

Soaring Hawk Elementary School  
**PTO Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, October 4, 2017



### Welcome, Dixie Payne

Meeting called to order at 1:48 pm

Number present: 15; board members absent: 1 (Mari Dodd)

- Hawk Hustle Report- Our turnout was not as large and we didn't have as many corporate-level sponsors, but it was a great community event. We were able to add a few more events to the carnival this year. Thank you to our sponsors and families for participating. It was suggested using different incentives next year for kids to raise more money.
- Butter Braids will be sold from 10/26 to 11/9, with delivery on 11/15. We will use prize incentives to increase sales- e.g: \$75, \$50 and \$25, gift cards to those that sell the most Butter Braids. Information will be coming out in Thursday folders.
- School art show: PTO participation - This year Ms. D'Arthenay has requested PTO help to provide and serve sparkling cider and hors d'oeuvres. There will be a sign-up genius to provide items.
- Hot Chocolate Play (5th grade musical): Heidi Holman will be heading up serving hot chocolate. Parent helpers are requested.
- Spring events discussed: Donuts with Dad (2/23/18), Light the Night (4/13/18), Muffins with Mom (5/4/18)
- Room parents: Aurora Milstein has information to share with room parents that might have questions. She will be starting a Pinterest board with holiday party ideas.
- Shade structure: We can not move forward with the district until we have pricing, and we have to go through approved vendors. Once we have obtained pricing, we will revisit as a PTO community to discuss whether it is a project worth pursuing. Planting trees is an option, but trees have to fall into the correct parameters.
- Potential PTO program: Rent a Rock at Soaring Hawk- PTO would purchase a rock that will be placed in front of the school- Families can pay for messages on the rock. In light of this discussion, concerns were raised on how PTO decisions are made. Community consensus is that meetings should be more input-driven, rather than update-driven. We need to consider options for decision making between meeting times.
- In an attempt to streamline information output, the PTO meeting minutes link will be sent out via link in the online Thursday folder, rather than emails through Room Parents.

### Secretary's Report

- **Motion** to approve August 24, 2017 minutes made by Jamie Lundvall. 2nd by Catherine MacInnes. (meeting minutes from August 24, 2017 were corrected to reflect the meeting called to order at 1:45pm, rather than 2:45pm)

### Vice Principal's Report/ Treasurer's Report, Monica Allen

- Update on budget items. Hawk Hustle brought in \$12,829 brought in with \$8215.21 as our net profit. The bank balance is \$22,364.28 (before teacher grant payments).

### Principal's Report, Mr. Neville

- School staff has begun the process of updating the website to accurately reflect the high quality of programs that our school has to offer. Contributions and help to implement the improvements are welcome. It was suggested that the school advantage of social media, as well.

## President's Report, Dixie Payne

- Teacher grant applications were submitted. Application amount requested was \$4,163.95, and PTO has budgeted \$2,500. Total amount approved through meeting time was \$2583.94. For more information on items approved, please see file "2017 Fall SHE PTO Teacher Grant Applications."
- Light the Night (our spring fundraising/ community event - April 13, 2018): fundraising efforts will go to library renovations. A Library/ light the night fundraising committee will be put into place. One of the PTO fundraising goals for the school year is to raise money to help with library renovations, that will enable our school library to continue to be a place for SHE students and staff to grow in their education. Book Fair sales have been used to fund renovations that have taken place, and funds are requested in the amount of \$10,000 to complete the desired renovations. Please see Mrs. Andrews and Laura Schnelle for more information on their exciting vision.

## SAC Report, Laura Schnelle

- Meeting Monday, October 16- Topic: district budget priorities from Soaring Hawk's perspective

## Committee Reports

- Yearbook- check Thursday folders
- Holiday shop will be in the library - will need volunteers
- Welcome committee: tours have been given to perspective SHE students. These tours have been received very well by perspective families.
- Spirit Night- Popcorn Bliss Spirit Night on October 25.

Meeting moved to adjourn by Leslie Brown at 3:13, seconded by Liz Davis.

## Upcoming Events

October 16: SAC Meeting

October 25: Popcorn Bliss Spirit Night

October 26 - November 9: Butter Braid sales (Delivery on Wednesday, November 15)

November 16: Panera Spirit Night

November 17: School Art Show

December 4 - December 8: Holiday shop