

**Southern Bluff's PTO Meeting
February 19, 2024
Submitted by Kristin Damstra**

Attendees: Kristin Damstra, Walt Smanski, John Parkyn, Ally Andreas, Stephanie Umberger, Alicia Place, Jacqueline Weisse, Vanessa Colburn, Leah Vanberg, Averi Kotnour, Kate Smith, Michelle Miller, Laura Smanski

Meeting called to order by John Parkyn at 6pm

Secretary's Report: The minutes were emailed to everyone
Motion to approve 1st: Walt Smanski 2nd: Kristin Damstra

Treasurer's Report:

Received an unsolicited check - Benevity \$61.61 - Fraud check, will not deposit
Holiday Fair items purchased for next year: Kidland
Invoice for Advertising
\$.42 - Dividends deposit made

Total Balance : \$17,653.42
Net available balance: \$10,716.48
\$1683.34 - Swings Account available balance

Allocations Outstanding
\$1000 - PBIS
\$5017.98- Teacher Requests
SEL (Social Emotional Learning) : \$918.96

Motion to approve treasurer's report: 1st: John Parkyn, 2nd Kate Smith

Principal Report: not received

Current Business

Officer Election

Alex is making a motion for the Officer Election

I am making a motion for the following:

Kate – President 3yr term starting the 24/25 school year – ending the end of 26/27 school year.

Avery – Vice President 3yr term starting 24/25 School year – ending the end of 26/27 school year.

Jacqueline: 1yr term, replacing Kristin's final year 24/25 School year as our Secretary/Social Media spot. This spot will be up for re-election again in 2025.

Alex to assume an advisory role to the president to help with the transition. This role will be in place for as long as is needed over the first year of the President's term.

No additional nominations were made

Motion: Unanimous acceptance of nominations

Motion for Kate Smith for President: 1st: Walt, 2nd: Alicia, 3rd: Steph

Motion for Averi Kotnour for Vice President: 1st: Vanessa, 2nd :Laura, 3rd: Michelle
Motion for Jacqueline Weisse for Secretary: 1st: Laura, 2nd: Vanessa, 3rd Walt

Teacher Requests:

Alex/Maggie: PTO to cover the 5th grade field trip to Madison. Cost is \$1203 to pay for all children. If we do nothing, the cost is \$28.44 per child to go.

Motion to approve field trip cost to Madison up to \$1203: 1st: Laura, 2nd: Averi

Request to cover 5th grade celebration to All Star Lanes. The approximate cost is \$800

Motion to approve 5th grade celebration: 1st: Laura, 2nd: Kristin

Casey: Requesting \$250 in conjunction with \$650 grant from LPEF for 5th grade legacy project, Each student will receive wooden fence board to decorate - facing the community, art will show their legacy at Southern Bluffs. Additional Money will be needed to replenish supplies in a few years.

Motion to Approve Casey's request 1st: Kate, 2nd: Jacqueline

Bria Ames: Lamination paper, Velcro strips, sticker, dividers, labels totaling \$73.64

Motion to approve Bria's request: 1st: John, 2nd: Laura

Maggie: Brain Snacks WI forward testing 135 students: up to \$200, gum, snacks

Motion to Approve Maggie's request: Kate, John

Environmental Day: up to \$250: additional funds

Motion to approve Environmental Day request: Averi, Jacqueline

Laurie Fried: \$52.74 - mini trampoline

Motion to approve Laurie's request: Jacqueline, Averi

New Business:

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Thursday 2/29: Jimmy John's variety pack (2 - 30 pack boxes) ordered. 40 staff working, Will send out sign-up genius for sides & desserts. PTO will provide Jimmy John's, water & chips
Monday 3/4: Ordering 100 Festival Fried Chicken: Will send out sign-up genius for sides, water, & desserts

March 9th - Charlie's Inn Chicken Q - 12pm, event benefits PTO

Discussed possible Jumpstart day: \$900 hour, \$150 jumpers includes socks. \$1800 for 2 hours.

Discussed possible Bowling Night

Becky Lueck: Hygiene items requested for the dance, Invite to come tour the Bobcats Community Room, There have been a lot of upgrades to it.

Hygiene Needs: Socks, underwear, 2 & 1 conditioner, hand soap, baby wipes, toothpaste, body wash, bar soap, hair combs, brushes, hair ties, deodorant, wash clothes, hand towels, bath towels, cleaning wipes, & dish soap.

Mt. La Crosse Ski Day - Sunday Feb. 25th. Kristin: Registrations are at 111 for Ski Day. Sent out a Sign up Genius for Volunteer help to check-in skiers at the PTO table. Stephanie Umberger, Laura Smanski, Katelyn Koehler, Alex Powell, Chaperones are needed

Spring Fling Dance: Friday March 15th, Shuda will be teaching the dancing to the kids. John to provide play list. Need new flyer. Extend the dance time from 6pm-7:30pm. Provide a quiet space in the art room with coloring.

Spring Picnic - Thursday May 2nd - Last year we had over 600 participants

Food: Pizza pricing is locked in at \$7 per cheese \$8 for one topping, \$10 for gluten free. Eric the manager will do a pizza making demo for our group. No charge for this. The demo will last 15-20 min - geared toward younger kids. Toppers will donated 10 topper's sticks/pizzas.

Entertainment: Discussed Kenny Ahearn, the clown

Bounce Houses: Kristin to look into this

Face Painting: Need volunteers to help Casey

Cake Walk: Stephanie to run this

PTO Website update: Still researching google for non-profits for email & workspace

Yearbook

Discussed yearbook concerns - Yearbooks are not free this year due to district's photography company change. Each child will receive a composite that is free of charge. Yearbooks are \$10 a child.

Ideas to help with this

* Wait to see how many yearbooks are purchased

* We can allocate funds and subsidize the cost for children that don't purchase one. Possibly use the funds that aren't used from teacher allocation

* Cover the cost of remaining students that did not purchase from the general fund

Yearbooks could be expensive, we need to discuss if this is good use of PTO funds and reach.

BoxTops: Please download the boxtops app and use it to raise PTO funds. Choose Southern Bluffs W H E E L as your charity.

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

Next Meeting is March 18th @ 6pm