

## PTO General Meeting Minutes



**Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019 9:15am at South School**

**Attendees (16):** Jen Benham, Faith Peak, Tracy Manning, Sue McDonald, Jen Gallagher, Rebecca Baker, Danielle Zingaro, Rachel Shields, Lexy Lefort, Karen Monti, Sarah Hegge, Laura Glennon, Rebecca Lynch, Jennie Donegan, Mrs. Eastwood, Mrs. Jacobs

### **Agenda Items:**

1.) Welcome: Jen Benham, PTO President

- a.) Check writing amazing start with \$15,000 in one week: 36% of families have donated, in past we have averaged 65-70% of families each year.
- b.) Signs again; going out each Friday starting this Friday. Signs only out for 1 month until the Halloween Party

2.) Principal's Report: Mrs. Eastwood

- a.) A lot of new families this year; about 15 more families
- b.) Thankful for all the summer purchases
- c.) Support to teachers and school is appreciated
- d.) Harvest Party: NOT a drop off, NO props or masks, reminder to put that in the invitation
- e.) Thankful for meeting treats for the staff
- f.) Cultural committee scheduling programs and events

3.) Officer Reports

- President *Jen Benham*: Support South Campaign (see above)
- Vice Presidents *Alexis Lefort and Jennie Donegan*: Volunteer Needs
  - Newsletter, Silver Graphics and BOKS still needed → PTO Blast
  - Mary Eastwood doesn't get the PTO Blast. Do teachers?
  - Get Smart About Art → not until January
  - Excited about the Huge stack of PTO volunteer sheets filled out
- Treasurer *Faith Peak*: Financials
  - (see attached report)

#### 4.) Committee Chair Reports

- 5k Fun Run
  - Sat. Nov 23 at 9am
  - Registration begins at the end of Sept
  - Same route as last year through Liberty Pole
  - Police detail is confirmed
  - Raffles
  - All ages and don't have to be a South family to participate
  
- Harvest Party
  - First time selling the new merchandise for school
  - Mrs. Bias -- her last; she's done it for 8 years (idea was presented to have someone shadowing her b/c she's moving on)
  - 5:30-7pm
  - It's spread out now with more activities
  - Sign up sheet for volunteers will come out 3 weeks ahead of time
  - Lots of volunteers needed for fun and safety
  
- SEPAC: *Jen Gallagher*
  - Next board mtg Oct 16
  - Any parent w/ child on 504 or IEP can join
  - Oct 22 is the Adaptive Tech Presentation
  - Some high school teachers have pioneered some technologies that they want to bring down to lower grade levels
  - Will be interactive; bring your device
  - Annual Rights and Responsibilities in Nov.
  - SNAP→ registration opened up for a number of programs; check out the website for more information on their programs
  
- Winterfest-
  - Meena Laronde and Kerri Erick are chairing it → it transitioned this year to new chairs so that the former chairs can help volunteer, etc...
  - Dec 7 9am-12
  - On Nov 8 at 9:15 in cafeteria is a volunteer mtg.

- Cultural Enrichment
  - Budget is \$12,000 out of the PTO budget
  - Holly Enders and Allison Chamberlain are chairs
  - It is a mix of new programs and continued programs
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- Community Outreach: *Leigh Roy*
  - 6 committed volunteer members
  - Handed over this year from Lexy to Leigh

## 5.) Questions

### a.) Fly South

- i.) Who runs it? Mrs. D'Allessandro and Mrs. DiMartinis oversee the program
- ii.) Anyone who wants to run a session? Get in touch w/ Mrs. D'Allessandro

## 6.) Important Upcoming Dates

- METCO Apple Picking
  - Sat Sept 21
- Halloween Harvest Party Oct 25
- 5k Fun Run Nov. 23
- Winterfest Dec. 7

## 7.) HEF- Tracy Manning

- a.) Third year of Code Red initiative to fundraise exclusively for computer immersion in schools
- b.) Oct. 1 10:30-12 @ Community Center Coffee with the Superintendent
- c.) Nov. 3 is the annual Spelling Bee → Registration opens Sept 30 grades 2-5

## 8.) Directory

- a.) Room parent mtg → give the room parents the list to double check with teachers

## 9.) Adjournment

