

Soaring Hawk Elementary School  
**PTO Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, December 6, 2017



### Welcome, Dixie Payne

Meeting called to order at 1:49 pm

Number present: 17; board members absent: 1 (Monica Allen)

- Holiday Shop fundraiser is this week (Dec. 4-8).
- Candy Cane sales for student council will be Dec 14-Dec 20.
- Board Member positions of President and Vice President will be available for School Year 2018/2019; Positions are elected toward the end of 2017/2018 school year. If you are interested in running for a position, please speak with Dixie, Mr. Neville, or Mr. Roberson.
- Spring Fundraiser: Proceeds will go toward library renovations. We will begin the planning process immediately following Winter Break.
  - General member consensus is that the spring fundraiser should be revamped to increase participation. Several ideas were suggested, such as an off-school-site parents-only gala combined with childcare offered at the school.
  - Aerial Works would like to donate a performance for a Spring Fundraiser.
  - PTO will have a supplementary meeting on **January 17 at 1:45** to discuss and begin planning Spring Fundraiser.
- Member suggestion for a PTO Newsletter to be given out at the beginning of each month, highlighting PTO events. It was agreed that this is something that SHE PTO will pursue.
- Boyers Coffee: Boyers is launching a campaign that will sell omni-degradable K-Cups that will benefit non-profits. Soaring Hawk can sign up and receive 25% of the sales back, with additional percentages for other schools that sign up under the SHE URL. This fundraiser does not require any PTO expense, so it was agreed that Soaring Hawk will sign up as a recipient.
- A proposal was put forth to change grant cycle from once per fall and spring to a continuous grant cycle. This will enable teachers to apply for grants as needed on their own deadlines, as opposed to them trying to come up an idea based on a deadline given to them by PTO. The proposal was approved by SHE PTO members present.
- Butter Braids: Profit over \$4100 after prize purchase (Last year was \$3600); Thank you to Catherine for setting up prize ideas
- Member recommendation of a "Gear Swap"- setting up a time for SHE community to trade or donate Soaring Hawk gear (outgrown tshirts, homework bags, etc).
- Member interest continued to be expressed in the fundraiser of "Rent a Rock at Soaring Hawk." Soaring Hawk PTO will seek the donation (or purchase, if not overly expensive) of a large landscaping rock that can be rented for a small fee in recognition of student birthdays, teacher appreciation, etc. More information to follow. A vote occurred, and was approved.

### Secretary's Report

- **Motion** to approve October 4, 2017 minutes made by Jillian Just. 2nd by Aurora Milstein.

### Principal's Report, Mr. Neville

- SAC- UIP data- main topic was testing data: 50% of 3rd graders are meeting or exceeding standards. It was agreed that the school would like that number to be higher. With recent changes to elected board of education, testing will become more of a focus. It is the only standard that can be used as a ranking and comparison, so it does effect how our school is viewed. Administration and teachers would like to have a higher participation rate in our testing, as it does effect school scores.

- Please make sure you return your forms 2017-2018 SHE attendance questionnaires for budgeting purposes.

## Treasurer's Report

- Additional grants approved: \$349 for 5 wobble stools (Renee Klus); \$250 for Breakout EDU (Anna Dupree)
- Butter Braids: Income \$11,138 with expenses of \$6,867 (including \$200 in prize gift cards) Profit = \$4270.80
- Spirit Night Income: Chick-Fil-A \$225; Popcorn Bliss \$250
- Lifetouch: Yearbook refund of \$25
- DCEF Fiscal Year 2018 Assessment fee: \$884.56 based on last year's revenue of \$58,970.97
- Art Show: Income \$4,680 with expenses of \$3,150.30; Profit = \$1,530
- Other expenses since October meeting: Education Products, Inc: \$537.73; Conference Dinners: \$218.90; Teacher Appreciation Cart: \$310.21; Hawk Hustle: \$116.55

## Committee Reports

- Teacher appreciation/ snack cart- teachers are grateful for the snack cart that comes through during busy weeks.
- Papa John's pizza spirit night is next week, Thursday, December 14. It is an all-day spirit day- please make sure you turn in the form that was given out in Thursday folders when you get your pizza!
- BoxTops- \$914.50; Next BoxTop submission will be in February.

Meeting moved to adjourn by 3:03 by Holly

## Upcoming Events

December 4 - December 8: Holiday shop

December 13: 5th Grade Music Performance

December 14: Papa John's Spirit Day

December 14- December 20: Candy Cane Sales for student council

December 22-January 7: Christmas Break

January 16: Kneaders Spirit Night