

Southwest Elementary School
PTA Board of Directors Meeting
December 2, 2019
6:30 PM Media Center

- I. Call to Order
 - Amy Wilcox calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- II. Principal Report
 - There was a meeting with Marcus the Point of Contact at Home Depot to work on a proposal for the new Gaga pit. Marcus also had ideas for picnic tables, benches and an outside classroom as well as a PEC system. We are also talking to Marcus about what can be done about the run off problem in the front of the school. Home Depot is putting together a proposal for the material estimate. If we get the grant, it would be put into action in the Spring.
 - Fine Arts Night was great. Everyone is excited that there will be a fine arts night for every grade level this year. We are very appreciative to the Boy Scouts for the new Art Boards. A flyer is going out to 5th graders for the new after school Art Club.
 - There will be a Math Night with 10 different stations sponsored by Mathnasium soon.
 - There is a Chorus performance this Thursday.
- III. Teacher Report
 - No report
- IV. Leadership Report
 - Principal Thigpen reported that there are working on having more distributive leadership in their sessions. They have small groups that will be responsible for reporting on the indicators they are working on.
- V. Treasurer Report
 - Kelly gave an overview of the current budget.
- VI. Committee Report
 - a. Cowboy Roundup
 - There was an interest meeting on Nov 19th. There were four people in attendance, and they went over different ideas and suggestions. The date will be May 1st from 5-8. Amy Wilcox will be in touch with the owners of Tiger Rock Martial Arts about different ways they can help with the event. Different suggestions include: Dunking Booth, having it outdoors with different stations (face painting, karaoke and dancing, photo booth, balloon artist, grade level raffle baskets including specials and front office, food trucks, Kona Ice, funnel cake truck). We are going to check on the possibility of having inflatables. The PTA is going to double check its insurance, and Principal Thigpen is going to check with GCS.
 - b. Restaurant Spirit Night
 - Thursday is Chick Fil A all day
 - The next Spirit Night should be at Which Wich, but Kristin is having a hard time getting them to confirm. She is currently looking for back-up locations.

- c. Staff Appreciation
 - Erica reported that the Christmas Teacher Treat Day will be December 17th in the PLC room. They will ask parents to bring in hot and cold appetizers, dips and desserts. Everyone, including staff and bus drivers, will be fed this day. Erica and volunteers will come in day of to set the room up. She will need people to help with set up, break down and a few servers during the day. Erica is setting up the Sign-Up Genius to go out today or tomorrow.
 - d. Yearbook
 - Yearbook cost will increase \$5 after December.
 - e. Boosterthon
 - Amy is looking into the \$500 of outstanding pledges we still have. She has a call into Sara and Luke, but hasn't heard back from them yet. Jodi and Amy had a meeting with Principal Thigpen last week to discuss the Technology needs at the school. They are working on a pricing proposal to present to the Board.
- VII. Old Business
- Jodi makes a motion to approve the November Board Meeting minutes. Melissa seconds the motion. Amy calls for a vote. The motion passes.
 - Melissa makes a motion to approve the November General Meeting minutes. Jodi seconds the motion. Amy calls for a vote. The motion passes.
- VIII. New Business
- Bookfair: Jodi has reached out to our Scholastic representative to have a meeting next week and start planning our Bookfair. Jodi said that we would love new ideas of getting outside people in to shop our book fair. Ideas suggested include: Reaching out to homeschool groups, daycares and after school programs that pickup from our school and are in the surrounding area and reaching out to Winston McGregor of the Guilford Education Alliance. The Teacher Preview will be on January 30th with the Sale date of February 3rd-7th. It was suggested that we promote the teacher's wish list in a more prominent way. Also, that we have class room competitions to fill the teacher's wish list to win a popcorn part. It was also suggested that we get in contact with Lowes Foods to have a Donuts and Grown-ups night. It was also suggested we do a family night where we encourage the kids to dress up as their favorite literary character. A request was made to expand the book selection for 3rd and 4th grade readers.
 - Melissa would like the PTA to purchase a coffee maker that would make more coffee quicker. This would be used at PTA events. We would ask for a donation for the coffee as a way to help revenue. Jodi makes a motion that we purchase a new coffee maker. Principal Thigpen seconds the motion. Amy calls for a vote. The motion passes.
 - Kate Steele has taken over Social Media post.
 - Priscilla Aramburo and Nicole Bronaut are taking over the Bulletin Board in January.
 - Jodi would like to start an exploratory group to overhaul the playground. This group would look into options, cost and grant opportunities. She is hoping to start this group after the first of the year.

- GCS proposed budget request: GCCPTA working on Education materials to help educate parents to help with lobbying for the monies

IX. Adjourn

- Amy Wilcox adjourns the meeting at 7:48pm.

Presided over by:

Amy Wilcox, President

Megan Bocci, Secretary

Approved on: January 13, 2020

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Megan Bocci