



Southwood PTO

Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/09/22

Attendees: Jessica Lasher, Shannon Monaco, Mike Monaco, Rachel Smith, Andy Means, Sara Rook, Megan Fouch and Haley Gutierrez

Andy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 9/8/22 and 10/13/22. Jessica seconds.

Principal's report:

- conferences upcoming
- 2nd – 5th grade going on a field trip to the High School to watch the Alice and Wonderland play.
- Share Fair. Teaching a sense of belonging, removing barriers, believing in individual strength and broadcasting student voice. In the morning, 3rd – 5th grade will set up in the cafeteria and the younger kids will get to walk through and view all of the projects. In the afternoon, they will swap and the younger kids will share.

President's report:

- Group is growing and we have four new positions. Two still need to be filled. They are:
 1. Making a PTO website – Tiffany Bettis
 2. Rewards position: Boxtop, Community Rewards and Amazon Smile – Megan Fouch
 3. Teacher/staff appreciation leader – available
 4. Steam night co-chair – available
- Last month there was feedback about missed opportunities/communication so Shannon plans to make a monthly calendar to help with that
- paper fliers should still go out for bigger events
- Multicultural night is being tabled for the year

Treasurer report: Shannon filling in for Stephanie

- Read-a-thon netted \$15,000. \$8,500 of that will go towards literacy items.

- Spooktacular came in under budget with about \$160 left to spare and will be allocated to STEAM night
- The report says we will come in a little over budget but once a few more things are factored in, we should be fine.
- We are going through a lot more popcorn due to a rise in student numbers. The budget needs to be raised from \$300 to \$450. Rachel makes a motion to change this budget. Andy seconds.
- Skydome planetarium is booked for April 12th
- Cheddar Up membership: \$15 per month for a midline membership which includes unlimited items for sale, unlimited items for sale/collections, the ability to add different people to manage different teams as well as concessions for events such as movie night, candy grams, etc. With the discount code that Sara has, it would be \$288 for the year. Jessica makes a motion to move forward with the annual Cheddar Up membership. Haley seconds

Spooktacular:

- was well attended and under budget
- tattoos and spooky tunnel were a hit

Running Club:

- Running buddies are being assigned. Fifth graders have signed up to be paired up with third graders so they can run together.
- The Jingle Bell Run is December 9th and is Gingerbread themed. The kids will get cookies and cocoa afterwards.

Movie night:

- December 9th and will include concessions and pizza

Teacher conferences:

- Dinner will be provided on Thursday, possibly Panera
- We have money budgeted for teacher gifts in December Sara offered to take his on

Monday Munchies: Still going well, nothing to report

Spirit wear: Sara Rook

- Up to around \$1,500
- Can print out slips/receipts from Cheddar Up sales that can be easily added to a spreadsheet
- still having supply chain issues. The lady has said she will be sending a sizing guide.

Yearbook update:

- Cover contest starts next week for fifth graders
- Voting happens at the end of November
- Yearbook orders started this week and the presale price of \$22 is good through December

Front Office Makeover:

- Sara's mom will do the sewing over winter break

Adjourn at 5:12