

Southeast PTO Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 2013, SE Media Center

In Attendance: Louise Meyer, Jamie Keller, Christine Thomson, Natalie Sipes, Lacy Hepp, Jean Boger, Marie Shilkaitis, Becky Etnier, Lori Kiene, Erin Eike, Emilie Heles, Lori SchraderBacher, Steph Garcia, Tracy Hostetter, Mindy Blue, Beth Agan, Jodi Bailey, Michelle Critchlow, Ben Muller, Sarah Pesek

Michelle Critchlow called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Secretary's Minutes

Sarah Pesek presented minutes from the October, 2013 meeting. Minutes were reviewed. Lori SchraderBacher moved and Emilie Helles seconded that the minutes be approved. October 2013 minutes approved.

Treasurer

Rae Ann Barrett, treasurer, was absent. No report.

Principal's Time

- 12/17 will be Spirit Night. The new athletic director wants more involvement and interaction.
- Back Pack Buddies. Last year served 30 SE students. Now serving 40 SE Students.
- X Box 360 was won by a 2nd grader named Colton. He was extremely excited.
- Jeans for Teachers the week before conferences teachers could wear jeans if they donated a gift card to be given to a family in need. \$700 in gift cards was raised.
- PTO Playground equipment purchase update. Thank you to Mindy Blue and Jeanette Lee who worked to explore options. Three vendors were considered. It was approved by PTO to spend \$18,000 on equipment geared more toward 3rd-5th graders. District guidelines would require that the playground be resurfaced with rubber surfacing before new equipment is installed. Rubber surfacing will cost around \$150,000. The district has no plan to fund this. PTO purchase of playground equipment forced to be put on hold until resurfacing issue is resolved. Mr. Muller will report back in December with an update.

Teacher Time

- Thank you for conference meals.
- Thank you for classroom pencil sharpener that PTO purchased.

- Marie Shilkaitis requested that PTO again fund participation in the Choral Festival which will occur 4/14/14. The cost per student is \$12.00 which includes a tshirt, dinner, and music. Last year 30 students participated. PTO has budgeted for this. Fonziva Koster, an African drumming artist will be coming to SE 4/28-5/2. There will be an assembly and students will get the opportunity to do some drumming. Cost is \$1,881. Lodging is also needed.

Scripts Fundraising Program

- 19 families participated in the first Scrip offering. \$206 was earned.
- The Scrip Team may sell Wendy's cards at Wendy's night. Mindy Blue moved and Jean Boger seconded to buy \$300 worth of Wendy's cards to sell. Motion Passed.

PTO Newsletter

- First newsletter was sent out. The next newsletter will be sent electronically.

Fun Night

- Fun Night will be April 5th. There will be a carnival theme.
- There will be a silent auction for baskets. Each grade level will make 2 baskets. The silent auction will be in addition to the raffle.

501c3 Status

- We lost our status due to not filing taxes.
- It will cost \$850 to reapply. Natalie Sipes motioned and Steph Garcia seconded that we spend the money to reapply. Motion Passed. Emilie Helles motioned and Jean Boger seconded that we hire a CPA to assist for \$300. Motion passed.
- Kelly Heuton volunteered to help research yearly filing.
- Jackie Black, District CFO, will be asked by Principal Ben Muller to assist and provide guidance. He will follow up with RaeAnn and Michelle.

Fundraising/Family Events

- Panera Night earned \$250+. We will do this again 2/14/2014.
- HuHot Fundraiser is pending
- Iowa Energy – if we have 50+ people attend, we can sing the national anthem.
- Marble Slab Fundraiser in March
- Pizza Ranch in May
- Iowa Wild? Pending
- Orange Leaf – Karmen Sayers
 - 10% of all sales to school. Can be held on a Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday.

- Will come to Fun Night.

Open Positions:

- Treasurer Elect
- School Supply Coordinator – Lori SchraderBacher volunteered.
- Newsletter Editor

PTO Childcare

- Jenna, the Director of the YMCA has volunteered to babysit for PTO meetings. PTO has already approved to pay \$20/hr.

Boundary Line Committee

- Boundary lines will shift with the opening of elementary 10.
- There will be 2 public forums. The 1st forum will be January 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.