

PSMS PTO MEETING MINUTES

3/ 1/19

9:00 AM

PRESENT: Sally Jercha, Aimee Bernstein, Andrea Myers, Kara Golian, Julie Browne, Julie Rudman, Markie Rankin, Yael Reem, Lindsay McCowan, Susan Campbell, Eric Rembold

- I. WELCOME—Sally Jercha—Sally introduced members of the STUCO who were invited to share desires for changes for Panther Nights. Ellie, Amber and Emma (3 8th grade students) shared suggestions. 6th/7th grade suggestions: Hungry Hippo Blow Up Bouncy House/Ruffle/Soda Pop Toss/Wheel of Prizes/Toilet Toss/Board Games in Library; Additional 7th grade suggestions: Cotton Candy/Photo Booth/More Panther Nights; 8th grade suggestion: A school dance/Chick-Fil-A/DJ in Gym/Carnival Games.
- II. SECRETARY’S REPORT—Susan Campbell: Markie moved to approve the February 2019 PSMS PTO minutes. Kara seconded the motion and the Board approved.
- III. TREASURE’S REPORT—Kara Golian: Checking account balance at 2/28/19 - \$42,552.08. Payments this month included \$308.45 for Directory (printing charges), \$44.89 for Teacher Wish List (Lisa Nocita – prizes for winter break reading challenge) and \$70.86 for Staff Appreciation (staff breakfast and a replacement gift card for teacher holiday jar). Aside from our monthly district deposit, our only deposit was \$17.27 from Amazon Smile. Our current PTO Invest and Membership in PSMS balance is \$16,620.00 and our 8th Grade Farewell balance is \$5,985.00. Sally discussed the option for PTO to fund the graduating senior scholarship of \$500 that STUCO currently funds. Susan moved the PSMS PTO fund this scholarship and Markie seconded it. All were in agreement. Susan also moved \$2500 be added to the budget for funding grants. Aimee seconded the motion. All were in agreement.

IV. PTO/PSMS INVEST REPORT: The goal for INVEST this year is \$13,000. Our current PTO Invest and Membership in PSMS balance is \$16,545.00.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

1ST VP REPORTS—Betsy Lewis. SCHOOL SUPPLIES: No report.

SPIRIT WEAR:--(Lindsay)—Spirit Wear items have been selected and are being produced. The committee is determining printing/embroider options. One crew neck sweatshirt, 1 pair of jogging pants, and one hat are being produced. Current remaining Spirit Wear items will be sold with items created by 6th grade. COMMUNICATIONS:--(Jillaine VonSeldeneck) – No update.

2ND VP REPORTS—Aimee Bernstein-- Diversity Initiative-A meeting was held and was positive. The committee hopes to gain additional members with additional diverse backgrounds. PANTHER NIGHT/FALL FRENZY (Julie Bowne) –STUCO presented requests for Panther Nights. The committee will consider the requests in order to revamp these activities. HEALTH SCREENINGS (Andrea Myers) –No report. COMMUNITY SERVICE—Aimee and Julie reported the next activity will be in cooperation with Giving Brick which includes organizing and taking inventory of Legos to create full sets. This has been delayed due to Snow Days. Projects may be ongoing throughout the quarter. EIGHTH GRADE FAREWELL-- (Stephanie) – A note will go out reminding students to pay. The budget is very tight, so the Hy-Vee breakfast will not be provided. Donuts will be provided for the students and 7th graders will service those tables. Aimee will check with the committee regarding a gluten free option.

3RD VP REPORTS—Melanie Marquart. COMMUNITY PARTNERS—No new information. We received a check for approximately \$400 from Kona Ice. Sonic night has been set for May 9, 2019 and October 10, 2019. There is no update on the partnership with His and Her Fitness at this time. BVEF LIASON – Over \$13,000 in grant monies was awarded to PSMS. Major Savor began in January. SIGN CARETAKER: No report. STAFF

APPRECIATION: Teachers provided wish lists and hand sanitizer, markers, and other supplies were placed in boxes. Great turnout for Parent/Teacher Conference Meals. We have Teacher Appreciation Week and one more treat for this year. May utilize Sign-Up Genius for these activities. There is less than \$90 remaining in the Staff Appreciation budget. We are able to go over in a budget area by 10% and then have to take the budget to the PTO Board for assessment. DIRECTORY: Directories have been distributed. We will need to complete these differently next year.

- VI. PSMS ADMINISTRATION REPORT—(Eric Rembold) 7th Grade Travel Project Presentations completed 3/1/19. Rescheduling athletic events have been difficult with snow days. Testing schedule will include math and reading following break. Laptops will make testing easier and more efficient. Social/Emotional Connectedness Surveys being completed by students. Effort will be made to connect to students who do not report staff or school connections.
- VII. PRESIDENT’S REPORT—PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL MEETING: President’s Report: STUCO would like new water fountains that are \$2500 per fountain. A ketchup dispenser is also being requested. March 2 is the PSE Carnival and volunteers are needed. STUCO will share feedback with the PSMS PTO Board regarding Panther Nights. Council Meeting Report: There is legislation to remove school rights to sue the state for funding. There is talk of wanting to remove the funding formula. The district is focusing on unconscious bias training to battle racial issues. Vaping is increasing and school consequences will also increase. DANK is a vape laced with marijuana. Night of Lights will be held April 26.
- VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED. NEXT MEETING will be held April 5.