

Southwood Elementary PTO Meeting minutes

Thursday, May 11th, 2023

In attendance: Jessica Lasher, Haley Gutierrez, Megan Fouch, Laura Johnson, Andy Means, Stephanie Williams, Shannon Monaco, Rachel Smith and Tiffani Bettis

-Andy makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 4/13/23, Rachel 2nds

-Principal's report: Andy

*Things are accelerating with each week that passes. We are one week down in the SBA. This is a product of hard work. The kids are doing

well. K-1 kids are getting a special performance through the ESF. The high school kids are coming to perform Alice In Wonderland. Also

coming up are the Talent Show and field trips. This all creates lasting memories. AP presentations coming up; Boston Tea Party, Civil War

and reconstruction, Space Race, Gold Rush, Etc.

-President: Shannon

*Principal's appreciation prank - left pictures of Andy all over the school.

-Treasurer: Stephanie

*This month, PTA account is waiting for the final Amazon Smile donations to come in. Some things going out; goody bags for teachers, Sara

added some old Cheddar Up, Candy Grams expenses, certified staff (Mocha Motion), Field Day (slide rental), hanging baskets, Monday

Munchies, Neon Glow Night, testing snacks/water

*Card reader line item added after we purchased

*Plant sale netted \$3,800

-Election of Board Members for 2023-2024: Everyone ran unopposed and all in attendance were in favor

President: Shannon Monaco

Vice President: Rachel Smith

Secretary: Jessica Lasher

Treasurer: Stephanie Williams

Communications: Tiffani Bettis

-Yearbook: Stephanie

*Yearbook is done and being printed. We have about 190 sales. We need to sell 220 in total. Online ordering is closed. Only cash and

checks will be accepted from this point forward

-5th grade celebration will be Thursday, June 15th; tie dying shirts, breakfast, etc.

-Laura Johnson on Dancing Classrooms. We would like to bring it here next year for the winter term. It helps build social skills and

working together...especially for the boys and girls. It also helps get them moving. The cost is \$1,500 per class and there are 18

45 minute classes running 10 weeks long. Sunrise Elementary had nothing but good things to say about it. \$1,000 of the total cost was

donated by the ESF and the remaining balance was donated by the PTO. It helps to develop social filters. Tiffani suggested that we ask

- parents to donate money towards the cost. The cost would be approximately \$20 Per student.
- Talent show will be 5/18
 - *46 kids participating including the 3 MC's (not including the 40ish Choir kids)
 - *there will be snacks and concessions and pre-orders for that are open
 - *3rd/4th graders will go 1st, then 1st/2nd followed by the 5th graders. There will also be a big finale at the end
 - *We will have the VIP section again for the families of those kids performing
 - Spiritwear: Squad Locker is Live now. We need to find a place to bulk order some cheap, basic t's. The cheapest one offered on Squad Locker is \$20 and shipping is an additional \$10
 - Staff appreciation (Mocha Motion) was today. Steph, Megan and Shannon put out notes on the teacher's doors to show appreciation. There is \$200 left in the budget for General Staff Appreciation. Discussed having Mocha Motion out again for that. Will check availability.
 - Field Day will be on 6/20. The slide is reserved. We will be doing an Italian Soda Bar. End of year gift for kids will be color changing cups with a lid and straw. We will purchase extra to give to the incoming Kinders. A printed recipe will come with each cup
 - Fun Run will be 6/16. There are still bracelets left over as well as some granola bars and waters
 - Lunch schedule for 2023/2024 will be 2nd/3rd, K/1 followed by 4th/5th. Their 25 min recess will precede each of these. Katie Pohlman wants to know if we can do chalk and bubbles at recess.
 - Plan to move free popcorn Friday to May 26th instead of the first Friday in June

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