

Name: PTO Meeting

Date: 9-16-21

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: SWA Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)

Present: See sign-in sheet (30 + board)

Called to Order

Welcome

Introduction of Officers:

President – Tara Odom

Vice President – Tiffany Munro

Secretary – Allison Shell

Treasurer – Emily Melton

-resigning – Jill Wachtel to replace

Treasurer's Report:

Transactions from end of May through summer – see report

Fiscal year is August to July

Second report is August 1 to present – reports distributed and passed around

Yearly budget – see budget

Question: Why is there an excess of \$2000?

Answer: \$1000 must remain in the bank and projecting a budget was very difficult given limited knowledge of prior years. The board wanted to remain very conservative – the excess will go toward Teacher Grants and other special projects.

Motion to approve/accept budget: Seconded: Budget Approved for 2021-2022

By-laws:

Recommended Bylaw changes:

Article III: Section 2: Elections:

Elections will be held at the last meeting of the school year. Prospective candidates need to inform the current Board at least one month prior to the election for the purpose of preparing a slate. At that meeting, nominations may also be made from the floor. Voting shall be by voice

vote if a slate is presented. If more than one person is running for an office, a ballot vote shall be taken.

Change to:

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Article III: Section 3: Term of Office:

The term of office for all officers is one year, beginning immediately upon election, and ending upon officer election the following school year.

Change to:

The term of office for each officer may be up to two years in the same position. The term begins officially each August, following a May to July transition period to work with the previous officers.

Comments: Many online and in-person like the transition period between boards.

Question: What does “may” mean

Answer: If voted upon and the board member chooses to remain a second term, he/she can, but is not required.

Discussion: May seems confusing. Can it be reworded? Could two of the positions be a two-year term and two a one-year term? Could the terms be wide open with no limitations?

Motion to approve Section II change: Seconded: Approved

Motion to table Section III: Seconded: Approved

Committees:

Events - Vanessa Miller – Chair - Tara reported:

Book Fair: 9/27-10/1 – during school and Family Night 9/30 5-8pm: online

Trunk-or-Treat: 10/30: Trunk or treat 4-6pm, spooky trail and not so spooky trails, food trucks, food, and concessions (goal)

Vendor fair: TBD:

Spirit Wear – Vacant Chair - Tara reported:

New company/website: Need help with sorting and delivering to classes: sales at events/Open Houses

Teacher Appreciation – Vacant Chair – Tara/Tiffany reported:

First Luncheon: 10/21

Mani events are portfolio days: Appreciation week in April: holidays: Welcome Back

Need help planning the days: Menu/décor/theme

Ideas: Cocoa bar: snack carts: breakfast bars with pastries, etc....

Community Connections – Tiffany Munro Chair

Focus on rebranding and re-energizing the community and SWA name

Establish conduit for partnerships within the community for internships: theater and music opportunities: volunteering opportunities

Goal to create a listing of churches, rotary clubs, offices, organizations who are a good fit for us and our mission.

Support SWA Teachers – provide pick-me-ups and congratulatory notes or kudos! Any life-event like babies, marriages, or deaths

Students could be included with major life changes.

School beautification

Teacher Grants - Executive Committee will oversee – Tara presented

Designed to assist teachers with enhancing curriculum/special projects.

Executive Committee to develop a form/application for teachers to request grants

Fundraising – Jill Watched – Emily Melton and Jill reported:

Spirit Nights: Daddy D's: 11/3 – Culver's

No Fuss Fundraisers – Amazon Smiles, Harris Teeter, Lowes Foods, Publix

Some must be renewed each year

Activity based: Bowling: Rock-solid Warrior, Defy Gravity, etc...

Spring: Color run

Silent Auction gift baskets: several gift card donations already in the works from various Triangle businesses. Each classroom would be responsible for developing a basket.

General Business:

Reminder to update My Hot Lunch – update homeroom teacher

Join the Facebooks group – SWA Parents and Teachers

Dr. Ray:

Welcome! School beautification opportunities (like pots/pumpkins out front)

Questions and Comments:

Question 1: Phone lines are down frequently. This is a safety concern.

1. Early/late
2. Allergies

Answer 1: use web and email to notify if late or early.

Answer 2: Cell phones will be used in the event of emergencies.

Answer 3: the school is working on a solution

Question 2: Why are we purchasing Spirit Wear if it cannot be worn:

Answer 1: Dr. Ray mentioned they were planning a special event and it would be released soon. Look for an announcement in the newsletter.

Answer 2: Every Friday is NOT Spirit Wear Day.

Question 3: Bad weather and carpool? What do they do?

Answer 1: It takes a lot longer – be prepared.

Answer 2: have them look for you and even text/call

Question 4: Cell service – special permission to use it

Answer: No, but they can reach out to Mr. Murchinson and he will see if there is another way to help.

Question 5: Lions Den Closet – does it include meals or additional My Hot Lunch meal credits?

Answer: Community Outreach and Front Office will work together to establish something. Maybe students who are not present, their lunch is passed on to someone.

Question 6: add our emails back

Answer: on the website already

Motion to Adjourn: Seconded: Meeting Adjourned