



PTO Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2021

Virtual/Webex

Attendance:

PTO BOARD:

- Crystal Standerwick – President
- Susie Bellos – Vice President
- Debbie McGee – Treasurer
- Christina Coppola-Hanna – Secretary
- Michele Babbish – Principal

MEMBERS: Jolynn Stucky; Deanna Lumpkins; Gracelyn (valdjonailo@yahoo.com); Cathy Cushard; Jenine Spicer; Rikki Mutter; Stephanie Williams; Tara Moore; Andrea Trost; Courtney Elwart; Carolyn Ly; Wesam Shafei; Jennie Phipps; Rawa; Ereny Malaty; Mariam Malaty; Shenouda; Lihui

Call to Order: 7:41pm (C. Standerwick)

President's Report: C. Standerwick

- PTO Meetings Schedule
 - o Third Thursday of each month @ 7:30pm via WebEx
 - o 10/21/21; 11/18/21; 12/16/21; 1/20/21; 2/17/21; 3/17/21; 4/21/21; 5/19/21
 - o Subject to change; will notify if it does
- Review of Back to School Activities
 - o "Room Service" Welcome Back for Staff on 9/7/21; selected snacks via room service card that were delivered in the morning. All very excited and appreciative.
 - o Popsicles Fri"Yay" for students – kids loved it.
 - o M. Babbish thanked PTO on behalf of staff and shared that the treats for all were perfect timing for our first full day back after a long virtual break.
- Popcorn Fridays
 - o Bi-Weekly sales
 - o Possible sales to parents during pickup.
 - M. Babbish – full support. Suggests grassy area between doors 4 and Doors 11 may be a good central staging area. Need to be cognizant of parking situation
 - Still have sales to student during school
- Possible Fundraising/Events throughout the year listed – refer to PPT

Vice President's Report: S. Bellos

- Restaurant Coupon Card
 - o Reference card Mott uses for fundraising

- Card built around restaurants, stores, etc. around Troy and surrounding area
- Gives discount for purchase and/or free items
- Card is currently being develop, tentative fundraising date end of September, first of October
- Susick Snack Shack
 - Stock the teacher lounge with snacks
 - Looking for parent donations
 - Will set-up a sign-up with suggested items on Bloomz

Treasurer Report: D. McGee

- Current account holding: approximately \$5,000 including the \$3,000 required yearly start-up amount
- Proposed budget will be created once fundraisers/events list is finalized
- Slight decrease in funds due to not being able to collect all money from 2020 WFC Chocolate sales

Secretary's Report: C. Coppola-Hanna

- Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
 - All activities will be held outside this year
 - Friday October 22, 2021 from 6-8pm
 - Focus mainly on Trunk or Treat aspect; will create "tent cities" in case of inclement weather
 - Looking for Food Trucks/Vendors to participate – ask parents if they have any connections – J. Stucky to help reaching out to Food Trucks
 - Will be asking for donations for candy, etc.
 - May have a PTO popcorn stand
 - Send ideas to our email address: ptosusickgroup@gmail.com
 - Fun event; kids dress in costumes; very creative decorated trunks
- Rewards Programs
 - Box Tops program changed, so not really participating in it anymore
 - Amazon Smiles – will ask parents to link Amazon account to smile.amazon.com. Percentage of sales will go back to Susick. "Margaret Susick PTO" must be selected on the smile.amazon.com site.
 - Amazon Wish List – May have staff create their wish list so parents have a source for Christmas/teacher appreciation gifts
 - Kroger's Community Rewards – percentage of purchase donated back to Susick. Rewards linked to Kroger card, so just need to sign it up. Currently only about 25 families participating.

Principal's Report – M. Babbish

- Appreciates the PTO meetings being virtual to allow for more participation
- Encourages getting more parents involved in the PTO and to spread the word
- Recognize staff members in attendance: Cathy Cushard, Rikki Mutter, Stephanie Williams (interim Media Specialist)

- Stephanie Williams: "Excited to be in the media center and the students were excited to be in media as well. Great to be at Susick."
- Scholastic Book Fair extremely successful in 2019, led by Mrs. Standerwick; welcomes participation of Mrs. Williams with Mrs. Standerwick for an even more successful book fair this school year
- Open House video – great opportunity to showcase the students in their classroom for parents who have never been in the building and don't have the opportunity this year because of COVID restrictions; especially K & 1 grades
- Mask-required school district: going well with all of the children, very cooperative with wearing masks all day
- Lunch room seating charts created to help mitigate spread and for contact tracing if an outbreak occurs – practiced with students, very well received.
- Abundant PPE for students and staff all around Susick
- New Susick Staff Members:
 - Abbi Scalici – 4th Grade
 - Andrea Prebay – Speech Pathologist
 - Kyla Marcial – Social Worker
- NWEA Testing will begin – essential all students request a district laptop for testing and classroom activities
- Currently 3-week turnaround to get individual laptops assigned to student

Teacher's Report: - Nothing to add at this time

Open Floor:

Susick Spiritwear

- Website no longer available due to not meeting minimum sales last year
- Will look for alternative supplier

Next Meeting: October 21, 2021

Meeting Adjourned: 8:27p.m