

Southern Bluff's PTO Meeting
April 24, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Attendees: Alex Powell, Kristin Damstra, Andrea Poukey, Stephanie Umberger, Jacqueline Weisse, Averil Kotnour, Maggie Maine, Walt Smanski,

Meeting called to order by Alex Powell at 6:31pm

Secretary's Report: The minutes were emailed to everyone present

Treasurer's Report: We wrote checks for conference meals \$500, Giving tree item reimbursement \$62, \$11.36 for testing gum, spring picnic inflatables - \$493.92, & Digicopy. Our total balance \$15,450.66, we have \$400 allocated for PBIS. \$15,071.16 is the available balance. The swings account has \$14,899.94. We still need to purchase the PIP surface, the path, Gaga pit, and touch ups on the old play set.

Motion to Approve: 1st: Jacqueline Weisse, 2nd: Kristin Damstra

Principal's Report:

We did the Forward Exam last week and finished today. Thank you for the snacks. At professional development day we did standard response training in case of a crisis at school. District safety messages are on the website. We don't actually practice active shooter/intruder drills in elementary school. We build a tool kit, go through scenarios as staff. Planning for the fall, there will be a new 3rd grade section and we will replace a 5th grade teacher who is retiring. We will add a special ed teacher. New math curriculum will roll out next fall. Thank you for the meals for parent teacher conferences. Kids are excited for the new addition to the playground. Shuda will teach the gaga pit rules and expectations to all the classes. We had the incoming kindergarten family night. We had 15 families come. It was a great night though turnout was lower than expected. Thursday is the movie night. Next month we have Dare Graduation, Community Careers night, and orchestra concerts. May 31st is the preschool graduation and concert.

Community Career night is on May 24th - We have MedLink, Touch a Trucks and 40 plus vendors including food trucks

Current Business:

Spring Picnic: Inflatables (\$493.92) and Mr. Scott's Giant Bubble Show (\$425) are booked. We will have face painting, Wizards, and the cake walk. Teachers will sign up to serve food

Teacher Appreciation: Suggestions: Snack Table, Donuts & Coffee, Massages were a favorite of the teachers, Signs for the yard.

Buddy Bench: Talked with Mr. Damon from Central. We gave a budget of \$300. They can have it available for the fall. Will be important to read the book to the school, so the kids know what the bench symbolizes. Discussed getting the kids engaged by painting the bench. October is Kindness month so they can tie it into friendship.

Teacher Requests:

Miss Rosel - Melissa and Doug Cleaning Set: Students have wanted to clean up messes, so they take more responsibility - PTO approved

Stacy Raatz: Area Gathering Rug for classroom space, 13x7 1/2 \$249.95, for next school year. PTO approved

Discussed reaching out to Mr. Mick to see if he needed a rug as well.

Steph to email teachers to discuss school supplies for teachers. Current Budget is too small. Each teacher is allocated \$4 per student for the year through the district budget. Discussed giving teacher's a back to school amount to spend as needed \$50 - just submit the receipts. Above and beyond, we will need teacher requests. Maggie to allocate funding to teachers through her budget as well.

Discussing PTO Meeting Dates for next year. Moving time from 6-7pm next year, still on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Looking ahead for the fall:

August 24th - school pictures 1-7pm.

Open House is August 30th

School Starts Sept 1st.

Open Discussion: Discussed Yearbook options for next year.

Next Meeting at Fiesta Mexicana is May 15th at 6pm - Last meeting of the year