

Southland Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 12th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Teachers' Lounge

1. Call to Order – Meeting started at 6:30pm
2. Staff Wish Lists
 - a. Teacher Request – Via email due to time (Chrissy will show at meeting) – See attachment.
 - b. VexIQ Robotics Tournament – November 17th - Southland MS/HS – Paula S.- asking for volunteers for the tournament to assist wherever needed for the weekend. Help the day before, the day of and the day after for tear down. Rebel Nation will be doing the concession stands and they are asking for PTO to help as the money that they raise for this event will be donated to the PTO. There are 40 teams coming which means roughly 400 people will be attending.
 - c. Brian S. – Asking the PTO to pay for the bussing to take elementary students and staff to the Homecoming Parade and back. Cost is \$150 round trip. Susan L motioned to approve request. Carrie S second. Request granted.
3. Changes to Minutes - None
4. Treasurer's Report – Total in the checking Acct is \$22,366.44 – Right on with the bank! We will get \$3,976.87 back from all the supplies that were purchased. So we should be able to start the year with \$26,343.31!!
5. Referendum Update – Michelle Nelsen – Election Nov. 6th some townships will be mailed out their voting ballots. THIS IS YOUR WAY TO VOTE. There will not be voting places for all so if you get something in the mail (as you may have for the primary elections) please fill it out and mail it back in! Michelle went over flyer (Attached) and the updates they want to do and why. The 1st question is based on the following: Some of the concerns have been safety - science areas updated -playground area -lighting – roofing - fire code – electrical - H-Vac. System - Kitchen will be updated but not moved - Auditorium will stay the basically same with little things being done/no major renovations. The 2nd question will only pass if the 1st question passes – The question is to vote yes or no for adding/replacing a gym and trying to avoid using auditorium for gym, cutting programming and early morning/late night practices. This would be a 20 year bond. If the bond passes there will be time to update the MS/HS design and the School Board has the option to delay moving the Elementary Students over until construction is done to ease them into the transition. If the bond does fails the School Board DOES have the authority to spend some money and increase taxes to do things to accommodate to combination of schools but this option won't be the best learning environment for the kids. The will have to make partitions in the media center to make classrooms. Rose Creek School is closing for sure...If the bond fails keeping the Rose Creek School open will NOT be an option.
Michelle also reported that there will be 3 positions up for election for School Board members. Dave S. and Patti H. are not running again and Michelle's seat is up and she will be running again. There have been 7 candidates that have applied to run.
There will be 2 upcoming community meetings to tour and educate the public on the referendum. The first one will take place on Sept. 26 at 6:00 and the second one will be Nov. 1st 7:00. All meetings will be held at the MS/HS and consist of a short presentations/round table station discussions/Q&A's and tours (if needed).

6. Principal's Report – We are having a wonderful start to the school year. The state testing came back and the students really rocked it and leading the pack. Feedback is needed on how parents thought the back to school conferences went. Those parents in attendance reported that the returning students it might not have been needed, but for incoming students and especially kindergarten it was good for them. Another parent reported it also depends on that returning student. Her child did benefit from it. It was suggested to have Brian send out a survey to ask parents what they thought. So keep an eye on the portal for that survey.
7. Early Childhood Report – This Sunday ECFE is partnering up with the Adams Booster Club for their Fall Festival at the Adams Fire Hall from 11- 3 pm. (see attached flyer). Preschool Screening 3 or 4 or want to go to kindergarten and have not been screened please come on Friday October 12th and they will get the child screening and ready for school.
8. Old Business
 - a. PTO shirts – Chrissy ordered more shirts! New shirts available! Chrissy bring to October the meeting as she completely forgot to bring them to this one!!
9. New business
 - a. Election of officers
 - i. Chrissy Weis – Chair
 - ii. Tauna Juenger – Co-Chair
 - iii. Jill Felten – Secretary
 - iv. Sherry Klein – Treasurer
 - v. Kelli Krebsbach – Voting Member
 - vi. Carrie Sorgatz – Voting Member
 - vii. Susan Lagerstedt – Voting Member
 - b. Dividing out events – Chrissy will have to assist with getting fliers and such out as everything is kept in one online folder that only a select few people have access too. But the more willing to take on events the more it frees up others! THANK YOU! Please see the list below and those events that are highlighted are up for grabs to have a leader take on. Please remember, Chrissy will be there to support and assist anyone in the process of leading the events. So please do not feel like you will be alone...there will be guidance and assistance there for you!
 - c. HyVee Freezer Meals - No – Do we want to do this or are there other ideas? (made \$435 last yr) Here is one from last year: Chrissy saw another PTO post on FB about a photo session event at the school where ALL the proceeds went to the PTO. The PTO got a photographer to come to the school with a couple different backdrops to offer families. Families can have photos taken for Holiday cards or just to have an updated photo of your family. The cost of the one Chrissy saw was \$40 and that paid for the rights to the digital file. The photographer then offered 25% off a regular priced Mini Session book with him. This sounded like a cool idea to think about for next year. Chrissy can have a chat with Kristina Matheis to see if this would be something of interest to her. We certainly do not have to offer the same option but it's worth a chat! The group agreed. Here is another thought – Parent's Night Out. -
It was decided that it may be worth a try to do the Photographer option. We are still looking for ideas on what to combine this event with. We talked about the Parent's Night Out, but the parents will all be dropping at the same time and this

just won't work to have them waiting in line. **SO PLEASE – If THERE IS AN IDEA YOU HAVE PLEASE SEND IT MY WAY!!** We need an event or activity that would work nicely with this.

- i. Santa's Workshop- Dec -Jill, Carrie, Kelli
 - ii. Book Fair – Dec. - Sherry
 - iii. Movie Night – Jan- - Angie Neuman
 - iv. Bingo Night – Feb
 - v. McDonalds – Mar –
 - vi. Art Show- April – Laura A and Allison G.
 - vii. Teacher Appreciation Week- May 6-10 2019 – Lesley Heimer
 - viii. Carnival – May 18th, 2019 – ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!! Mark your calendar!!!
- d. Pancake Breakfast
- i. Saturday, October 27th, 2018 from 8-11:30 (Grandparent Bingo is day before)
 - ii. Event Leader – Chrissy
 1. Kitchen – not needed
 2. Crafts – Erin and girl scouts – 2 crafts will be going this year – payment for crafts will be in the center and the kids decide which way to go. Let's make sure we have a count of what items we give them so we have an idea of how many come through.
 3. Clean-up – Wendel and Boy Scouts/Kelli and Cub Scouts- Who contacts them?-Pat Staples will take care of contacting Wendel.
 4. Tickets/Raffle – Chrissy & Sherry
 - a. Items for raffle – Big items of the year- Here are some thoughts on this: **NEED MORE IDEAS!!**
 - i. Nintendo Switch
 - ii. Flat Screen TV
 - iii. Rip Sticks
 - b. Gift Cert Pick up – where do we want to go this year? We usually do 4 or 5 - \$50 Gift Certificates (last yr: Ulven's, The Port, Oasis and Heimer's): We voted on the following:
 - i. The Creek, Adams Builders Supply, Weis Landscaping, Golf Course, Backroads Vinyl
 - c. Prices of tickets- keep the same
 - d. Worker list- Chrissy will send out soon – Be on the lookout
 - e. Rebel Gear – BackRoads Vinyl will be on site selling items
 - f. Other Items that were discussed last year...
 - i. Would it be easier and less time spent to have the EC and Elem. Children ONLY sell raffle tickets...have all plates for the pancake breakfast be purchased at the door – this will take away the cost of printing tickets.
 1. It was decided that we would no longer print Adult, Child, or PS tickets. The only things the children (EC and Elem) will pre-sell will be raffle tickets. This is decrease the amount of paper and staff time it takes to put them all together. All plates will be purchased at the door and extra raffle tickets will be available to purchase.

2. It was also suggested that we increase the amount of giveaways that are done during this event. We used to give away a few toys for girls and boys and for some reason have gone away from that. Sherry will look into 2 smaller kid items to have as a give away.
- ii. Have someone hand out coffee or juice – Brian will be the one that will walk around and meet and greet and offer more coffee and juice to those we are sitting at the tables.
- iii. Make sure that Chris Cakes provides 2 people to man their area as Brian was pulled numerous times to assist them. If they cannot have 2 people we will have to make sure we have a volunteer that works as the CC's side kick. – Chrissy will add this as another job that we will need to fill during the event.
- iv. We need to come up with a plan for people to get 2nds. There was an issue when the line was so long and others were coming up wanting more. And there were others that wanted to come get more but didn't want to cut in front of others waiting in line. Chrissy will talk with the CC's owners to see if there is a roaster or something that we can have set at the end table with extra pancakes so people can come there for seconds.
- v. Just wanted to share these numbers with everyone...10 years of having this fundraiser:

Over The Years:

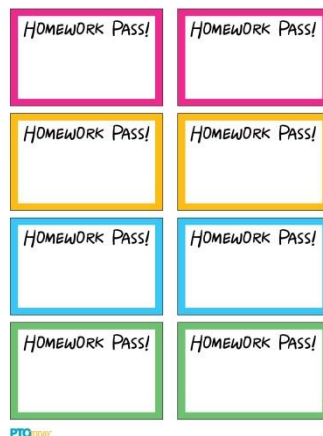
2007	715	
2008	796	
2009	774	
2010	830	
2011	663	
2012	701	
2013	670	
2014	663	
2015	519	*****
2016	492	48 PS Kids
2017	499	54 PS Kids

- e. Yearbook – What would we like to see happen with this?? We have been sent extra yearbooks and the company charges us for them but we don't sell them. We actually lose money on this so is this something we want to continue? This is VERY time consuming and it needs to be a team effort to complete this so we would need a FIRM

commitment out of a team of people by the end of Oct. If no one has stepped up to do this there will be no yearbook. -it was decided that Carrie will put it out a Facebook post asking for a team to take over and spear head the yearbook. We will need the TEAM secured by the end of September or we will no longer be offering a yearbook at the elementary level. Carrie will also research another company to use to create the yearbook.

10. Any other business

- a. Vote Yes Committee Request – The Vote YES Committee is a group of parents that are dedicated to the Referendum passing for the betterment of the students of the Southland District! With this being a volunteer led committee there is no funding to make signs, shirts or banners and the committee is asking the PTO to help defer some of those costs. Lesley H. voted to donate up to \$500 to the committee to use to pay for these items. Ann P. and Pat S. second the motion – Motion Passed. Chrissy will contact the committee to let them know.
- b. Teacher Pay Teacher – We will continue to buy these credit cards for the teachers to use for each other to order things such as laminating sheets and other things they need for classroom use.
- c. Ideas for next year to increase participation of parents: THIS WAS TURNED DOWN.
 - i. Home Work Pass - Parents won't feel guilty skipping out on homework duty if there isn't any! Enlist teachers to spread the word—then sit back and watch as every kid at your school incessantly begs their parents to attend.



11. Next Meeting: October 10th, 6:30pm – Teacher's Lounge

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm