



## **SEMS PTO Meeting Minutes**

**September 21, 2023 @ 1:00pm**

**Members Present:** Robin Holland, Alesia McCully, Lindsey Smith, Jamila Gowdy, Tricia Storey, Drea Colores, Jill van Es

**Guests:** Jessica Ackerman

**President Robin Holland called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.**

**A motion was made by Drea Colores to approve the August minutes. Lindsey Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.**

### **I. President Report - Robin Holland**

- A. PAC (Parent Action Committee) Update
  - a. Went over strategic promise and goal for the year which is connection and belonging. According to student surveys, they are still not happy to go to school.
  - b. Dr. Johnsen made a reference that the district is supplying basic supplies for teachers.
- B. Recruitment
  - a. Open positions for next school year:
    - i. President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP Fundraising, VP Hospitality, Spirit Wear, and possibly Communications.
    - ii. Considering a meet and greet for interested parents.
- C. Book fair
  - a. Went great, volunteers were much appreciated by our librarian. There was \$9727.62 in sales.

### **II. Treasurer Report - Robin Holland for Jamila Gowdy**

- A. Fund the Nest donations are coming in.

### **III. Administration Report - Tricia Storey**

- A. Back to School report
  - a. Club rush is next Thursday.
  - b. One of the teachers wants to do a Math Counts program after school.

- c. After school tutoring started this week.
- d. There was a movie for heritage month after school yesterday and there was a good turnout. Hoping to do one every month for different heritages.
- e. Panorama survey results in, The sense of belonging kept coming up. Ours is around 50%, many felt like they didn't have a good connection to a staff member on campus but most had a connection to someone outside of campus.
- f. All school with new principles have STA
- g. Popsicles and the donated Respect the Nest T Shirts will be handed out next week for 6th graders

#### **IV. Fundraising Report - Robin Holland for Julie Murphy**

- A. Fund the Nest - update on contest
  - a. Month of September \$12,575 total, \$10,230 for contest. \$14,665 total not including athletics since beginning of August for Fund the Nest.
  - b. Last day for the homeroom contest is this Sunday.
  - c. Winners will be announced Thursday on SEMS TV.
  - d. Tentative date for class parties for the winners is Friday, October 6th. It will be an off campus lunch with pizza and Kona Ice. Students will need a permission slip.
- B. Spring Fundraiser - Drea Colores
  - a. Logistic questions, can we involve asb, pe, band? Maybe a pep rally?
  - b. Tricia will ask teachers about helping promote fun activities associated with the fundraiser.
  - c. Need Tshirts, sign up bracelets (rubber ones), color packets, music, prizes possibly with different types of color stuff, squeeze bottles for color, etc.
  - d. Jamila is in the process of setting up a Pledge star donation sight.

#### **V. Communications Report - Lindsey Smith**

- A. Will do another post to push Fund the Nest

#### **VI. ASB - Jill van Es**

- A. ASB elections went well.
- B. Club rush is coming up.
- C. Will start doing lunchtime activities, hoping to start in October.
- D. Would like to get the student store open to start bringing in some money. Need to look into having parent volunteers oversee kids handling money.
- E. Red Ribbon week is October 23 -27.
- F. Unity day is October 18 - wear orange.
- G. Costume contest on October 31.

## **VII. New Business**

- A. Guest, Jessica Ackerman, talked about giveback shopping events for teachers at various retailers.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2: 19pm. Next meeting will be on October 19, 2023.**