

Agenda
Sun Valley PTO- Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 8:30am-9:30am

Board members in attendance: Meghan Greenwood, Rebecca Thomspson, Kristen Roath, Laura Kiff, Barbara Ayoubpour, Kathy Sweet, Lauren French, Elise Sambrano, Diona Polito-Rubin, Jason Throckmorton, Yvonne Fox

Others attending: Jennifer Sellers

President Meghan Greenwood called the meeting to order at 8:38am

1. PTO General Business

- a. Welcome/Introductions
- b. Approval of Minutes from last board meeting — Elise motion to approve; Rebecca second. Approved unanimously.
- c. Principal's Report
- d. Technology Update — Rebecca Thompson
 - i. The Chromebooks will be ordered soon; 4 & 5th will be totally outfitted, one roving cart for 2 & 3rd grade. Julie is still polling the teachers to figure out what the teachers want for their individual classrooms. Julie and Rebecca will be doing a tech walk for troubleshooting and needs in the next few weeks.
- e. Pledge Update — \$170K; \$7K after close; 85% participation
- f. Treasurer's Report - We are in good financial standing.
 - g. Auction Update - nothing to report.

2. PTO/SVS News and Events

- a. Planning for Holiday Social, Dec 10 — Laura Kiff
 - i. The theme will be Holiday Hats! (headwear)
 - ii. Signup Genius from last year can be copied and sent out to the board
 - iii. The flyer to go in Friday folders this week for the general public.
- b. Walk N Roll this morning and going forward

- i. A new Signup Genius for the spring will be created soon.
- c. The next Family Restaurant Night will be at Whipper Snapper, Dec 4
 - d. HeadsUp Book Passage Lunch, Dec 5. We have not received details on the event yet.
 - e. Math ED, Dec 6. Details will come soon.
 - f. Staff Lunch 5th Grade, Friday, December 12.
 - g. Community Service Event, Dec 13

i. This is not the day of giving; just a community event

ii. Rebecca is going to touch base with Kahla to confirm it is happening

h. Egg Drop, Dec 16 — Jason

i. Casey Hodel has a great system for running the competition; Jason will get in touch with her.

ii. There is a paper airplane competition for those that don't do an egg drop- might be something additional to consider.

3. Communications

a. Any correspondence for grade levels?

i. Flat panel tvs don't have compatibility with VHS/VCR query the parents to see if any homes have extras (5 or 6 needed). Check your own home and please ask around. We don't feel it is necessary at this point to send a blanket request (as that might confuse our technology messaging about moving forward!)

ii. Also need the red, yellow, white cables cords if you have them.

iii. Is it worth digitizing VHS material? worth querying asking teachers would want curriculum digitized?

iv. Rebecca willing to take point to see what the teachers would want related to VCR versus digitized

b. Any requests for newsletter this week or next?

i. The candy buy back awarded \$200 for student council to purchase playground equipment by the student council.

4. Community Project Updates

a. Safe Routes update

- i. December 5th 2:45p for walking audit for pick-up (not parking, not congestion - just walking); he coordinates with the city as a representative for Safe Routes
- ii. District has been invited to assess the bus & car congestion
- iii. Safety vest have been discussed for parents helping with door opening and cross walk helpers
- iv. December 10th - Safe Routes meeting, soft report from the audit

- b. Community focus groups (Feb?)

- i. It will be an attempt to get feedback from parents that don't feel included; an attempt to be inclusive; then the feedback used to inform the PTO (budget group, community groups, pledge, etc)
- ii. Meghan discussed the creation of a focus group that can meet in the evening starting next spring. There could potentially be a different focus each month ie budget, event planning, other topics. We want more of the community to feel engaged in an authentic way but we don't want to overburden the volunteers who have already reworked schedules to make morning board meetings and evening general meetings. This would be in addition to that, but would not require board participation, unless wanted. The feedback from the focus groups would be presented to the board as well as to the budget committee during their planning for next year.

- c. Directory update — Yvonne Fox

- i. Finished! YEAH, Yvonne! They will be in Friday folder and promoted in newsletter

- d. Dad's Club report — Jason Throckmorton

- i. Planning for the egg drop, nothing else to report.

- e. Scrip and Spirit Wear report

- i. Big push before Thanksgiving for Andy's cards
- ii. Remember to use Amazon smile this holiday season.

- f. Assembly Schedule

- i. January — Ann Rovetto will be back in classrooms.
- ii. We are allocating \$1,000 (from "Clubs and Projects") to spend on an assembly around bullying issues and kid empowerment/control of their own space and bodies.

- 5. Other business. The issue of fundraising was raised:

- a. Diona Polito-Rubin — Santa's workshop idea (\$1-\$10 range) for kids to buy for their families with a 20% markup; total generated around \$800-\$1000.

- b. Others have sponsored spell-a-thon

- c. Bake sale with a business model that incorporates economics lesson
- d. Walker Creek discussion related to the school responsibility versus the school's responsibility. Idea discussed that there needs to be forewarning for family budget planning which falls on the 4th grade families this year.
- i. Open house for 4th grade families to give the heads up related to the upcoming \$300 when you reach 5th grade
- ii. This idea was tabled.
 - e. We have agreed not to push additional fundraisers outside of HeadsUp, Pledge and Auction, but classes can certainly organize their own fundraisers outside of the PTO channels (potentially to help raise money for 5th grade Walker Creek trip)
- 6. Acknowledgments
 - a. The McDowell dentists for the candy buy back
 - b. Advertisers from the directory

Lauren Kiff moved to adjourn; Jason Throckmorton seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:40am.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 3rd at 8:30pm in MPR.