



SEMS PTO Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2023 @ 1:00pm

Members Present: Robin Holland, Alesia McCully, Lindsey Smith, Jamila Gowdy, Cheryl Sestito, Julie Murphy

President Robin Holland called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

A motion was made by Lindsey Smith to approve the October minutes. Julie Murphy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

I. President Report - Robin Holland

A. PAC (Parent Action Committee) Update

- a. Discussed budget that will be covered in the board meeting. Enrollment across the state is down.
- b. They now have a printed page of what Portrait of a Graduate looks like that can be handed out.
- c. Talked about Artificial Intelligence. Currently all chromebooks can not access AI websites. Discussed how the district handles this for the future and how to incorporate it.
- d. Discussed moving boundary for Discovery Elementary. The plan is to move SpEd students to SEES to free up space so no boundaries will need to be changed at the moment.

B. Updates

- a. PTO will purchase gift cards for Spelling Bee awards which will be handed out after winter break.

II. Treasurer Report - Jamila Gowdy

- A. Went over income and expenses.
- B. Donated \$2000 to Santa Elijo.

III. Administration Report - Cheryl Sestito

- A. Thank you for the Santa Elijo donations and support of the after-school tutoring program.

- B. After-school programs will continue in the spring. All subjects will be offered again for tutoring. Also offering color guard, e-sports, guitar, and maybe a public speaking class
- C. The food drive went amazing.
 - a. 2500 items were collected.
- D. We've asked for feedback from kids for lunch activities.
 - a. On days where there are no ASB activities, we've been providing bouncy balls and the kids have enjoyed them.
- E. The 8th grade dance was so fun and there was a great turnout.
- F. We've been meeting with the positive behavior team, looking to collaborate as a site on our approach to behavior.
 - a. Looking at patterns and data, using restorative practice training,
 - b. We have a behavior table with expectations and interventions.
 - c. Students looked at these and provided feedback on incentives.
 - d. We're looking at middle school design. A 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teacher from the district is examining middle school structure and seeing how it can be improved. Currently at the beginning stage of research.
- G. Would like to continue using the Math Nest program before school, once a week. Requesting \$100. Will look at the budget for this.
- H. Also requesting \$100 for Buddy Club at lunch,
 - i. Both will possibly come out of the operating expense line item on budget.
- I. 8th grade promotion is getting expensive. Discussed using money set aside for the 8th grade party to put towards promotion and offering maybe Knotts berry farm, Sea World or some other field trip.
 - a. Was considering allowing more tickets per student for promotion. Going to look at all these expenses more and will continue discussing this topic. Going to get kids feedback too.

IV. Communications Report - Lindsey Smith

- A. In January, we'll put stuff together for our spring fundraiser.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm. Next meeting will be on January 18, 2024.