

Soaring Hawk Elementary School

PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: October 27, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Kimberly Kolbe



PTO Guidelines, Kimberly Kolbe (2 minutes)

- Meeting Norms
- Robert's Rules of Order

Welcome, President's Report, Kimberly Kolbe (10 minutes)

- Thank you's – To the Howard Family, several school parents and Erin Finnin for providing the staff meals for the teachers during conferences. Thank you to Chrissy Howard for putting together Donuts for Dads. Thank you to Tami Morling for putting together the weekly newsletter for the PTO. Thank you to the SHE Front desk for all of your help! Thank you to the new committee members for taking on new roles.
- SHE Outside Improvements – The district came in during fall break and did some clean up around the school. Corey Frey has more ideas on what can be done in addition to the work done by the district. This will take place in November, weather permitting.
- Family Events – We have had a movie on the lawn, the back-to-school bash and this week are hosting Halloween bingo. There is no charge so far for anything but there will be a small charge for December's event.
- Auction Committee – we are searching for people to help with the auction. We will put this and a description in the newsletter for the needs.

Treasurer's Report, Chrissy Howard (5 minutes)

- Budget – will share financial doc on the zoom call

Secretary's Report, Tami Morling

Principal's Report (2 minutes)

- Microphone Speaker system – we used to have a system that the teachers could use in their classrooms. This became outdated and it was no longer in use. Our teachers have found that wearing masks can cause them not to be heard clearly. It is easier for the classes to concentrate and hear what is being said using this type of system. We have a company that can help update our system. A slideshow was presented through zoom sharing. The bid is just over \$20,000 to update the equipment that we have. This is reasonable based on the work that needs to be done and less than expected. 7 of the classrooms are already working so we still need 14 classrooms to be overhauled.
- According to our bylaws, we will need to vote on this after PTO Board discussion over \$5000. We will discuss this as a board and then bring this to the meeting in November to share, discuss and vote with parents.

- A question was asked about rooms that are not in use right now and how those will be treated. Mr. Roberson stated that all rooms are going to be outfitted with this system so they are ready to go when the room is being used. Kimberly shared her experience with using this system when she was teaching. She is an advocate for this because of how it creates a better way for her voice to be amplified around the room. Holly Rodin also taught with one and is a huge advocate of this system as well. All of 1st and 2nd grade currently have this as well as Ms. Norlin. Chrissy Howard is a sub for a second grade this week and she said the system is very user friendly and it helps to keep the classroom chatter down because they can hear the teacher so well. Corey Frey asked if this is for new equipment? Mr. Roberson answered that this is an upgrade on the wiring and receivers that we had. Our microphones that we already had can be used. The version for the quote is the surround system where the speakers are in the ceiling. The speakers are already in place but we will also need some portable systems for special needs students. There are some things that need replacement but other than that, they are just being upgraded.

Committee Report (2 minutes)

- Spirit Wear – Kristin Allen: We started a second spirit wear sale because we had parents that were interested. It will go for about a week. There are items still outstanding but that is starting to come in and those will be passed out as soon as it comes in. This will be our last sale for this school year for these items. We will have room moms send this sale information out and Tami will send a school wide announcement out again next week to remind parents to order. We can put a sign out with a QR code tomorrow night at the Halloween Bingo night as a reminder to parents. Sarah Mayes said that at their old school, people donated spirit wear that was outgrown and then sold at a significant discount. We are also left with old spirit wear that wasn't sold in the last couple of years so we will do a clearance sale later this year. Thank you, Kristin, for all of your hard work!!
- Butter Braids – Catherine/Lindsey: The fundraiser has kicked off and will go for the next week or so.

Vice President's Report, Erin Finnin (5 minutes)

- Family Night this Thursday – Halloween Bingo: sign up to attend! It will start at 6:30 and we will do a few rounds and have gifts for winners with a costume contest.
- Movie Night in December – We are showing the movie "Encanto" -
- Code Ninja in December – this is a Parent's Night Out. We get a certain amount from each spot filled and the kids play.
- Spirit Night – Firehouse Subs is not open in the evenings for now due to staff shortages so we are trying to find a replacement. If we don't, we will not have one for November.

Comments / Questions (3 minutes)

- Can SHE become a charity option on Amazon Smile – because of the way the district is set up, if we did this, all school PTO's in this district would share this and we wouldn't have our own charity option.
- Erin Finnin motioned to end and it was seconded at 7:17pm