

**Southern Bluff's PTO Meeting
January 16, 2023**

**Attendees: Alex Powell, Kristin Damstra, Walt Smanski, Maggie Maine, Laura Smanski,
Kara Seiffert, Vanessa Colburn, Jaqueline Weisse, Averi Kotnour, John Parkyn**

Meeting called to order by Alex Powell at 6:34pm

Treasurer's Report: We made payments to Digicopy & Kristin Damstra for HyVee Holiday Fair tissue paper, We have \$18,295.49 in our main account. We have allocated \$379.50 for PBIS. \$17,915.99 is our available balance. Amazon is discontinuing Amazon Smile. Gift letters for donations have been completed. The Swing Account balance is \$28,590.53.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's report: 1st: John Parkyn, 2nd Laura Smanski

Motion to Approve Secretary's Report: 1st: John Parkyn, 2nd Walt Smanski

Principals Report: The kids have been fantastic coming back from break. Thank you to the PTO for the outdoor recess equipment. 4th grade Mrs. Meyer took care of ordering the playground equipment. Coming up we have family reading night next week. We will have food and a story teller coming. Winter benchmark assessment - we test reading and math, and do interventions if a child needs support. Those meetings are next week and are a celebration to watch the growth of the children. She is requesting parental feedback on 2 hour delay.

Ski Night: We had 124 families sign-up for ski night. Overall it was a success and a fun night. Next year we will have families sign up ahead of time, but will collect money upon arrival. Next year we won't provide the dinner option.

Valentines Dance: Last done in 2020. We ask for donations for the Southern Bluffs food pantry. Reach out to Becky to see what the greatest needs are for the food pantry. John will put together a Pandora play list for the Valentines Dance. Sweetheart Dance will be held Friday Feb. 24th.

Gaga Pit: Gaga Pit research as cost estimated at \$1000. Alex to pass around options, metal & wood vs hard poly plastic. Needs to be ADA accessible. Alex to get more information.

Motion to Approve Wood and Metal Gaga Pit: 1st: Laura Smanski 2nd: Kristin Damstra

Spring Picnic: John to provide food. Spring Picnic will be free of charge. Group to Brainstorm new entertainment ideas. We will have bounce houses, gaga pits, cake pit and maybe swings installed. Wizards will do jump roping. We discussed face painting and the need for more painters. We discussed having the photo booth.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Think of Ideas for our teachers, We discussed massages for teacher appreciation. Book 2 days with 48 staff members.

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences: March 21st & 30th. There will be no book fair for conferences. We will provide meals for the teachers for two days. Subs one day and John to provide hot meal the second.

Motion to close: 1st: John Parkyn, 2nd:Kristin Damstra

Next Meeting: February 20, 2023 at 6:30pm