

## Soaring Hawk Elementary School

### PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: 2:00

Number present: 14 Board Members Absent: 1 (Kimberly Kolbe)



#### Welcome, President's Report, Aurora Milstein

- Conference Dinners
  - Thank you to Joana for organizing and to parents for your help in providing food!
- BoxTops are due October 11!
  - There is a bit of time after Fall Break to turn in stragglers
  - You can email a screenshot your digital boxtops to [boxtops4she@gmail.com](mailto:boxtops4she@gmail.com)
  - You can also add a teacher's name when you scan your receipt with the "credit" feature
  - There is a way to get credit for emailed receipts. Email [boxtops4she@gmail.com](mailto:boxtops4she@gmail.com) for instructions!
- School Wide Art Show will be on November 13
  - We will send out a sign-up genius for hors d'oeuvres
  - Treats should be store-bought and allergy safe treats will be passed on a separate platter
- Butterbraid Sales will be starting after Fall Break
  - Delivery will take place on Wednesday, November 13
- Popcorn Fridays - we had our first Popcorn Friday on September 27, and kindergarten loved it!
  - If you want to help, let us know!

#### Vice President's Report, Jillian Just

- Great Wolf Lodge
  - Fourteen rooms have been booked for Fall Break, so that is \$140 back to SHE!
  - There will be another Thursday, February 13
    - The resort fee is waived on weeknights
    - The price is for 4 people - \$20 for extra
- 5th Grade Outdoor Education (Avid) Fundraiser
  - The goal is to make this an annual fundraiser for 5th Grade families to offset the expense for the students to attend the outdoor education program when they are in sixth grade
- Staff Grants
  - Jenn Tracy
    - Breakfast snacks for Reading Together Tutoring Program : \$100
    - Voted yes unanimously

#### Treasurer's Report, Aurora Milstein

- Vote to approve \$100 for teacher supplies
  - Voted yes unanimously
- Vote to approve \$250 Thank You/ Good-bye present for Will (school building engineer, who is moving to another school in the district)
  - Voted yes majority
- Profit: Run for Funds- \$24,364.67 and our school profit was \$14,618.84 ; Spirit Nights- \$350- (Papa John's: \$250 and Astro Tap: \$100)
- Teacher Grants (Expenses): Ms. Colander- Mind Yeti- \$59 ; Reading Recovery Conference- \$870 (\$290 per person)

#### Secretary's Report, Jamie Schmeets

- Please sign the Meeting Roll- your attendance will be counted toward your PTO and SHE volunteer hours

#### Principal's Report, Stacey Roberson

- Fall Conferences: looking at options to try to make conferences a more valuable experience for families and teachers
- Phones and Smartwatches are becoming a distraction/ disruption. If you need to get a message to them, please communicate with your students through the front office staff in lieu of their phone or smartwatch

- The Second Step Program has started - it is a weekly skills program on how to handle life situations. They are learning important language on friendship, body language, and how to handle conflict appropriately. It is an approach on the social-emotional aspect of growth for kids
  - Using mental health team to train and grow 5th and 6th graders to become conflict managers on the playground and in the school, to help students in a conflict

### SAC Report

- Last meeting was Wednesday, October 2: the meetings this year are started with attendees writing things the like about the school and what they would like to see changed
- Unified Improvement Plan was discussed
- Tier one needs are beginning at the school (roof replacement); Tier two needs will be beginning soon
- We are looking for a PTO rep to be the liaison between SAC and PTO
- Wednesday, December 4 @ 4:00pm - will be discussing UIP: State plan required for all schools based on state data and local data to help make sure students are meeting standards and growing academically. The plan that we have is a two year plan and will look at the goals we have and how we are addressing the goals.
- Looking for a platform to increase communication between students, teachers to parents for weekly and bi-weekly updates
- Winter Forum on February 11 for District Accountability Committee
- CMAS was discussed and growth report
- How to use PTO funds to help students
- Concerns on meeting needs of students with larger class sizes and heavy homework loads
- February 5: Budget meeting - SAC advises on budget distribution
- March 4: Parent check-in
- April 1: SHE hiring and board elections
- May: As needed

### Committee Reports (10 minutes)

- BoxTops : Due Friday, October 11
- ButterBraids
- Room Parent Coordinator : Room parents
- Spirit Nights : Thursday, October 24 : Carlos Miguel's Spirit Night
- Book Fair : Fair total was \$11,400.95; Discounts of \$878 and over \$300 worth of books were purchased for dinners. Ten families were helped out with free and reduced books. A mobile library was created for preschool. Battle of the Books books were purchased; 100 books were purchased for Village Book Builders: donations of excellent quality books are still being accepted

Next PTO Meeting is Wednesday, November 6 at 2:00pm  
 Move to adjourn at 3:15pm by Tami Davidson seconded by Suzanne Miller  
 Meeting called to close at 3:15pm

### Upcoming Events

October 14 - October 18 : Fall Break  
 October 24 - November 7 : ButterBraids Orders  
 Thursday, October 24 : Carlos Miguel's Spirit Night  
 Thursday, October 31 : Halloween Parade and Parties  
 Wednesday, November 6, 2:00pm : PTO Meeting  
 Thursday, November 7 : Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night  
 Monday, November 11 : No School (Veteran's Day)  
 Wednesday, November 13 : ButterBraids Delivered  
 Wednesday, November 13 : Art Show