



SUNSET RIDGE/ MIDDLEFORK PTO MEETING December 11, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/ APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

Jenny Damon, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 9.05am.

Motion to Approve: Tom Whittaker

Seconded: Tara Subeck

PTO VOTE TO ADD 2 BOARD POSITIONS - PICTURE DAY (MF & SRS): Jessica Adams

Jessica began by thanking everyone for attending and reminded us that the PTO must have a quorum present to hold a vote, meaning 17 Board Members. She asked that all who approve the creation of the two Board positions by raising our hands. All 19 Board Members present approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ewa Vlad, Treasurer

Jenny first informed us that since Boosterthon are categorized as a Professional Consultant, not a Professional Fundraiser. Thus, we would never have needed to have our books audited and we can, going forward, use Boosterthon should we choose to.

Income:

- PTO Dues – We are still trying to collect Dues. Eva revealed that emails have gone out to parents who have not paid.

Account Balances:

- Main Checking - \$45,000
- CD - \$27,000
- 8th Grade Fund - \$ 6,000

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PTO Gifts: Erica Marinello

Erica thanked everyone for their feedback and reminded us that the PTO Gifts Committee would meet immediately after today's PTO Meeting to decide on which Proposals would be funded. She revealed that Proposers would be notified afterward.

Junior Great Books: Margie Huber

Margie informed us that, due to Lauren Gray's SRS Book Clubs for 4th and 5th Graders, we would not offer JGB at SRS this year. At MF, 2nd and 3rd Graders can sign-up. She reminded us that flyers went home in backpacks and the deadline is December 19th.

Winter Benefit: Cathy Langford & Bianca Rose

The Benefit is set for March 2nd. Bianca informed us that the Big Reveal would take place at the Winter Concerts. She reminded us that they are still seeking donations.

Parent Connections: Sydney Clark

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 17th at 8.45am at SRS.

COMMUNITY UPDATE: CHIEF LUSTIG

Chief Lustig divulged that there had been 12 car burglaries in Northfield the night before. He noted that all the cars were unlocked and reminded us that we should be locking our cars.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Dr. Ed Stange, Superintendent

Dr. Stange thanked the PTO for the Conference Meals, which were great. He reminded us that they are in the midst of Collective Bargaining. Dr. Stange revealed that at the School Board Meeting they would discuss the District Calendar for 2019-2020, and reminded us that the State mandates 176 days, so they try their best to follow the NT calendar and account for possible snow days. This time they are also considering hosting Parent/Teacher conferences earlier in the fall trimester.

Dr. Mary Frances Greene, MF Principal

Dr. Stange spoke for Dr. Greene.

Upcoming Events: Details are on the School Calendar on the website.

December 19: Winter Sing – Grades 1, 2, 3

January 17: Winter Sing - Kindergarten

3rd Grade Graduation: Given the snow day, our last day of school will be June 6th. Graduation will also take place that day.

Recess: The children have been using a system of ‘rock, paper, scissors’ to determine who goes on the swings. It has gone very well and has created a completely level playing field.

Dedicated Dolphins: They will be fundraising for those affected by the California forest fires.

Winter Parent Book Club: Dr. Greene will send out a survey to parents before Winter Break to determine the interest level. She is also deciding upon the book.

Dr. Ivy Sukenik, SRS Principal

Vaping Presentation: Dr. Sukenik thanked everyone who attended on December 6th. She informed us that the video-link will be on the website today for parents who could not attend. She noted that it was very informative. Dr. Sukenik suggested that if anyone has requests for presentations on Community Education topics, please let her know.

Concerts: 5th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert will be Thursday, December 13th. The Junior High Concert Season will be Tuesday, December 18th, with an afternoon concert in addition to the evening one.

Fall Sports: Boys and Girls Basketball is underway with 6th Graders playing their first games this week, and 7/8th Graders having theirs after Thanksgiving.

Service Leagues: Dr. Sukenik revealed that we met the goal for our Transportation League. The focus for January and February will be on Family & Children.

Disney Trip: The Disney Trip will be in January for 6th, 7th and 8th Graders who have opted to go.

Student Council: Dr. Sukenik informed us that the Student Council is very busy. They are hosting a movie night on Friday, December 14th and are screening Home Alone for 4th, 5th and 6th Graders.

Dr. Sukenik reminded us that next week the Student Council have organized Spirit Week.

Monday - Ugly Sweater Day

Tuesday - Winter Hat & Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday - PJ Day

Thursday - Winter Sportswear Day

Friday - Animal Dress-up Day (Dr. Stange revealed that the alternative pitch was for Bring Your Animal To School Day)

5 Essentials Survey: Parents and staff will be able to complete the Survey after Winter Break. It is administered to parents of all SRS students. When asked if it should be completed for each child or once per family, Dr. Stange answered that the State says it should be for every child, but he does not expect that of parents. He noted that the results go on the School's Report Card, but he also revealed that it gives Administration great feedback on what is and is not working.

School Board: Jill Mirkovic

Jill shared that there would be an Education Committee Meeting at 6pm tonight, before the School Board Meeting at 7pm. Jill also noted that in considering options for the District Calendar for 2019-2020, they also need to incorporate the fact that MF will be under construction next summer, so they want to give as much time as possible to that. Jill revealed that NT's summer school calendar also affects the District Calendar.

Teacher Representative: Dr. Beth Pauls

Dr. Pauls thanked the PTO for the delicious Conference Meals.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Tara Subeck

Seconded by: Tom Whittaker