

Soaring Hawk Elementary School
PTO Meeting Agenda
October 7, 2020
Meeting called to order – 7:04pm



Welcome, President's Report, Kimberly Kolbe (15 minutes)

- Robert's Rules of Order
 - Each agenda section will have a time associated with it that we will stick with. If discussion is still ongoing or we do not solve the issues, we will table those for the next meeting.
 - All people attending the meetings that are SHE parents can vote.
- Auction and Flamingo Flocking
 - Thank you to Jamie Schmeets for handling the auction for us! This auction should have taken place spring of last school year.
 - Thank you to Catherine and Holly for handling all the flamingo flocking!
- Popsicle Thursday, October 29th – this is taking the place of Popcorn Fridays that we had last school year. Our first one will be on October 30th unless we opt to have this on Thursdays! To be determined!
- End of year celebration – We are not sure what this will look like this year so will table this topic for a later meeting in the year for discussion.
- Bingo Sheet – If anyone has a volunteer bingo card from last school year and has completed it, we will honor those this year and have a drawing for a \$50 gift card. Turn those into Kimberly Kolbe.
- Shade structure for the playground – We are fundraising this year, along with money left over from last year, to purchase this for the school. This will be on the playground and has been a request of the school for many years.

Vice President's Report, Erin Finnin (2 minutes)

- Virtual Family Bingo – We are planning this fun event to take place around the beginning of December. This will be done virtually. More information to come on this.
- Grant Request – Water for the 4th grade – 16 bottles per month plus the rental of the unit for \$115.84 monthly. Total cost for the year will be \$840 and includes a reimbursement for the first month to the 4th grade teachers.
- Motion to approve the grant – Jamie, and Dixie seconded the motion.
- Question – Can we purchase the equipment? Answer – We can make that determination in the future once we know that we have the ongoing funds to cover this each year.
- Grant was approved by 9 and no one opposed. *Once budget is approved for the 2020-2021 school year, this grant will be paid.

Treasurer's Report, Erin Finnin (Annaliese McLean) (20 minutes)

Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget

- There are zeros for line items that we are not doing this year because of Covid.
- Covid Expense is a new line item that we will use to cover things like equipment for the playground since all classrooms have to have their own equipment.
- School improvement is to freshen things up to look more appealing to our staff, students and potential new families.
- PTO line item – we use this for myschoolbucks and strictly online payments which will increase our fees this year.
- There are several items that we are not able to use this year but the funds will stay in these categories to roll over to the next school year or to be used as something else after a vote for this school year. Items such as Avid 4 Adventures, 5th Grade Fundraiser from last year for this year's 6th graders, & 6th grade international town.
- Avid 4 Adventures – We will not be doing this, but it was our year. The money was put aside for this last year and we want to keep this earmarked in case we will be able to do this next school year. A parent asked that this be increased last year to help with costs to parents and so more was added after approval.

- The improvements to the Staff Lounge was approved last year so is carried over to this year.
- If any money allocated to various items, that are not being used this year because of Covid, will be used in a different way – it will be voted on.
- The 6th grade fundraiser was a lump sum earned for the grade and not a per child amount.
- Mr. Mancuso is working with International Town to do something in school and minimal to replace the 6th grade experience.
- Motion to approve the budget – Jamie, and Dixie seconded the motion. Approved by 12 yes and none opposed
 - Income
 - Auction - \$6,810
 - Flocking - \$870
 - Supply Kits - \$735
 - Expenses
 - \$2,216 – Purchased the playground equipment for each class

Secretary's Report, Tami Morling (1 minute)

- New PTO directory and Google Form

Principal's Report (5 minutes)

- The focus is on getting ready for back to school on October 19th. He sent out requests to the district for the playground equipment for the kids and it was denied because our numbers are lower this year. The PTO stepped in to cover that cost.
- Snacks and dinners were provided to the teachers on the first night of conference and will continue on Thursday the 20th. This was funded by the PTO.
- Mr. Roberson is looking forward to getting the consistency of 5 days a week for the students.

SAC Report Eric Allen (10 minutes)

- Discussed what needs to be looked at for returning to full-time. Mr. Roberson will be looking at the classes. Kindergarten might need a part-time teacher because of the number of kids. Figuring out lunch schedules and how to adjust them to accommodate all the kids.
- Parents wanted to know if teachers could send out learning plans before Monday morning.
- Mr. Roberson explained that the reason there has been so much IReady testing is because of the deadlines the state has for it. Even though the kids have only been in class 10 days, the state still sees it as a month of school.
- Some parents were wondering if they could pop in for office hours on Fridays to talk to teachers.
- October 20th for the next meeting at 4:00pm. Please check Mr. Roberson's report for confirmation on this date, as well as the google meets link.

Committees (10 minutes)

- Kristen – what Box Top collecting will look like this year: moving to a digital format. We will continue to collect them but will not do any class contests as not many are coming in now.
- Catherine/Holly – Butter Braids: There will be no contests for this fundraiser but will be available for the many parents that love to order them.
 - Mr. Roberson said the bus loop can be used for the truck when it is time for deliveries and a volunteer list will be sent out.
 - A vote was taken on whether we would do this fundraiser – 11 yes/no opposed
- Kimberly Kolbe – Fundraiser
 - There has been a parent that has expressed concern over fundraising in class and asked that this be brought up at the meeting. She could not attend.
 - The Fundraising going on right now is Read4funds – this was originally Run4funds – and the reason why it originally started is that we needed more of a fundraising program that

- was offered with incentives to make the kids more excited. However, we will continue our practice of talking about every fundraising opportunity and voting on each one brought up.
- There was continued discussion about fundraising and Mr. Mancuso stated that these have been paired down in the last few years and the ones we are doing now are a good learning cue for the 6th graders. Holly Rodin offered to help organize fundraisers so that not too many happen at once.
 - Kimberly Kolbe explained that the auction was rolled into the beginning of this school year because of Covid but this will go back to the end of the school year. She has checked with different schools to see what they were doing for fundraising and found that all of them are continuing this practice. 30 schools were doing Red4funds along with Soaring Hawk.

Upcoming Events (2 minutes)

- Planning on holding a Virtual Bingo in November – moved to the beginning of December
- Panda Express Spirit Night - October 22nd