

PTO Board General Meeting Minuets

January 23rd 2025

Attendance:

Lauren Windham
Leah Appling
Kelly Sabo
Leigh Anderson
Annie Lichtinger
Amanda Boggs
Ed Stevens Thomas
Sarah Dues

1. Call to Order:

By Annie Lichtinger
Second by Leigh Anderson
Time: 7:03

2. Approval of last meetings minutes:

By: Annie Lichtinger
Second: Leigh Anderson

3. Principal's Update: Back to school on and off with the winter break and all the snow days. The character trait focus is perseverance. Growth mindset. Still focused on the E=R = O. What mindset do you need to attack the current situation you are in. Assessments have started for the winter period. There is a lot of planning and accommodation that goes into this with the MAP test. The school looks over global, classroom, and individual goals. Dibbles assessments are also occurring. Teachers may be getting pulled soon for their instructional coaches. They are also working with Wyandot teachers to brainstorm. Kindergarten team is starting to plan for next year. We are also going to be having a new literacy resource for next year.

Pocket talks are something we have been using in the building to support our non-English speaking children and families. It converts conversations and translates from multiple languages to English. We have been looking for a partnership to purchase more of these for the school. Lauren applied for a grant and was approved for purchasing 14 more units. Cases and lanyards will be ordered out of the building budget. We are a few away from having one device in every area of the building. We will have one per classroom. Looking at potentially needing only five or six more to complete all classrooms, lunchroom, related arts, clinic, office, and playground. These have been and continue to be a huge aid for our staff and students. It also

allows communication with parents to help provide ease of mind with some of our new students.

Community service day is coming up and will be Sat May 3rd. Looking for families and SCE to support projects.

4. Open positions and chairs for next year.

Do we have anyone to start filling out any chairs and potential opening spots on the board for next year. We have Jessica Dusenbery to shadow Katie for walk a thon. A committee position is a good way to get a feel of what all is involved with the events the PTO does for the staff and school. If anyone would like to sit on the board we are always open to filling roles and we all got our starts from taking an open chair position that has then lead to sitting on the board. Great way to build relationships within SCE as well.

5. Events still coming

Family skate night – will be this weekend and includes free rink rental. Skates will be per person.

Family game night- Bingo and snack bar will also be able to order pizza for the event through black dog pizza.

Spring flower sales – begins Feb. 26th through March 12th. Catalogs will come home in green folders next month. Items are like last year.

Silent Auction – This is a spring event where we have online bidding for lots of different items. If you have any business connections able to donate, we would greatly appreciate any help.

Springtacular – Spring end of the year carnival. SCE biggest event. Lots of things to do from games, food, prizes, inflatable, basket raffle.

6. How does the budget break down

Author visit – We will be having an author visit in March for all the students. Jason Tharp. He has many books to choose from, lots of ready to read for our early learners as well.

Grant request program – this is how we approve items for the teacher's classroom outside of normal parent provided resources. We have teachers who move grade levels, new staff, special needs items.

7. Mascot

We have two options to accommodate having mascot for the school. This would be a full costume for someone to wear of a scottie dog. We can either do budget friendly or more custom costume. The less expensive ones have a return shipping fee if we would want to

return. Worried about the large cost difference of \$400 vs \$4,000. How long is the costume going to last, where are we going to store it, do we need to pay for cleaning after use, how long will it last overall. Planning on using for events at school such as walk a thon, town hall meetings, rewards for classrooms etc. Posting poll to Facebook or to send out email to get others' opinions.