

**Southern Bluff's PTO Meeting
February 20, 2023**

Attendees: Alex Powell (virtual), Kristin Damstra, Walt Smanski, Maggie Maine, Jaqueline Weisse, John Parkyn, Kate Smith, Andrea Poukey

Meeting called to order by Alex Powell at 6:32pm

Secretary's Report: The report was emailed to those present at the meeting. Copies were provided at the meeting.

Motion to Approve Secretary's Report: 1st: John Parkyn, 2nd: Jacqueline Weisse

Treasurer's Report: The ski night netted \$400. We received our last Amazon Smile donation, as Amazon is discontinuing the program. We paid \$13,695 to Gerber Leisure for the swings. The swings have been shipped. We still need to pay for the ground cover. Funds left over from swings is \$14, 899.94. The main account balance is \$18,528.48, leaving us with an available balance of \$18,148.98 with PBIS still outstanding.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: 1st John Parkyn, 2nd: Kristin Damstra

Principal's Report: Longfellow came in and did their music showcase for K-5th grade. The kids were excited and could see what middle school could be like. February is "I love to read" month. We are highlighting it in classrooms and had a family reading night, We would like to do a family movie night with popcorn while it is still cold. We are having a kindergarten open house for incoming kindergartners. The sweetheart dance has been gearing up in Phy Ed. School Celebrations were 100 days of school and Valentine's Parties. We have spring concerts and parent teacher conferences coming up. We are focused on our improvement plan: reviewing daily schedules for efficiencies, creating structures for kids, and installing a new math curriculum. State Forward Exam is 3-5th grade, the week of April 17th & April 24th We are working with a company on a Social Equity Plan - social responsibility speaks, what barrier equities we face here. School referendum: information sessions are available. It is an operating referendum. We discussed bussing and timeliness. The school is requesting the PTO provide snacks for state testing. Stacey gave her a flyer for a company that offers school supply boxes. School supply boxes gain traction more each school year. Maggie to email out the options.

Valentines Dance: John to send Maggie his Pandora info so she can build a play list for the dance. Maggie will DJ it. We will need tables for the food pantry, chairs around, and goodie tables. Check the closet for posters, check for photo booth, monitor the bath rooms. Disco ball suggestion. Jacqueline and John to bring in lights.

Gaga Pit : To order the metal bracers, Maggie to check with custodian team or buildings and grounds. Approximately \$1000 for gaga pit installation

Swing Set: To be here in a few weeks. As soon as things thaw out in the spring. We are switching the swing orientation, which fits better on the playground. The plan will be to build it out and wood chip it to start and then do the PIP surfacing this summer. We are hopeful to have it up by the spring picnic.

Parent Teacher Conferences: March 21st & 30th

Spring Picnic: May 4th, 45min - hour entertainment, Wizards, inflatables, free dinner, promote the picnicking, swing set, cake walk. Stacey will reach out to Kenny Ahearn to see if he is available.

Teacher Appreciation week: Massages, goodie bags, May 8-12th. Finalize it for next meeting.

Volunteer Luncheon : Tuesday May 9th

We have 2 recent deaths of parents at Southern Bluffs. PTO to support the families

Motion to approve: \$100 for each family

1st: Kate Smith, 2nd: John Parkyn

Motion to close: 1st: John Parkyn, 2nd: Kate Smith