



Parent
Support
Organization

MEETING MINUTES

SMS Media Center Community Room

Date and time: 11/4/24 at 2:30pm

Board Members:

Tiffany Yandt - President

Heather Flower & Danielle Bailey - Co-Hospitality

Morgan Luccio - Communications

Lindsey Brewer - Volunteer Coordinator

Farrah Burke - Secretary

Staff:

Andy Van Fleet

Brittany Morales

Kyle Virding

Stacy Holloway

Meeting called to order at 2:37pm by Tiffany Yandt, President

Administration Report:

- The SMS staff had a strong professional development day last Friday. All day discussion on grading/standard based etc. Andy got good feedback on student survey. They wanted to provide professional development that was relevant. There were breakouts on AI, gamification, behavior development, standards based grading support etc. Staff bounced around and the staff felt it was 4.3 stars on the professional development that was provided. Great day!
- After 10 weeks of being in school SMS is now down over 50% on behavior issues.
 - What contributed: Cell phone policy (less drama,) the way that they approached the start of the year with positivity and inspire students. They are also building

relationships with students that have behavioral issues. Very intentional with setting expectations with kids. Expectations stations. With less behavioral issues they can spend time on the ones that pop up.

- Bo bucks. Students/6th graders are really into the Bo Buck announcements.
- All have recovered from Freaky Friday. Seeing parent volunteers come out in that scale was really overwhelming.
 - Andy would like to get more parent volunteers so the burden is not on the few PSO.
 - Andy expressed appreciation for the meal provided to the teachers.
- Over 200 people are coming for the Veterans brunch.
- Student of the Month is on Thursday. Community is the theme. Students that are cool with everyone.
- They have been scrambling to find spaces for people. They found storage for the Student Store. Archer Industries is occupying the old convenience store and cheer is relocated.
 - Ball check out is now permanently in the Student Store since large items the PSO formerly stored there are now relocated.

President Report:

- Stipend issue: We will give the staff \$20,000 this year. It will be divided amongst staff. Full time will get \$270. PT will get their share. Custodial, mental health, and the kitchen will also get a stipend this year. This is included in the \$20K, not additional.
 - For any money that is left at the end of the year, it will go into the principal's fund. High on his list is a popcorn machine.
 - We should vote on the budget at the end of the year meeting so there is no confusion.

Hospitality Report:

- Will work on getting December plans ready. Nothing else new.

Freaky Friday Recap:

- **Gross Total:** \$37,066.03
- **Pledgestar:** \$23,743.07

*We had hoped that Pledgestar would do more. Freaky Friday is so huge we had hoped for Pledgestar to grow more and we might be able to put for effort into it.

Ideas for Future:

- Could we do Monster Dash the week before? To help relieve the volunteers/timing/logistics.
- Could we do Monster Dash inside?

- We had some issues with kids not being respectful.
- We didn't have enough adults or teachers to police the behavior.
- PE Teachers were not in person as much as we would have hoped.
 - Should we have the administration involved in meetings before to ensure the expectations are there for the teachers.
- Do we need to add more incremental prizes or free things like spirit week?
- Could we take a poll of what prizes they are interested in next year. They weren't as excited about our prizes for Monster Dash this year unfortunately.

Funding Requests:

- Cassie Brooks winter/summer book bags \$1500 for book bag requests. They have already been awarded \$500 by SEF. Benefits 85 students. The book bags will be filled with "Just Right" books for over winter and summer break. Goal it to give each student 10 books. Principal will scrape together \$500, if we can give \$500
- We have \$4,994 left to use this year for grants.
 - Motion to approve the Cassie Brooks request. Approved for \$500.
 - \$4,494 left for grants this year.

Veterans Day brunch preparations

- Got all volunteers for prep 2-3:00pm Thursday
- Got all volunteers for morning of 7:00-10:00am Friday (thanks to everyone for stepping up to volunteer at the meeting)

Leadership's Spirit Week is the 1st of December, Morgan to market on social media.

Old Business

Approval of last month's minutes. Approved!

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.