

Soaring Hawk Elementary School
PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016



Welcome, Dixie Payne

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Number present: 28, board members present: all

Dixie welcomes everyone to the first PTO meeting of the year. She explains how the board has been meeting over the summer to start planning the school year. The PTO has provided breakfast for the teachers when they returned to the school and Dixie gave a very special thank you to BurntOut BBQ for providing dinner for all the teachers on back to school night. And thank you to Liz Davis for providing all the desserts.

Introductions, Dixie Payne

Mission statement: Our purpose is to enhance and encourage the learning environment for the students and families at Soaring Hawk Elementary (SHE). It is also our goal to strengthen, support, and nurture the relationship between the school, parents, and teachers of SHE.

Goals: to have money to help parents with field trip costs, teacher grants and a shade structure for the playground. Dixie explains that the PTO will have two major fundraisers this year: Hawk Hustle/Fall Carnival and Light the Night. We will also have butterbraids, spirit nights and the book fair.

Dixie introduced committee heads for the different programs that the PTO runs including: teacher appreciation, backpack program, spirit wear, book fair, yearbook. A reminder, if you want to volunteer, please let us know.

Treasurer's Report, Monica Allen

Everyone voted to approve the \$11,000 budget. Monica briefly discussed how we are simplifying fundraising efforts this year.

Hawk Hustle is Oct. 1st from 7am-noon. We are hoping to raise about \$20K. We will start with a race, have a pancake breakfast and then a fall festival in the back of the school. The festival will have a dunk tank, an obstacle course, human hamster balls... If every student was able to collect \$50, it would raise about \$28K. The first three kids to cross the finish line will get medals.

President's Report, Dixie Payne

Hawk Hustle—continuation of the discussion that Monica was having. We are looking for small business/corporate sponsors for the Hawk Hustle. Those who donate \$100-\$500 will be mentioned at the festival depending on how much was donated. Please contact the board if you are interested ASAP. We also need volunteers.

Crosswalk—Dixie briefly mentioned that the PTO and Mr. Neville are aware there are issues at an intersection near the school. There is

Principal's Report

Mr. Neville talked about the construction of the outdoor classroom. Hopes to have it up by Sept. 23rd, when students are off that day. It'll be 16x16. He thanks the past PTO board for all they did to make this happen.

SAC Report, Laura Schnelle

Laura encourages parents to attend the SAC meetings, which happen one hour before the PTO meetings. She says the School Accountability Committee talks about what the kids are doing at school, the new specials classes, the lunch schedules, etc.

Committee Reports

- Box Tops—Katie says turn in your box tops and make sure to put your child's teacher's name on it. The classes with the most box tops will get popcorn/ice cream parties.
- Spirit nights-Catherine has it scheduled for Sept, Oct and Nov. and working on the rest of the year. Sept. 20th is spirit night at Chipotle, so please bring your flyer to Chipotle and take your family out to dinner!!! It runs from 4-8pm. Oct. 20th is at Freddy's.
- Backpack program-Jamie talks about how this committee provides food for families in need at SHE. So far, there are two families participating. Looking for food like fruits, vegetables, boxed food, canned food, bread, etc. She says Kneaders is hoping to donate bread. If you are a family in need or know of a family in need, contact Megan at the front office.
- Book Fair will happen during conferences, which is happening Sept. 28th thru Oct. 4th. Laura is looking for volunteers and also looking for volunteers who help out in the library.
- Sunshine Committee has provided meals, flowers, gift cards to teachers/staff when they are going through a tough time.

Upcoming Events

Hawk Hustle Oct. 1st

Spirit Night at Chipotle from 4-8 pm on Sept. 20th

Butter Braids-forms go home 10/27 and delivery by 11/16

Next PTO meeting is Nov. 1st at 7pm

Adjourn 8:07 pm.