



Swift Water VPO Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept. 27, 2023

Location: Swift Water Community Room

Attendees:

Board Members:

Sarita Smith, VPO President
Shannon Clute, VPO Secretary
Jennifer Fletcher, VPO Treasurer
Ruth MacIntyre, VPO Communications
Paige Sweeney, VPO Fundraising
Amanda LaShells, VPO Volunteer Coordinator

Special Guests:

David Brooks, Principal

Niccole Griffin, Deputy Principal

Nicole LeTellier, STEM teachers

Agenda

☐ **Call to order: 6:30pm**

☐ **Welcome: Amanda La Shells**

- A little about the VPO: we have a full board but are always in need of volunteers who want to be involved for as little or as much time as they can give. Our goal is to support the school and their needs as well as to create an inclusive community. All of our activities rely on donations.
- What has the VPO been up to?
 - Cheers & Tears Sept 8th, Art to Remember Night with Mrs. Griffin, Sept Staff Treats, purchased seal slip prizes for the school, and purchased extra footballs for recess.

☑ **Principal's Update:**

- School year has been going great so far.
- Things to note:
 - Conferences are at the end of October.
 - Choir Performance in Nov around Veteran's Day. There will be 3 choir performances each year.

- Cultural Night in February
 - Reading Day in March
 - STEM night April 4
 - Inspiration Night in June
- The school is looking forward to partnering with the VPO to grow those events.
- Welcome to our Deputy Principal: Niccole Griffin
 - They have been visiting each classroom and talking about bullying and harassment.
- The bike racks are in. Yay! Thank you to the YMCA for the bike safety night and for creating the safe walking path.
- Reminder as we approach the rain and winter to send your kids dressed in coats etc. And to label all those items so they don't end up in the lost and found.
- ☐ **Vote to approve the new board members:** Vice President Stephanie Guimont, Communications Ruth MacIntyre, Volunteer Coordinator Amanda LaShells, and Fundraising Coordinator Paige Sweeney
 - Motion to approve: Ruth MacIntyre
 - Second: Jennifer Fletcher.
 - Motion was approved.
- ☐ **There are still some open Volunteer positions:**
 - Parent Council Representative: attends monthly meeting with the district and reports back
 - Student Council Representative: Helps coordinate the food drive and other events
 - Popcorn Team: bag, pop and deliver popcorn once a month
 - Photo backdrop/event decorator: Decorate for school events and set up photo backdrop
 - STEM night volunteers: host a room/table for the event
 - Fall Carnival Volunteers: host a game or help set up/clean up
 - Volunteer Text List: contact volunteer.swiftwatervpo@gmail.com if you want to be a part of this list. Will be contact for last minute volunteer opportunities.
- ☐ **Calendar of Fall Events**
 - October 6: Popcorn Day!!
 - October 6 Art to Remember is due!!
 - October 11: Staff Treats
 - October 21: Fall Carnival
 - There will be a variety of ticket packages people can purchase. Some things will cost money and other things will be free.
 - A sign up for volunteers will go out. Will also be asking Heron's Key for help.
 - And yes we will be collecting candy again this year!
 - October 23-27: Book Fair
 - Tuesday and Thursday will be the late nights until 7pm.
 - Tuesday and Thursday will be our conference dinner nights too
 - November 7th: Potential sGalaxy Theater Night with a takeover
- ☐ **STEM Night: April 4, 2024**
 - Still looking to add the following areas: Virtual Reality, 3D Printing, Engineering Activities and Animal Encounters.
 - Looking for volunteers from Heron's Key as well
 - Budget: \$1k – funded by the VPO
 - To help out please contact Mrs. LeTellier: LetellierN@psd401.net

- **Spirit Wear:** It is still on sale – go to our website to find the link!
 - There will also be pop up shops with new merchandise with fun designs coming soon.
- **Fundraisers:**
 - Fred Meyer – sign up on their website: Swift Water VPO GR753
 - Mabel's Labels – click "support a fundraiser" and search for Swift Water
 - Smith Brothers – Sign up as a new customer and you get \$15 off your order and the VPO gets \$50.
- **Budget:** Brief review of the budget.

Meeting Adjourned : 7:45pm