

SOUTH COLBY PTSO General Meeting

April 9, 2019

South Colby Library

ATTENDING: Tori Smith, Kyle Stone, Meghan Edwards, Marcy Martin, Beth Miller, Tracy Hickle, Nicole Watkins, Rikki Christensen, Joe Riley, Janelle Hoffman, Elise Kenny, Jena Freeman

CALL TO ORDER

Rikki called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. She welcomed all at the meeting and attending via Facebook live. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

The March 2019 minutes were available to review. Rikki motioned to approve the minutes. Second by Jena. Minutes were approved by vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rikki provided a copy of the budget and explained the two new accounts (for 5th grade camp and Carryover). She also updated us on Boxtops. This program will be changed significantly soon, no more paper Boxtops. We will find out more about the new system and look into how to get the word out to families since Boxtops have been a pretty good source of funds for us in the past. Otherwise, there has not been a lot of account activity other than auction related.

OLD BUSINESS

BINGLO: Tori reported that the March family event was again a huge success! The gym was packed- 245 people! Though not meant to be a fundraiser, it netted about \$421. Expenses were a bit high due to a pizza issue, but it was a fun night for all. Tori wants to thank all of the volunteers! She highly recommends continuing this event!

CONFERENCE WEEK STAFF LUNCH: The staff would like to thank the PTSO for the wonderful lunch provided during conference week. It was delicious and much appreciated!

BOOKFAIR: Beth reported that this book fair had an all-time high profit! Sales were great despite the kids having one day of conference week off school. She wants to thank all of the volunteers and especially Marcy, who created some amazing decor and advertising for the event! There will be the annual BOGO Book Fair upcoming in June. There was discussion to remember to advertise the "e-wallet" payment option for future fairs. This is a option where parents can create and fund a virtual wallet to limit how much and what types of items their kids purchase- no lost cash or buying trinkets!

ONGOING BUSINESS

SPRING SPIRIT WEAR: Rikki reported that the order form goes home this week and it will be a quick required return in order to get the items back before too late in the year.

There was also a discussion of the kindergarten Bobkittens shirts, perhaps offering them before school starts at the orientations.

PAW TRACKS NEWSLETTER: Rikki reported that this is something that Kelli started and has done once this year. Feedback was positive, but, since it is the end of the year and there are not a lot of PTSO activities upcoming, there won't be another until next year. It will probably be a monthly newsletter sent home with students.

AUCTION UPDATE: Jena reported that planning and prep are going well for the April 20th auction. Ticket sales have been extended to April 15th, planning for up to 130 guests. The class baskets and art turned out well. The catalog goes to print tomorrow. Jena recommends that we keep next year's budget about the same, but not lower. She was able to reuse or use excess items from last year in many areas, so that makes expenses look a bit lower than they would have been if she had to buy all new. She also recommends a separate line item for class baskets in the budget. When cash comes in from parents as donations, it is then spent on items to fill the baskets...this in/out of funds can be a bit messy to track without a separate category to use for it. Jena feels she has a good group of volunteers ready to go for the event day, but will always accept more! She feels everything is on track for a great event.

NEW BUSINESS

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK (May 6-10): Rikki and Kelli are working on some great ideas to celebrate ALL staff at SC. More details to follow!

TEAMS/STEM GRANT: Rikki discussed that there are PTSO funds meant to support TEAMS activities in the school. She showed a new form which will allow teachers/staff to request funds for individual class, grade level, or school wide impact. The hope is that this will make the funds availability known to more and provide a better way to distribute/track the funds' uses. This will be used next school year and can be adjusted after we see how it works out and what the needs are in the classrooms/school.

MCTAKEOVER: The annual fundraiser is tomorrow at Mile Hill McDonalds 5-7pm. We will earn 40% of the total for that time. The money has been earmarked for 5th grade scholarships. Student Council kids will be helping out along with staff.

5th GRADE CAMP: Holly Galloway has taken on the role of coordinator for 5th grade camp. She will be the go-to person for fundraising, etc.

BOARD NOMINATIONS: Rikki announced that nominations are being accepted over the next month for next year's PTSO Board. She provided a list of positions and their responsibilities. Please contact her if you are interested or wish to nominate another person. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Jena announced that her child will most likely be moving schools next year, so she will not be able to continue with the PTSO or as the Auction Chair. She is willing to help her replacement get things started and organized, however. We are so sad to see her go and wish to thank her for all of her amazing work and dedication to the auction these past years. If anyone is interested in stepping up to take

her place, please contact Rikki or Jena ASAP--planning for next year's auction starts early!!

SCHOOL REPORT

STUDENT COUNCIL: Nicole reported that Student Council is helping out with McTakeover- making posters and at the event. They will also be working on something for Staff Appreciation Week-- an assembly acknowledgement is still in the planning process. A campus clean-up community service work party is in the works for May.

STAFF: Joe reported that staff are preparing for May SBAC testing and thanks the PTSO for helping out with rewards for students who try their best during testing. Beth reported that the Sedgwick Middle School band and choir visited today to introduce the older students to those programs. The 2nd/3rd Grade Musical performance will be on 4/16/19.

CLOSE MEETING

With no further business, Tori moved to close the meeting. Second by Jena. Meeting was closed at 8:15pm by Rikki.

NEXT MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS: Tuesday, May 14, 2019

This is the final PTSO meeting for 2018/19