**Southwest Elementary School**

**PTA General Meeting**

**August 12, 2020**

**6:30 PM Google Meet**

1. **Call to Order**

* Jodi Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

1. **Introduction of the 2020/2021 PTA Executive Board**

* Jodi Introduced the new Executive Board: Jodi Johnson – President, Megan Bocci – Vice President, Kate Steele – Vice President, Greg Gokey – Treasurer, Shannon Robinson – Secretary.
* Jodi gave an update on Membership: currently we have 74 members that consist on 4 community members, 40 parents and 30 faulty/staff. We have a goal for 100% participation from faculty and staff for the year.

1. **2020/2021 PTA Goals**

* Jodi shared that we, as the PTA, feel we can be most impactful by helping everyone support Social and Emotional learning (SEL) and programing at Southwest. This means we are thinking about programs and activities to help people connect and come together. We want to help build the community and make it stronger. We have a goal to be open and inviting this year as a PTA, and we want to make sure most of what we are doing provides for children and families. We want to see more dads coming to the table. No matter who you are, we would love to have you as an important member of our PTA. Your membership is your vote.
* Thoughts from the Membership: We have a unique opportunity this year with Remote learning to think outside the box and be creative.

1. **2020/2021 New Programs**

* Megan shared some of the new programs that the PTA is trying to start this year. Those programs include:

1. **School Supply Drive**: from Aug 17-19 in the front office. This is to help any children in need during these challenging times.
2. **In-School Pen Pal**: Students will be paired up by teachers with their yearly reading buddy at the beginning of the year as usual. While we are in remote learning, the students can be pen pals. This not only helps to form bonds prior to the start of school, but it also helps students work on their writing skills. If any student needs help with supplies, like stamps or envelopes, the PTA can help supply those needs.
3. **Story Time Walk Through:** In this program, we buy two books and cut out the pages. The pages are then glued to yard signs and placed on a walking path. Then families can come walk the path and read a story with their families.
4. **Spread the Love:** Once students are allowed to check out books from the library again, this program would have the student leave notes of encouragement or a picture in the book the checked out for the next student. \*All content would be check for appropriate material.
5. **Free Book Mini-Library:** In this program, we would ask parents to donate and help build two free book mini libraries. We would place one at the school and ask a business in Downtown High Point to host the other. This way we could have all children in our distract have access to free books.
6. We are looking into different social distance appropriate physical fun activities that could be done as a group (Bingo Night, danceathon, etc.)
7. We have also applied for a grant to purchase supplies for an at home art program to support emotional health

* **Thoughts from Members:** it was suggested to maybe place the free library near bus stops. That is a place the kids are already used to going.

1. **2020/2021 Proposed Budget**

* Greg shared that we expect challenges with fundraising this year due to COVID-19. The challenge will cause a reduction of fundraising from last year to this year. We are hoping to rely more on donations this year in terms of items for Teacher Appreciation or Volunteer Appreciation. We are tying to focus more on new programs, socialization and togetherness than just fundraising this year.
* Jodi shared an update on the carryover funds for last year that are earmarked for the purchasing of a new TV for every classroom. We are in the process of wrapping up those purchases now, and we hope to have all the TVs in the classrooms prior to the children’s return later this year.
* Jodi also went over the new format for the budget and the move to a needs-based budget.
* Greg makes a motion to approve the Budget for the 2020/2021 year. Kate seconds the motion. Jodi calls for a vote. The vote passes unopposed.

1. **NCPTA Bylaws**

* Jodi explained that we have to adopt the NCPTA Bylaws. We can amend the bylaws, but we cannot contradict them.
* Kate makes a motion to approve the Bylaws. Greg seconds the motion. Jodi calls for a vote. The vote passes unopposed.

1. **Spirit Wear Update**

* Kate gives un update on Spirit wear for the year. We are going with a new vendor this year to better the profit for the PTA without raising the prices or having lower quality. This year we are starting with three shirt designs that are based on collegiate designs. They will be on sale for a month, with the sale starting within the next two weeks. Then they will be on sale again during the holidays. We also want to hold a t-shirt design contest open to all the students. They can all enter a design. Then the PTA can narrow it down to the top 3 designs for the students to vote on for a winning design. This design would be added on for the holiday sale.
* **Thoughts from Membership**: Love the idea of a t-shirt design contest. It was suggested that we split it between the upper and lower grades to have contest for both. We plan to get car magnets too and are looking into the possibility of school logo masks.

1. **Adjourn Meeting**

* Jodi adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm.

**Presided over by:**

**Jodi Johnson, President**

**Megan Bocci, Acting Secretary**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Megan Bocci\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_