

PTO Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2018
9:15 a.m.

Attendees

Shilpa Rao, Sonya Land, Danielle Mosley, Debbie Palazzola, Amy Fitter, Beth Chausow, Greg Cicotte, Rob Boswell, Amy Scharff, Katie Lail, Woonin Robinson, Valerie Harris, Jill Whitaker

I. Call to Order

Sonya Land called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

The expectation of all PTO meetings is for them to last for approximately one hour. According to the published by-laws, one purpose of our meeting is to “receive brief summary reports from all active committees.” Only PTO business will be discussed at our meetings. Any personal or school district related issues should be discussed outside of the meeting with the appropriate school administration at another time. One person at a time should speak so we may all hear each other and the recording secretary is able to provide us with clear and concise minutes of each meeting. The appointed meeting facilitator reserves the right to move the meeting forward, which means possibly limiting the time someone has to present their information.

II. Welcome

Sonya Land welcomed everyone to the meeting.

III. September Meeting Minutes Approval

Sonya Land requested a motion to approve the PTO meeting minutes from September 2017. Copies of the minutes were provided to those in attendance. Amy Scharff presented a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Danielle Mosley seconded the motion.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Treasurer Report - Michele Duvall

Sonya reported on Michele’s behalf. We currently have received \$10,150.00 in Panther Pledge donations, which includes approximately \$1,300.00 in company matches.

B. Vice President Report – Steven Shane

Sonya reported on Steven’s behalf.

Committee Reports

- a. Trivia Night – Rob Boswell - Rob provided an update. Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2018. It will be held at CBC this year. We have received a lot of donations and a Facebook page has been created. We will have an online auction this year so that everyone can participate whether or not they attend trivia night. There will be some live auction items at trivia night as well for those in attendance. There are currently 70 people following the FB page and we have 18 tables (of 8 people each) registered so far. There are approximately 170 items that have been donated and several great packages for kids and families are available. We also have received \$2000.00 from company sponsors. Trivia Night is our biggest fundraiser of the year and our goal is to raise \$20,000.00 this year.
- b. Pancake Breakfast – Dan Brady – Sonya announced that our annual Pancake Breakfast is on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9-11am. Families can pay at the door if they have not R.S.V.P.’d ahead of time.

- c. Welcome Committee – Valerie Harris – Sonya provided an update that our Welcome Committee handed out stickers and decorated with balloons at kindergarten registration for incoming students. They also contact new families after they enroll at SVE to welcome them to our school community and they provide new students with a SVE t-shirt so that they have a piece of spirit wear to use throughout the year.

C. President Report – Sonya Land

1. April Board Elections – PTO is looking for nominees for Vice President for the 2018-2019 school year. Please let Sonya know if you are interested in this position.

The duties of the Vice President include the following:

- Act as an aide to the president and shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, incapacity, or failure to act.
- Serve as room parent coordinator. Duties will include, but are not limited to:
 - Conduct a meeting in September to inform all room parents of their duties.
 - Identify one grade level head room parent for each grade at that meeting.
 - Create a master list of those people and give it to both the office staff and the buzz book coordinator as early in the year as possible.
- Succeed the President in the event of the President's resignation or removal from office until such time as the Executive Board appoints a candidate to fill the vacancy left by the President's resignation or removal.
- Serve as chairperson of the Spirit Day Committee.

2. Pre-Packaged School Supplies for Next Year – We will send home information about ordering school supplies after spring break. We are using a new company this year, but prices are comparable to last year. Most grade-level school supplies will be around \$50.00-\$55.00 per student. One of the concerns with last year's supplies was the poor quality of the headphones. Teachers had an opportunity to sample the quality of the headphones from the new company and were satisfied with them.

3. Rummage Sale – PTO will be holding a Rummage Sale fundraiser on April 14, 2018 on the blacktop. We are selling 10' x 10' spaces for \$15.00 each. The cost will include one table. Sign up, bring your stuff, make some money, and help raise funds for the PTO.

V. Wellness Committee – Mandy Rajchart – Sonya reported that there was no new information from the Wellness Committee at this time.

VI. Teacher Report – Amy Fitter

Amy Fitter is the teacher representative for the PTO. On behalf of herself and the teachers, she expressed appreciation for the Appreciate a Panther program, funding for Dreambox, staff appreciation luncheon before winter break, and supplying teachers and their guests with tickets to trivia night.

VII. Internet Safety Presentation – Jason Rooks, Director of Technology & Innovation

Jason Rooks gave an informative presentation on internet safety. He discussed the challenges related to balancing access vs. security and provided an overview of the procedures used by his department to monitor students' use of technology through Go Guardian, which is a program that provides them with alerts related to explicit content, pornography, and self-harm searches. This applies any time that students are logged in to their Parkway accounts and/or on Parkway devices. He provided useful tips, information, and resources for ways to discuss internet safety with our children. Jason Rooks can be contacted at 314-415-8101.

VIII. Principal Report – Greg Cicotte

Dr. Cicotte reported that our honors orchestra was invited to perform at the Missouri Music Educator's Association conference in Tan-Tar-A last weekend. The last time our students had this opportunity was in 1990 or 1991. It was a fun experience for all who attended. He also reported on plans to move forward with school-wide leadership roles for students in grades 3-5. There are 9 roles that will be presented to students this week. They will pick up to 3 roles that they would be interested in and roles will be assigned based on this input. They will meet 2-3 times for the remainder of the school year during Lead Time with 1-2 staff members and groups of students to establish their roles in our school. K-2 students are taking on grade-wide roles. For example, kindergarteners will be in charge of birthday wishes and will create cards to pass out to students on their birthdays. The 5th grade roles that have been in place for years (e.g., student greeters) will continue and be in addition to the new roles.

IX. New Business

Debbie Palazzola announced that summer school will be June 4-22 at SVE. Summer school is free again this year. Online registration starts on February 15th at 11:00am for elementary school students.

X. Adjournment – Sonya Land adjourned the meeting at 10:26am. Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.