motion to accept, John second.

**Principal's report (via email from Maggie):**

- The 1st quarter of the school year is COMPLETE! It's been a fantastic start and we are so proud of our students for starting the school year off strong.
- During the middle of October our classroom teachers participated in Purposeful Planning time to review student academic and SEL data/growth. It provided our group with some intentional time during the day to determine student academic needs and how to best support them grow academically and socially this school year.
- The fire department came in and completed their yearly Fire Safety presentation to all grade levels.
- Conferences were very well attended (I do not have official numbers, but teachers were happy.) The staff members truly appreciated the PTO meals. They were fabulous. Thank you!
- Students were awarded their extra recess from the Swings fundraiser. I supervised for the teachers and I couldn't have asked for a better day (70 and sunny!)
- An author from Winona visited and presented to our students on her book and being brave. Students appreciated her message and they enjoyed chapter 1 of "A Junkyard Tail."
- This morning I shared at the morning assembly that Ms. Meyer's 3rd grade classroom won the Fundraiser challenge, so they will be duct taping me to the wall on Monday, November 21st after the normal assembly. :)

**Old business:**

**Steps for swings-**

The fundraiser was a huge success! We raised a total of \$32,870, when we only needed to raise \$30,000!! This is a big deal, and these swings will last many years. Alex, Kara, and Maggie met with John, who handles building and grounds for the La Crosse school district. He thinks we might be able to get the swings installed earlier than anticipated. He/the district is also going to cover the expense for the wood chips. Due to this, Nickelatti construction, and our additional funds raised, we might have around \$8-9K extra, and that accounts for reimbursing the PTO for the costs that we covered up front. Alex also met with Elliot from Nickelatti, and footings might be able to be installed over the next few weeks.

**New business:**

**Holiday Fair**

Basket building- we decided to move the basket building from Wednesday, 11/9 to Monday, 11/14 around 5:00 in order to allow more time to collect additional items from community businesses. The online auction will start (tentatively) on 11/17 and end on 11/30.

Anyone can bring baked goods for the bake sale

Giving tree- we currently have over \$3600 worth of requests from teachers for their classrooms. Some large requests, some small, some haven't submitted any. Mrs. Stout has a learning rug on her list for \$600. The reason we have the tree is so that parents and kids can know exactly where their donations are going. Donations can be given at anytime. The PTO intends to cover all of the teacher requests with funds gained through the holiday fair.

Please bring community donations gathered either this Wednesday or on Monday in order to get everything in. For basket building- PTO will provide pizza for everyone.

Question about security at Southern Bluffs- we feel it's pretty safe per current standards. Best to take the question to Maggie.

Dental sealants- Vanessa, Jacqueline, and Kate have volunteered to help

Back to Holiday Fair- Friday setup on 12/2 for the Holiday Fair which is Saturday 12/3

New Santa scheduled. Raffle items will be announced at around 10:30 and 11:45.

Need dad items for kidland: water bottles, work gloves, Packer stuff, keychains, flashlights

Need pet items- like pet toys, pet treats

Get to name a hallway (PTO). Principal's purse, Maggie.

Auction will be announced through a flyer, email, and then possibly a call from Maggie.

Idea for lottery trees for the auction.

During kidland- there will be "helpers", older kids or PTO members, who will help kids to purchase items off of their sheets.

John brought up Horsefall Variety store in Lansing, IA as a place to get cheap items.

Ideas for spring picnic- looking for ideas for entertainment. magic, clown, petting zoo.

Motion to approve old meeting notes- John and second Jacqueline

### **Next meeting December 19th**

Motion to close: John and second Andrea

Submitted by Kara Seiffert