

Name: PTO Meeting

Date: 11-18-21

Time: 6:39 pm

Location: Mr. Reed's Room # 4202

Present: See sign-in sheet (9) + board

Called to Order

Welcome

Approval of 10-28-21 meeting minutes:

Motion: Seconded: Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Transactions from 11/1 through 11/17 – see report

By-laws:

Recommended a short-term committee to recommend Bylaw changes on term limits.

- Interested send email to Tara at PTOpresident@swake.org
- ASAP
- Need to have a recommendation for the next meeting
- NOTE: This committee may only need one meeting to come up with the term limit verbiage.

Parent to type up current By-Laws for digital storing.

Upcoming Events:

Holiday Vendor Fair - 12/4:

- 36 vendors signed up
- need a few more
- Need volunteers
- Everganing Sign Up Genius (SUG)
- Specific candy canes

FV Parade - 12/5:

- Walking this year
 - Athletes, SGA and EC(possibly mascot) - total of 100
 - Athletes wear a hoodie with a jersey over top
 - Blue Santa hats being ordered to also wear and use at Vendor fair
 - Carry a new SWA LARGE banner
 - HS students this year
 - MS next year
 - Possibly a float next year
 - dry -run this year

- 3pm (those walking arrive by 2pm - more details to follow)
- Need a couple of teachers walk - if none - then parents to help wrangle the group
- Leftover Halloween candy will be used in the parade - along with any other donations
- Meet 12/1/21 (MS students) to help bag candy and put informational flyer into bags.
- Those walking are encouraged to make signs to carry about their team and love for SWA
 - Examples: "Women's Tennis Team"
 - We Love SWA!
 - Go Lions
 - Lion Pride

HS Parade - 12/11:

- Declined to participate this year
- Perhaps next year

Committees Updates:

BookFair:

- Total sales \$7,866.15, topping 2019 at \$6,200.
 - Scholastic \$: \$432.75
 - Profit: \$1750 (25% of \$7,000)
 - Online sales for Scholastic \$: \$58.66
- Ideas for next time
 - Still composing a list for items to change for next year

Teacher Appreciation:

- Coffee/cocoa and cookies in December
 - will post SUG

Teacher Grants:

- Application created
- Tweaking legalise
- Plan to send application in December
- Review applications in January
 - Disburse funds in January/February

Spirit Nights:

- Jennifer Bishop initiated partnerships
 - Future fundraisers and more details to come soon
 - 2/1 - Culver's

Memorial:

- Three items - reduced down to 1-2.
- We do not want to idolize suicide and walk a fine line by providing multiple items.
- Possibly
 - Plant a tree (Kindness or Friendship Tree)
 - Rock garden

Color Run:

- 4/8 from 12-2pm -carpool loop

- MS and HS
- Carey Martin committee chair
- Beginning process

Spirit Wear:

- Spring ship-to-school
- Contest - school-wide for design in January
 - Student body votes

Supply Boxes:

- Will use EduKit
- Details to come in the spring
- Mainly MS students
 - Will gather lists in January to begin the process

Trunk-or-Treat Wrap-up:

- Excellent event for the community
- Thank you to Vanessa Miller for leading the efforts and the team of volunteers, those who decorated trunks, participated or just invited neighbors/friends and came out to have fun
- If you have not picked up your items, please plan to do so by 12/1
- Developing list of items to change for next year

General Business:

Staff Favorites:

- Kim Nolder is preparing lists and they will be out soon

Clothing organizer for Lost and Found:

- Metal rack (on wheels) with double racks and shelving units for all items to be displayed
 - Can be used for spirit wear sales
 - Can be used for uniform swap
- Vote

Motion: Seconded: Approved to spend no more than \$200

Questions or Comments:

1. Question 1: Is it possible to meet on a weekday (so teachers can be included)?
Answer : Tara can attend Teacher meetings (as a sub). All teachers are welcome to attend the PTO and encouraged to do so. We will continue to ask for representation.
2. Question 2: Can we get clarification on how volunteering is being collected for parents and students. There seems to still be confusion and Mr. Murchison is not responding to email inquiries?
Answer: Yes - encouraged to keep up with your own hours, too.
3. Question 3: Do students need an advisor's signature:
Answer: Unsure - it seems to vary - make sure ALL VOLUNTEERS check-in with Tara Odom in the event verification is required.
4. Question 4: Is water needed? Are all grades getting it?

Answer: Yes - some specific teachers have requested. It may be dropped off in the office. If for a specific class/teacher - please list name on it.

5. Question 5: Can you tell us if there is going to be a HS elective for Drama? What will it look like?

Answer: There were not enough students this year. They are looking at a Talent Show and spring production.

6. Question 6: Will there be a band?

Answer: If a band is to be added, it will probably start out more like a club (bring your own instrument) until it can be funded.

7. Question 7: When are the hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks drive? Coats?

Answer: 11/29 we begin collecting. No coats - no where to actually put them. Try local elementary schools Buckhorn Creek or other charities.

8. Question 8: Rumors are swirling about teacher's leaving and going to a school where a former administrator is recruiting them. Is this true?

Answer: Not aware of it. Asked for details

Responses: Ms. Nick - EC teacher - had a party for her - already gone. Communication about teachers leaving would be helpful. It causes concern for parents. particularly those whose children are affected.

Answer: We can certainly talk with Dr. Ray about perception and communication.

9. Question 9: What qualifies you as a sub for SWA?

Answer: a college degree - no teaching certificate is required.

Motion to Adjourn: Seconded: Meeting Adjourned (8:10 pm)