

Sycamore PTO

Sycamore Elementary PTO Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

- **Co -President Business – Erika**
 - Introductions - Everyone introduced themselves
 - Meet the Board Activity – two truths and a lie activity
 - Teacher Surveys – PTO sent out a survey wanting feedback from the teachers. Sharon Harris should have sent that to the teachers this afternoon.

- **Co -President Business – Lauren**
 - T-Shirt Contest – We have gotten very few entries to the contest. So, feel free to encourage your students to send in an entry. Also, we have a lot of the t-shirt sizing forms back, so we will send a few of them back out to students that did not return them. It was decided that the contest would be extended by a week to allow teachers to promote this to their students.
 - Spirit Wear – We will be doing the Spirit wear again this year and we will include GLITTER!! Teachers are talking about purchasing shirts on their own. Ms. Harris will discuss this with the staff and let the PTO know if staff shirts are needed.

- **Fundraising Business – Chandra**
 - October Fundraiser – Charleston Wrap
The fundraiser will run from October 12 – November 2nd. The students will be bringing this home the Friday before fall break. Be on the lookout for more information.

Suggestion of sending out a form to allow parents to make a flat donation instead of participating in the fundraiser and having to sell things.

- **Hospitality Coordinator - Shae**
 - Volunteer List Update – Approx: 140 people signed up for this.
 - Grant Opportunities – Shae’s background is in grant writing. If you need something and are interested in something just let her know. She would be willing to help write grants (even to help with AEF grants).
 - Upcoming Teacher Appreciation Activities – Thank you to parents that donated to the back to school breakfast for teachers. Food Cart Fridays idea sheet being given to teachers to put on things that would like to see on the food cart (think vending machine). Teachers Lounge sprinkle??? Looking for things they need in the teachers lounge??? A microwave is needed. Also thinking about deep cleaning, the lounge. Any help to give Shae ideas on themes would be awesome.

- **Activities Business – Nicole and Parmpreet**
 - Family Game Night – October 11th at 6:30 pm
Don’t have exact details yet – We will be reaching out and asking for donations of games to be used for this night.
Kona Ice – We received \$135 from the Meet the Teacher day and \$57 from the Tie Dye lab (summer activity).

- **Treasurer / Corporate Donations Business – Cheryl**

- 2018-2019 Proposed Budget – Budget needs to be approved at this first meeting. We are hoping to make \$10,000 at the fall fundraiser. We will need to make \$5,000 for us to be able to offer teacher grants for the 2018-2019 school year.

Campaign letter for State Employee Community Campaign. This is something state employees can do to support the schools. It might be helpful to put more information to make it easier for people to find Sycamore Elementary.

- Teacher Supply Refund - Teachers are all given \$100 each for beginning of the year supplies and support staff is able submit for \$50.

- **Corporate Promotions Business – Erin**

- Box Tops – Fall Box Top Competition is underway! The due date is Friday, October 5th! This is the cut off for students to bring them into their teachers. Erin will be getting this information to you in the next week or two. The fall competition will be a grade level competition. What would teacher like to see as a reward? Maybe extra recess??

- Kroger Plus / Amazon Smile

Take one of these flyers with you before you leave. Just follow the instructions on the sheet.

Someone ask - Would this be able to be send this home to parents (not in attendance tonight)? Would it be helpful to send information home to parents in Spanish? Yes, this would be helpful.

- **Safety Presentation – Ms. Harris – Fire Drills, Bus evacuation, intruder drills, tornado drills – these are the drills that are practiced regularly.**

We have the safe visitor system in place at all the Avon schools. If you visit during school hours you must have a driver's license, state id or current military id. You will NOT be allowed into the building if you do not have one of those.

All the buildings doors are locked except for door #1. Children are being ask to not wear heavy coats, carry backpacks or large bags during the school day. Just to be cautious. We also have regular visits from our regular school resource officer. He rotates through K-6 buildings and tries to make his face known. Officer Lewis is assigned to Avon Middle School North and is there if needed.

ALICE – what is it??? It is our intruder drill –

It is not a systematic procedure. It depends on the situation and changes each time.

Background check – If you have gotten your background check then you will get an email with a QR code and you can also use that to scan in verses a driver's license.

Thank you to the PTO for purchasing the system that the ladies in the office use to keep track of attendance for the kids when they sign in and out throughout the day.

Communication – an all school call was made to let parents know that the first drill was done. This allowed parents to know this drill was practiced and keep them from being alarmed if their child mentioned it.

If there is another situation that happens at Sycamore our #1 priority is to KEEP THE KIDS SAFE! It will not be the #1 priority to communicate to parents. Once the “dust settles” communication will be sent out to parents to inform them of what happened.

- **Parent / Teacher Walk-In's**

Parents are welcome to come in and eat lunch, etc... and the school will just run your ID.

If you are going to be in the building regularly they are asking you to do the actual volunteer background check.

AEF (Avon Education Foundation) – Facebook page – This is a great resource for teachers to use. They are just asking that the donations go through her at the admin building. This allows them to be tracked.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM