

Approved 11/08/17 PTO MEETING MINUTES

Approval of 09//17 Meeting Minutes (Lisa Taips):

Minutes approved by Katie Minear, Petra Novak seconded

Principal's Report (Mrs. Rassow):

Mrs. Rassow welcomed everyone to the meeting. She also announced:

...the fifth graders were invited by the Nativity principal to attend a drug awareness program that was put on by the Buffalo police, Orchard Park police & the DEA. Canine Officer Shield was also present. Officer Fitzgerald was able to arrange bring Canine Officer Shield to South Davis for the other grade levels to see him. Compliments were given on how well the fifth graders handled themselves during the program.

...Mrs Rassow, teachers from the district & Dr. Kreuger went to NYC to Columbia University Teacher's College for Project School. This was very informative. An all grade level (K-5) workshop model.

There will be a parent's night on 12/7/17 for parents to understand what Readers Workshop is & how it will be presented to the students.

...Veteran's Day assembly tomorrow at 2pm

...Peaceful Bus meeting & a "Lip Dub" by the fifth graders will be done on 11/15/17. Examples of "Lip Dubs" can be found online. It builds school community. Mr. Kreutinger has been filming around school & on the day of the lip dub. The other grades will be involved on a lesser scale as they will be going through the school. The song they will be using is "Give Love" by Andy Grammar

...Music Man is the operetta this year.

President's Report (Michelle Slotman and Patti Mancabelli):

Michelle welcomed the group. Patti not present.

...advised that thank letters to the PTO were sent by K-2 for the BPO visit, from the Fourth grade for Shield's visit, and from teachers for the book donated to their classrooms from the book fair.

...Tops for Education program was discussed. Katie Minear volunteered to make a flyer to send home to explain the program & how easy it is to enroll & earn money for the school.

She will also contact, Mike Kelly (a South Davis dad), from Simple Fund to prepare a flyer to discuss his fundraising app which would earn additional money for the school.

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...Discussed the \$200-line item in the budget for community donations. Two items were brought up regarding this line item:

- 1) A letter received asking for \$40 for a wreath to be hung in the village for Holiday in the Park. This was unanimously declined.
- 2) There is a line item for \$100 to purchase \$25 gift certificates for turkeys from Federal Meats or Tops. These are given to family of need from the school. An extra \$50 was requested as there is additional need this year. This was unanimously approved.

...UB Athletics sent a letter advising free tickets to students for UB basketball. The free tickets are for the students. Parents would still need to purchase their own tickets. Michelle will be looking into this, if there is enough interest.

Treasurer's Report (Anetta Hendershot and Chris Popek):

Treasurer's report for October 2017 & budget were handed out and reviewed with the group.

Board of Education Report (09/12/17): Tammy Vitko-Woods & Colleen Nielsen:

Michelle Slotman reported. A group of OPMS students were recognized by the board for their efforts in raising money for hurricane victims in TX, FL & PR. Storm of Generosity raised \$3000!

Shared Decision Making (11/08/17): Katie Minear & Lisa Taips:

Katie reported that the Buddy Bench had been installed on the playground & is slowly getting used. The kids like sitting on it.

Playground repairs were discussed. Several items will need to be repaired or replaced. This would be a long-term goal & would need separate fundraising.

Discussed class t-shirts as it was brought up by a parent/district employee at the last PTO meeting. Class t-shirts would have the South Davis logo & would have different colors by class or by grade level. PTO would need to purchase & would be a yearly budget item. The teachers liked the idea for assemblies, field trips, school spirit days etc. It would also be nice as some of the kids don't have the maroon & white ones. Good for safety. Estimate presented \$4.25/shirt with printing x 400/425 shirts. Discussed sizing form. Voting in January likely or out of teacher grants.

CCPTO (10/06/17): Katie Fabianski & Lisa Taips:

Lisa Taips reported that they discussed their various school websites & possible discounts if more than one school uses the same networks. Also, they advised that they are working with a bus app company so that parents, schools & the district will be able to track the buses. They are still fine tuning it for the district & don't want to prematurely roll it out until it's ready.

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OLD BUSINESS

Membership (Chris Popek):

Chris reported that the directory went out. Delay due to system errors. About 60% of the forms back. \$2655 including teachers. Teacher's union provided a check for their memberships.

Box Tops Drive (Debbie Munson):

Debbie reported that the current drive ends December 15th. The winning classroom gets to choose between a pizza party or cookie decorating. Sheets have gone home with the students.

School Spirit Merchandise (Petra Novak):

All t-shirts & sweatshirts went home. A few extras with the South Davis logo are on the website until they sell out. Website is open all year with OP merchandise. Waiting for final invoice.

** Someone will be needed to take over the merchandise sales chair next year – it is Petra's last year at the school. Contact Petra or Michelle Slotman for further information. **

Fall Fundraiser (Niki Szalay/Chelsea Haven):

Chelsea advised that the packets were sent home & also information was posted on Facebook. The orders are due in on 11/15. There is a larger selection online than in the catalog. Pickup for orders is on 12/08/17

Monthly Retail Coordinator (Jahna O'Connor):

Jahna not present. Michelle advised that the Chipotle fundraiser raised approximately \$425.

Next fundraiser is Panera on 11/16 from 4-6pm – we will make 20%

Saville's 12/6 is all day long. We will get a portion of the sales as long as payment is made on this date.

Delivery can be on a different date – by the end of this year.

Buffalo's Best Grill 1/9 – all day.

Halloween Bash (10/20/17):

Very positive feedback on the event. People liked the DJ.

Picture Day (10/18/17):

Picture day went well.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

11/10/17: NO SCHOOL – Veteran’s Day
11/13-11/17/17: SD Food Drive
11/14/17: Board of Education Meeting
11/15/17: Elementary Half-Day Dismissal at 11:30AM
11/16/17: Panera Fundraiser
11/17/17: Club Pictures & Picture Retake/Makeup Day
11/22-11/24/17: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday
12/01/17: K-8 Half-Day – Dismissal at 11:30AM
12/04/17: K-8 Half-Day – Dismissal at 11:30AM
12/06/17: Saville’s Fundraiser
12/06/17: SD/WE Holiday Concert 7PM @ OPHS
12/08/17: Holiday House & Basket Raffle 6:30-8:30PM
12/11-12/15/17: SD Charity Drive
12/25-01/01/18: NO SCHOOL – Winter Recess

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 6:30PM