

# Swanson Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

6:00 pm

## 1) Opening (Beth Kimmel)

- a) Welcome
- b) Communication
  - i) Membership Toolkit- Beth has been working with this. Email blasts going out. Would like more people signed up, it is an "opt-in". Beth will work with the office to work on website.
  - ii) Facebook- increasing membership.
- c) Outdoor Movie Feedback- went well, great weather, company was great to work with. Approximately \$200 profit on concessions. Earlier start time was a good idea- kids were able to play and parents were able to socialize.
- d) Teacher/Classroom Funds- Historically PTO has given classroom teachers funds, \$100, for them to spend or cover expenses. Put on the radar that we should try to get that out to the teachers- approximately 36 teachers. There is the opportunity for teachers to request additional funds by applying. Funds are limited.

## 2) Information from our Principal (Kori Hartman)

- a) Bus issues- a few routes consolidated. It has been 2 weeks since there have been very late buses. Parents are concerned with the amount of sub drivers. Nature center field trips, and other field trips were able to obtain buses for those activities. Overall things are improving.
- b) 10/22 is a half day, students go home at 12:09pm. Office will do a dedicated school messenger to let parents and families no. No lunch that day.
- c) MAP report will be sent home this week.
- d) The Fun Run is this Friday!
  - i) The PE teacher will go over the rules with the students, and music at the end. Will use some cones from parent pick up for the 4k runners near the fence.
  - ii) Need someone to volunteer to wear the Eagle Costume.
  - iii) We are still in need of volunteers. [Sign-up Genius](#)

## 3) Treasurer Update (Joy Swartzbaugh and Erin Stache)

- a) Requests are: \$100 per teacher
- b) \$9,000 approximately
- c) Deficits, need to fundraise!!

## 4) D. Upcoming Events (Shannon Blunt and Heather Reszczynski)

- a) Fall Fundraiser - Fun Run
  - i) October 15 - Friday
    - (1) [Online donations](#) - 10,875 total \$9461.25 take home
    - (2) Cash take home is \$1,811, total \$11,272.25.
    - (3) Top classroom, and top for the grade. Prizes for those- popsicles.
- b) Restaurant Nights- Portillo's 11/1
  - i) Portillo's November 1st- Dinner out, minimum \$200 (drive thru or dine in, online orders don't count- 20% back, 5-8pm)
- c) Donut/Muffin Mornings- Cannot commit to now due to lack of funds at this time. Cody is willing to do them, not sure with COVID and funding.
- d) Penny Wars? Difficult due to weight and amount of work. Heather- will ask her bank contact if this is possible and will come back to PTO to report on this. Suggest for after the holidays.
- e) Kringle sales possible in spring.
- f) Skateland will do 50% profit, not sure what it all entails. Heather will look into it.

**5) Cultural Event Planning- (Amber Gonzalez Grant)**

- a) Bulletin board in lobby, glass case near gym for cultural celebrations, announcements with hello in another language, a song. Also, will look at a possible virtual performer.

**6) Other**

- a) Blizzard Ball- Committee already formed, will run again if we are able
- b) Swanson Fest- Will start planning in winter
- c) Membership Toolkit- can update pictures and contact info.
- d) Possible welcoming committee for new families, try to get a PTO room mom for every home room. 34 teachers, and 36 if you count k4. Push out to Home room- Parent contact, for volunteering, can share the parent volunteer email to coordinate.
- e) Parent Teacher Conferences- 11/18 zoom and in person. Plan a dinner for that night for the staff- just certified staff- will await final number.

**7) Dr. Hansen came to visit and answered questions from the PTO.**

- a) Question was asked about how to fundraise- he discussed how to improve fundraising, collaborate with other PTO organizations.
- b) Suggested we ramp up Buddy System due to the influx of new families. We currently have a buddy system, but will look at this and see how to connect more families. Jen can ask permission for the PTO to be able to welcome the family. Idea of welcoming new families with a sign in their yard and goodie bag.
- c) Covid is improving, hoping to move in the right direction. Working with the health department, will start implementing testing in schools. Covid vaccine clinic planning outside of school hours.