

SHES PTO Monthly Meeting
Tuesday October 10, 2023
10:00 AM

I. Welcome & Introductions

In attendance: Anne Gillespie, Emily Litznerski, Laura Eastman, Daniel Momont, Gabriela Martinez, Cierra Atkinson, Johan, Laura C., Albi Schroeder (Teacher Rep), Haewon, Liz Cassarino, Laura Valderrama

- New board positions - Laura Eastman (Co-Vice President), Daniel Momont (Treasurer), Laura Valderrama (Secretary)

II. Principal Update

- State Report Card Results: Principal Gillespie reports that the grades significantly exceeded expectations and overall scores went up. SHES performed better than 99.9% of schools in the state and is one of the top 15 elementary schools in the state.
- Encouraging volunteering at the school - Principal Gillespie and Nadine will check to see if it is possible to share the names of parents who completed training with PTO. There has been some confusion about which training is required to be re-approved for volunteering. Help is needed especially for recess duty; every other week a sign-up sheet will be sent out via Sharktooth, classroom newsletters, and uploaded to the website.

III. Teacher/Staff Updates

- Albi echoed Principal Gillespie's point that teachers/staff are eager for parents to volunteer at school.

IV. Calendar

- Poetry Night after the completion of the poetry unit for fourth graders; Liz will reach out to David Daniel to coordinate.

V. Upcoming Events

- A. Popcorn sale - Volunteers needed for 10/24. Gabriela remarked to please send an email to her when the popcorn supplies are running low so that more can be ordered in advance and prevent running out of supplies/popcorn.
- B. October 14th - Fall clean up (Liz and volunteers) - Rain Date: Sunday, October 15th
- C. October 28th - Fall festival (Daniel and volunteers) - One of the custodians will be available to move the festival inside if necessary due to weather. More volunteers are needed to help with snacks and crafts. Teachers will be asked to send volunteer sign-up sheets through newsletters.
- D. October 19th - Costume Swap - Liz and Emily will coordinate the costume rack at pick up.

One costume per child. Drive will start on 10/16 and end on 10/19.

- E. October 30th - Winter Clothing Drive: will end on 11/2 and 11/3 during conferences.
- F. November 2nd and 3rd Conferences - 3:45/4:00-8:00 PM. PTO will provide dinner on Thursday night (Gabriela will organize) and snack table on Friday. Sign-up genius will be sent to parents for snacks for teachers' lounge.
- G. November 2nd and 3rd Scholastic Book Fair - Lucy McCluskey is coordinating with Scholastic to organize the book fair and more information will be known later in the week. Volunteers will be needed to help setup and run the fair.
- H. Annual Appeal - website is more streamlined than last year. \$13,000 is the goal this year. Teacher testimonials and examples of goals that were accomplished will be provided so that parents will be more encouraged to donate.
- I. Spirit Gear - Extra spirit gear from last year will be given to social worker and school nurse. New design: gray t-shirt with royal blue shark. Dan will organize the order form via Google Forms
- J. Wine Pool Fundraiser - Laura Chidylo willing to organize

VI. After School Classes check-in

- A. Chess Club and Chess tournament - all participants have paid; no tournament date yet
- B. FPS Club (4 and 5 graders, Wednesdays afternoon)
- C. Unicycle Club (Paulina will be parent representative) - will start on 10/18 and will be of 8 experienced riders and 8 new riders this year. There has been concern that not everyone is receiving information about the clubs and more consistency is needed in order for new students to participate. A lottery system may be considered in the future. Liz will discuss with Paulina and Mr. Edmonds.
- D. Korean Language Club - \$100 for 10 classes; open to all students and start date is to be determined
- E. Drama Club - Liz may start drama club again

IX. Adjourn: 11:17