



SPMS PTSD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 28, 2023

Location: Teacher's Lounge, and accommodations via Zoom
Meeting commenced at 10:16 AM

WELCOME

- I. President's Report/Calendar presented by Dawn Evans.
 - a. We commenced the meeting with introductions to start off the new school year.
 - b. The Community Meeting regarding social media for parents only on September 19th. RSVP is required as space is limited in the auditorium.
 - c. The Safety Chat is coming up on October 26th, which will provide information on the many safety precautions being taken by the district and school to keep the students safe.
 - d. The Community Chat regarding Schoology is on August 29th and 30th in the computer lab. This will be a great opportunity for parents and students to learn how to use Schoology as it is used widely by most teachers and is essential for success of students. The meeting will go over how to login through Clever through the school's website.
 - e. Open House:
 - i. 09/14/23 for 6th Graders.
 - ii. 09/18/23 for 7th and 8th Graders.
 - iii. This is a great event to attend to meet teachers and get a better sense of your child's schedule. The bell will ring every 9 minutes at which time the parents will move to the next class. Please bring a print out of your child's schedule.
 - iv. Volunteers are needed as the PTSD will be present in the cafeteria and will be selling Spirit Wear and memberships.
 - v. (Please note that the Open House was subsequently cancelled due to Hurricane Idalia.)
- II. Treasurer's Report presented by Tracey Shelton
 - a. Tracey provided us all with printout of budget spreadsheet as of August 27,2023.
 - b. Checking account has a balance of \$17,712.45. The savings account has \$2,000.00.
 - c. Tracey discussed that we are \$600 away from our goal budget for memberships.
 - d. Tracey advised that there is a \$160 profit from Spirit Wear. She noted that fundraising events have not started yet.
 - e. She further advised that \$4,400 has been collected from Business Partners even though that is not fully reflected in the budge as holding a check for \$1,100.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



- I. Fundraising presented by Kim
 - a. PTSO will be doing Bundt cakes for Fall. Options will include 8” or 10” cakes or a 4 pack of individual cakes for Thanksgiving. Orders will go in on November 3rd this year giving everyone more time to order. Kim received the profit margin information and it review to determine best option.
 - b. In December, during the Holiday Season, PTSO will be doing Bundtlette cakes. We will need to choose the flavors that we offer.
 - c. For Spring, we are planning on doing sales of crumble cookies or popcorn. We discussed that it may be best to have these sales as on-site during lunch to reduce some of problems that we had last school year where some of the merchandise was lost.
- II. Spirit Wear/Membership presented by Lillie
 - a. Membership: 216 members, of which 68 are staff and the remainder are parents.
 - b. Lillie advised that the discount for the Neon Bash tickets has boosted membership sales.
 - c. She has received great feedback regarding the new designs for Spirit Wear and the items are selling well.
 - d. Lillie advised that we need to ensure that parents and students are aware of the shoe charms as some sales are lagging on that item.
 - e. The cut off for the first order for Spirit Wear is Friday September 1st. PTSO will work on filling those orders and will likely open sales again sometime in October.
- III. Staff Appreciation presented by Kim
 - a. Kim discussed the Sunshine Cart. She provided details and information for the benefit of our new members.
 - b. She will be doing a Ted Lasso theme for the Sunshine Cart for the week of September 18th. The theme will include mustaches and biscuits.
 - c. Kim advised that she is planning on doing a Dessert Theme for Thanksgiving.
- IV. Neon Bash presented by Lillie
 - a. Neon Bash will be held on September 29th.
 - b. PTSO Members only will enjoy early purchase of tickets at a discount price of \$5 for Neon Bash. We will then have an early access price of \$8 and charge \$10 at the door.
 - c. We are currently awaiting more information on whether permission slips will be needed to attend the Neon Bash.
 - d. The Neon Bash will be held in the Gym and Cafeteria with a capacity limit of 700 students.
 - e. Last year we expected about 300 students and 700 students attended so PTSO is planning to double all the items and events to ensure the event runs smoothly.
 - f. The Student Council will be planning the games and playlist for the Neon Bash.
 - g. This year we decided to purchase wrist bands to provide as the ticket and they are available in multiple colors and glow in the dark. We bought a total of 1200 wrist bands to ensure that we do not run out.



- h. We will need volunteers. We need Chaperones and Dads to assist with the carline at 4:00 PM on the day of the Neon Bash. All volunteers must be approved by the County prior to volunteering at the school.
 - i. There will be food sold in the cafeteria, we will sell glow items, face paint, games and two photo booths.
 - j. The students must leave their backpacks and phones in the Multi-Purpose Room for safety.
- V. Raider Store presented by Kelly
- a. Kelly will be working with the Dean of Students on the Raider Store.
 - b. The Raider Store allows students that earn Raider Bucks to exchange them for prizes.
 - c. Kelly will be taking items out of storage and would like suggestions for new items to have at the store.
 - d. The Raider Store is featured in the Raider Rap, school website and PTSO website to allow parents to sign up to volunteer at the Raider Store. Kelly is looking for volunteers to help her set up.
 - e. Kelly advised that there will be about 2 Raider Stores per month throughout the school year.
 - f. Kelly has some great new items for the Raider Store:
 - i. She has been working with the Media Center and is excited to bring posters to the store that include sports and movies.
 - ii. She is also planning on doing a photoshoot for October
 - iii. She will be doing Mystery Bags to get the students excited about spending their Raider Bucks.
 - iv. Tyson provides us a year in review. Tyson shared that the year was a success and she generally had plenty of parent volunteers that participated and assisted with the Raider Store.
- VI. Character Counts presented by Dawn
- a. Character Counts is a district-wide program encouraging and recognizing students that exhibit the pillars of great characters.
 - b. The PTSO assists the school by working with our business partners to provide lunch to the monthly winners.
 - c. Reka will be assisting with Character Counts this school year.
- VII. Business Partner presented by Dawn for Kevin
- a. As of today we have collected \$4400 in business partner funds. Those include:
 - i. Ossi Orthodontics - Gold Sponsor
 - ii. Smiles by Glenos - Gold Sponsor
 - iii. Longleaf @ St Johns - Gold Sponsor
 - iv. Watson Mortgage - Silver Sponsor
 - v. Geico - Silver Sponsor
 - b. We have commitments from the following sponsors for another \$3850
 - i. Perce Orthodontics - Gold Sponsor - \$1100
 - ii. AllState - Gold Sponsor - \$1100



- iii. Leister Construction - Gold Sponsor - \$550 (2 business discount with modified benefits)
- iv. Leister Insurance - Gold Sponsor - \$1100 (2 business discount with modified benefits)
- c. Total paid and commitments \$8,250
- d. Kevin still has 3 more companies that he is working on to get full commitment.
- e. He still does not have full commitment on the character counts from Zaxbys or PDQ
- f. Allstate has committed to 1 month of teacher appreciation - month not set yet
- g. 6 companies have said they will help with teacher appreciation, but we have not come to terms or a dollar amount. Kevin will reach out to Kim to find out the dollar amounts needed or if they just want food/goods delivered free.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Girl Scouts/Sophia Fusco (engraving)/National Youth Advocate Program
 - a. Dawn advise us that they are non-profits that are seeking to speak with PTSO or students. However, our business partners pay for the privilege of being on campus and thus we will discuss further but at this time will not be approving their request.
 - b. PTSO is involved in the Swiss Point CARES Committee which provides for students in need in our sister school. We provide the sister school with books and hold a book drive during Literacy Week. We also fund the Summer Reading Program.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.