

10/23/23 Southern Bluffs PTO Minutes

Called to order 6:00

Attendance: Walt Smanski, Alex Powell, Stephanie Umberger, Kate Smith, Averi Kotnour, Jacqueline Weisse, Kat Dickinson, Michelle Miller, Vanessa Alves, Allison Andras, Alicia Place

Accept last months' minutes: 1st Walt, 2nd Jacqueline

Treasurer Report

-General: \$9803.09, 1000 pbis, 5200 class/teacher (26 rooms), 1000 SEL

--\$2603.09 available (minus receipts)

-Swings: \$1683.34

Looking for about 200 wooden ornaments for Casey S. for holiday fair

Motion to accept, Kate. 2nd, Averi

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Parent-Teacher Conferences went fantastic, with a wonderful turnout. Thank you so much for the PTO sponsored meals. Our staff appreciates them so much. Our Student Council hosted a Bully Prevention Spirit week and are now sponsoring Sock-tober. It's been so fun having this student leadership group back in full force!

Finally, last week we met as grade-level teams to discuss Fall Benchmark data in reading and math. It is always such a great time to dissect data and figure out how to reach students and their needs. As shared in the last meeting, one of our goals this year is to focus on skill deficits in literacy and this meeting helps us determine that. School Report Cards are released to the public on November 14th and I am very proud of our scores and growth as a school. Can't wait for you to see them!

Facility Advisory Committee? Any interested in learning more about this process here?

New Business:

Wuensch family father died. PTO has supported families in this situation in the past. \$100 from PTO for family. Alex 1st Jacqueline 2nd.

Money allocated to teachers -

Funding requests from:

--Stout, 1st Grade, looking for 8 chairs \$149.xx to have adaptive seating in her room, Kate 1st, Averi 2nd

--Maine, looking for \$91 for candy and apple cider (this will not be from teacher request allocation) Kat 1st Allison 2nd

What are teachers wanting from volunteers:

Schuerell, art, wanting someone every other week to hang art in hallways (Leah volunteered Monday for

40 minutes)

Lens, 5th grade, 1x/week for an hour for someone to read/mentor 10am-11am (Kate willing)
grading math MC questions once/week (question, could it be taken home? Steph will ask
Mrs. Maine)

Will likely be more needs for reading and math

DWP- Leah attended. Planning committee for closing schools was the focus. Discussed gold star grants and random acts of kindness also discussed. Upcoming rebuilding for learning summit 11/3.

Vanessa brought up headlice. Should there be a notification sent home per classroom if lice is present? School nurse may be the best contact for how to interpret this policy. School provides supplies and resources for families affected by lice, if needed.

Holiday Fair 12/2

- Professional teams have been sent requests, responses from 3/5 (packer, Brewers, bucks)
- Letters sent to community, responses sent to Alex
- need volunteers to contact/follow up with letters (Alex will re-send google doc) Start calling Monday
- Kat, Allison, Averi, and Jacqueline volunteered to work on the calling list. Leah will do final calls next week as needed
- There is room to clean up the google doc
- Alex will re-send script that was used in the past
- Alex, Leah, and Kate can run around picking up
- Will remove business who have consistently not donated for next year
- Next meeting 11/6, will discuss how to build baskets and what will happen for auction and holiday fair
- Basket building Wednesday the 11/8 5pm or so in LGI, pizza provided
- Set up 12/1
- Auction Live 11/16-11/29
- 6 kids experiences in the raffle at the fair
- Bake Sale
- Small things go well (cookies, puppy chow)
- Kids Land (1st part of gym)
- Party city gave us a bunch of kid stuff
- If we find cheap stuff for adults for kids land, buy it
- Basket pick up (2nd part of gym)
- Pancake breakfast
- We need a griddle
- Will look into options for using smaller griddles
- Kate offered to cook them at Rudy's and transfer into holding pans.
- Add a coffee bar?
- Photo booth to replace Santa
- generic winter scenes with photo ops
- Vanessa has a parent photographer contact who may be willing to volunteer for exposure
- Reach out to Middle/High School student councils and NHS, through Maggie

Staff Donation Box

- would like it to be ready for holiday fair

-Would anyone like to take the lead on this? Averi will buy box and make a sign
Call to adjourn at 7:03 Allison motion, Averi 2nd

Submitted by Kate Smith