

**Southern Bluff's PTO Meeting**  
**Jan 29, 2024**  
**Submitted by Kristin Damstra**

**Attendees:** Alex Powell, Kristin Damstra, Walt Smanski, John Parkyn, Maggie Maine, John Parkyn, Ally Andreas, Stephanie Umberger, Alicia Place, Jacqueline Weisse, Vanessa Colburn, Leah Vanberg, Averi Kotnour, Kate Smith, Michelle. Laura Smanski

Meeting called to order by Alex Powell at 6pm

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

**Motion to approve 1st: John Parkyn, Alicia Place**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Allocation for Teacher's : \$5320, LIFO \$5017.98

Hannah Gaska - 88.27

Becky Lueck - 57.98

Motion to approve reimbursement above \$50 : 1st :John Parkyn, 2nd: Kristin Damstra

Ski Day Deposit: \$100

Total Balance: \$17,813.33

Available Balance : \$10,8818.41

**Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: 1st: John Parkyn, 2nd: Kate Smith**

**New Teacher Requests:**

School Request for Environmental Day: Bring in the National Eagle Center, stations, NEC, critter mobile, prairie exploration, DNR. Includes 2 - 1 hour programs. We could use \$1000 allocation from the golf tournament. Reconvene in Feb w/ total dollar amount. Discussed applying for Gold Star Grant.

Raatz: Stem toys, manga tiles - \$39.99

Friedman: Storage bin - \$35

L. Meyer: Rolling bin - \$135 replacement snow toys for playground \$40

Umberger: Rope \$30 for sleds

L. Meyer: Student Council T-shirts: 12 Youth & 1 Adult. Alex to find cheaper price

Raatz: \$9.60 supplies, \$41: white board paddle eraser, \$24.67 ABC# cards, \$19.99 doll house, \$7.95 google eyes, \$47.91 mini markers/gel

Binversie: \$65 excessive trampoline \$65 (Smanski's to check to see if she wants theirs), \$22.98 sensory boards, \$19 wooden CVS spelling game

**Motion to approve Teacher Requests: 1st: John Parkyn 2nd: Jacqueline Weisse**

**Principal Report:**

Winter Celebration: separated by grades, olders/younger. Kids have been enjoying all school celebrations. Behavior expectations were reiterated coming back from winter break with an emphasis on bussing behaviors.

Golden Award Races: Golden Tray, Golden Broom, Golden Shoes: Positive Reinforcement for Behavior. They earned an extra recess reward.

Longfellow Music Showcase was a success. Southern Bluffs' children were the most engaged audience out of all elementary schools visited

Data Digs: Review winter benchmarks/goals

Student Council Store was a success

Pennies for Pets ends Wed. 1/31

Sock Fundraiser ends 2/9

### **Current Business:**

**Holiday Fair Wrap Up:** Discussed formulating committees/brainstorming new ideas. Respond to email if interested in participating.

**Mt. La Crosse Ski Day - Friday 2/9 - Kristin:** 100 Participants signed up with an expected 120/130 with season pass holders. Volunteers for Ski Day: Kate Smith until 4pm, Stephanie - evening. John, Averie, Chris, Adam, Jacqueline - Chaperones.

### **Spring Fling Dance Party: Friday March 15th -**

Will include a hygiene products drive for the SB Food Pantry. Mr. Shuda will teach dances to the students. Discussed providing a quiet area away from dancing/ music, possibly Casey's room with coloring. PTO to provide water, Kate providing apples from Reinhart. Discussed sectioning food off with tables or put in the hallway. Jacqueline to bring lights. John has an extra speaker along with the playlist.

### **Spring Picnic - Thursday May 2nd**

1. Discussed Bounce Houses - (2 - One for olders/one for youngers), plus slide.
2. Entertainment: Bring ideas to next meeting, Budget \$300-500.
3. Face Painting: Need Extra Helpers
4. Cake Walk - Stephanie
5. Food - Pizza this year from Toppers. Will offer a pizza making demo station. It will keep our food bill to under \$1000 vs. last year \$2000. Pizza will be delivered in waves 4:45, 5:15, 5:45
6. Wizards to perform (Shuda)

**High Rollers:** Laura - No response for requests to rent the building. Not able to make contact with owners

**PTO Vision & Mission** - Recap of Laura's ideas. Alex to provide mission worksheet. Please email ideas and feedback.

**PTO Officer Election, Discussion:** Alex and John to finish their terms at the end of the year. Walt and Kristin are due to finish terms next year. Walt will stay on. Kristin is willing to be done after this year if someone wants to take on the secretary position. If that happens the new secretary will be elected for 1 year, and re-elections will take place for that position next year. Alex's reflection and impact of the past 3 years. Elections will take place in February.

**DWP Report:** District Facility Advisory committee. Long term facility plan - state funding. Will be discussing budgets each year.