



Southwood PTO

Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/9/23

Attendees: Shannon Monaco, Rachel Smith, Andy Means, Tiffani Bettis, Jennifer Merrick, Megan Fouch, Stephanie Williams, and Haley Gutierrez

Stephanie made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 2/9/23. Rachel seconds.

Principal's report:

- Read Across America week went very well. Many entries for the Edible Books displays, families very happy with the books given out at Literacy Night
- High school students came to the assembly and acted out the book "Skipping Stones"
- Book It Theatre Play March 22 for older grades and 5<sup>th</sup> graders going to Biz Town.

President's report:

- Shannon and Sierra decided that Running Club will start on April 4.
- The Fun Run will be on Friday, June 16. Students will receive buttons, shirts, water bottles, bracelets, and a goodie bag.
- Megan will help make the buttons for the Fun Run.
- Sierra will make and hand out buttons for students that ran the equivalent of a half marathon or a full marathon during Running Club
- Kindergarten Orientation will be March 30 from 5:30-6:30. The PTO will be on hand to take pictures of families with their kindergartners. A handout will be included with PTO info and website for each family. Some Spirit Wear will be sold.

Treasurer report:

- 100<sup>th</sup> day balloons went through on the budget.
- A small 4<sup>th</sup> quarter donation came through from Amazon Smile. Final payment from Amazon Smile for both PTA and PTO accounts will go through soon. Then Shannon or Stephanie will close the PTA account.

- PTO donated \$400 for books for Literacy Night.

#### Yearbook update:

- Coming along. Sending flyer to remind families to buy the yearbook and also to check to see if they have already ordered it on March 17. The deadline for families to order yearbooks will be April 28.

- A flyer to buy classroom photos will go out March 17.

- Two volunteers are needed to help get classes for photos Wednesday, March 29 from 9-12. Another two volunteers are needed from 12:40-2ish. Tiffani will recruit volunteers for this day.

#### Spirit Wear update:

- Sara was not in attendance. The last we heard, we are moving Spirit Wear orders to Squad Locker where one can choose style, color, design etc of shirt and it will be shipped directly.

#### Monday Munchies:

- Jennifer helped the last two Mondays and is willing to help any Monday she is needed. Haley also said she is free to help any Monday.

- We agreed to leave the volunteer slots on the SignUp Genius in case anyone else wanted to volunteer and Haley and Jennifer would not come those days. If no one signs up, Jessice, Haley, and Jennifer can work it out.

Literacy Night – went well. Everyone enjoyed it.

100<sup>th</sup> Day Poster – was very nice. We all liked the 100 written “yay”s.

Candy Grams – went well. Rachel thought the orders totaled \$999 but that hasn’t been confirmed.

#### Classified Staff Appreciation:

- Andy said this is known nationally as Educational Support Personnel ESP.

- Monday, staff will have pies provided

- Tuesday, the certificated staff is putting together bags of their favorite things to give to classified staff

- Wednesday, the PTO is providing a treat and Megan is making a sign.

- Thursday, Mocha Motion will be on hand to give coffee drinks to staff, provided by the PTO. The district will also recognize classified staff with a treat.

- Friday, a taco bar will be provided for lunch.

#### Website Update:

- Had about 50 different visitors in the last month.
- Has been updated with all info.
- A link to the PTO website will be put on the school newsletter. A half page flyer with qr code for the website will be put in the Kindergarten Orientation packets.
- A half-half flyer will go out March 17 with information on the website on one half and info on ordering the yearbook on the other half.

#### Para Prize idea:

- Rachel had an idea to keep track of positive interactions between students at lunchtime and recess, they could give Panther Bucks to kids to redeem for some prizes.

#### Neon Glow Night:

- April 7 from 5:30 to 7pm. It was decided to have two sessions – one from 5:30-6:15 and one from 6:15-7.
- Andy's brother has a machine that can take a video of people dancing in front of it, then project their dance moves onto the wall in lasers. This will be set up where the photo booth was going to go, and the photo booth will move down the wall.
- Need 1 volunteer each session to monitor to make sure kids don't crown the machine.
- Families can bring socks to donate to the clothing bank.
- Hero Team will make signs to advertise.

#### New Business:

- There is about \$800 set aside in the PTO budget to donate to the Music/PE department. Shannon proposed to buy an inflatable for the Start and Finish line for the Fun Run. It would be about \$200, leaving around \$600 left in the budget.
- Stephanie moved to take a vote. Rachel seconded. All were in favor of buying the inflatable.
- Andy confirmed that a new music teacher will be hired by the end of the month. He said the new person would find it useful to be able to use the leftover funds to buy things for his/her classroom.
- Planetarium will be on April 12.
- Tiffani proposed adding teacher wishlists from Amazon to the PTO website. She will send an email to Andy with a sample wishlist and short step-by-step guide for teachers that may not know how to make one. This would be optional for any teacher.

Meeting adjourns at 5:25pm.