

PTO MEETING AGENDA
August 4, 2022
Google Meet

Attendees: Tina McCracken – President; Jenn Scott – Treasurer; Erin Younker – Secretary; Amber Barkdoll; Meredith Hendershot; Dave Carson, Tyler Burns, Laurel Keegan, Jeremy Hollinshead

Tina called the meeting to order shortly after 1:30pm due to challenges getting folks logged into the Google Meeting

- Review of upcoming meeting dates for the first half of the school year
 - September 15th ; October 20th ; November 17th ; December 8th
 - September 15th meeting will include a review of the PTO Bylaws and voting of new Board Officers per our bylaws/guidelines
 - Meetings will be held in person at the Elementary School at 3:30pm so that we can attempt to have the most teacher involvement after school. Meetings will be held the 3rd Thursday of each month unless there is a Holiday or other conflict as there is in December.
 - We will attempt to record the meetings to post to Facebook and/or the PTO Website for the public to review
 - Tina plans to have an agenda prepared prior to the meetings for everyone to have an opportunity to review the information, prepare and/or propose questions/thoughts/etc..
- Tina reviewed the new staffing for the Elementary and High School and shared that more details had been sent via an email in July
 - “I would like to take this time to congratulate and welcome some new staff at Southern Fulton School District for this school year. Meredith Hendershot has been promoted to District Superintendent, and Tyler Burns is now our new Elementary Principal (with the Assistance of Hervey Hann as the Acting Principal until Mr. Burns state paperwork is official), and Jamie Bivens is the new High School Guidance Secretary. Also, new to the area is Hervey Hann, as Acting Elementary Principal, and Laurel Keegan is our new Special Education Director and Jeremy Hollinshead is our new High School Principal. Congratulations and welcome to our District!!” (excerpt from 7/23/22 email)
 - Tina will be meeting with Jeremy on Monday, August 8th to discuss how to get the High School students and parents more involved with our PTO so that we can support all of our teachers and students as they move from Pre-K through 12
- Fundraising Ideas and Activities for the School Year
 - Trunk or Treat

- Friday Fun Nights
 - Initial thoughts are for this to be held immediately after school, involving a movie/popcorn/snack; parents would pick up the children around 6pm
- Milk & Cookies with Santa
- Santa's Workshop
- Sock Hop (Older Students and maybe High School?)
- Easter Egg Hunt
 - Easter Coloring Contest and Easter Bonnet Contest
- Field Day
- Citizenship Day
- Ugly Sweater Contest at Christmas
- Hoagie Sale
 - It was suggested that this would be 2x per school year; in the Fall the younger grades would sell the hoagies (Pre-k – 3rd) and in the Spring the older grades would sell the hoagies (4th – 6th); by breaking the sale into grades this would help families with multiple children in varying grades
- Coin War
 - This has always been successful and well received; we will continue with this
- Car Wash
 - Geared more towards the High School students, but easily something we could get those students/families/staff involved in to raise money
- Shoe Drive
 - Tina found an organization that will accept gently used shoes, paying up to \$100 per trash bag of shoes
- Indian Walk
 - Historically we have held the Indian Walk with the Elementary Students/families and this has been well received. The thought is to resume the Indian Walk this Fall at the Elementary School but also adding a Saturday date at the High School and open the walk to the public. Individuals could come to the High School track and pay a flat fee (\$10 was suggested) and walk as long as they would like on the track. Drinks/Snacks/Goodies could be available for purchase this day also.
- Student of the Month (See Changes Below)
 - For the 2022-2023 School Year we will have (1) Student per class per grade instead of only having (1) student per grade
- Teacher Appreciation
 - The Coffee Cart was very well received during Teacher Appreciation Week 2022 so we will now have Teacher Appreciation 2x per month with the Coffee Cart.
 1. On the 15th and 30th of each month the Coffee Cart will be available for teachers at NO cost

2. Coffee, Cappuccino, Iced Coffee, Lemonade, and baked goods will be on the cart. It was suggested that Life Skills students could bake cookies for the cart – more details to follow re. this
 3. Tina asked for anyone who would be available to help with this please let her know
 - Mr. Burns suggested having t-shirt and sweatshirt options for all teachers and staff at both the Elementary and High School
 - All in attendance agreed that this was a good idea and we will move forward with this during the school year at a later date
- Tina suggested the idea of starting a web page for the SF PTO
- Initial research showed that a web page could cost the PTO \$10-\$15 per month for the site
 - Could be used to post meetings and minutes
 - Could be used as a school store to purchase SF items any time of the year, people can simply go online and order products
 - The question/suggestion was raised as to whether we could link off the current school website since we are already paying for that page – Meredith was going to research; however, during the meeting Meredith was able to connect with additional staff live who agreed that PTO could be given a section of the existing website.
 - PTO needs to provide the information we would like on the site to Dave and he will ensure that the site/link gets up and going
- Holiday Costume Purchase
- After challenges that have come over the years with borrowing costumes for Christmas (Santa) and Easter (Easter Bunny), Tina suggested that we consider purchasing our own costumes for the PTO to own and have available at any time without the need of depending on a volunteer. This would also ensure that if someone were unable to attend/dress the part, anyone could step in because we would have the costume.
 - Costume Costs \$50 - \$100 per costume
 - All in attendance agree to move forward with purchasing the (2) suggested costumes in size XL which would have a good chance of fitting most people
 - Tina will purchase these items
- Senior Class Trip to Disney
- Sage approached Tina regarding monetary support and/or support for a BINGO that is being held to help offset costs for the Senior Class Trip to Disney
 - Currently only have about \$2500 toward the trip
 - BINGO scheduled for August 18th
 - Wendy Ritz shared that the trip was not approved by the School/School Board therefore PTO could not support the trip

- Meredith shared that there is still time and a chance for the trip to be approved and that it would likely be approved if presented. It was suggested that Sage connect with Mr. Hollinshead so that he could guide her (or a representative) through the process of presenting the trip to the board for approval
- PTO will wait to hear if trip is approved and then reapproach for potential support financially
- High School Senior Scholarships for those who are continuing their education
 - Guidelines would be that the parent and student must be actively involved in fundraising/efforts of the PTO
 - Student must maintain an A/B Average for their Junior and Senior Year
 - Maximum amount would be \$100, however, student could be eligible for lesser amount – PTO will work together to set guidelines for each monetary increment up to the \$100 max
- Additional monies for teachers who are involved with PTO
 - Tina suggested the idea of providing teachers who help with PTO fundraising and activities could be eligible to receive an additional payout from the PTO to use toward the purchase of classroom items as many teachers buy items out of their own funds for their classrooms
 - Initial thoughts were teachers who attend at least (3) meetings per year and help with a number of activities/fundraising events could receive up to \$100 extra
 - It was suggested that the amount this year be \$50 to see how much involvement we see so as to not break the bank right away with unexpected help
 - Group Voted – Erin 1st; Amber 2nd
 - We will present this to the teachers so that they can plan/prepare to be involved if they wish to take advantage of the extra monies
- High School Field Trips
 - Tina suggested that we consider sharing a \$750 allowance with the High School grades to support their field trips as we do with the Elementary School Grades – group seemed in favor of supporting the High School in some way
 - Meredith suggested helping with the cost of the Junior/Senior prom as an option
 - Jeremy was unable to get on the meeting, Tina check with Jeremy to see how/what we could do to support prom or other High School efforts for the students
- Tina got a tree to plant in honor of Angela Adams and waiting on a date to get the tree planted
 - New shop class will be working on building benches and should have these finished in the Fall

- Tina would like to get a plaque or something to have in the area announcing the memory of tree; Meredith shared that Eddy's Engraving in McConnellsburg is used for any of the school items. Tina to follow up with Eddy's to see about a plaque or other form of recognition to be available with the tree/benches

Meeting was adjourned and everyone was reminded of the September 15th meeting to be held at the Elementary School at 3:30pm