



**Swedesboro-Woolwich PTO  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2023  
7:02 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Minutes have been approved and posted to the PTO webpage on February 24, 2023.**

**Attendees: Debbie Allen, Deanna McCoubrie, Elaine Luoma, Amy DeYoung, Laura Watson, Stephen Grusemeyer, Brittny Dixon, and Tara Bustard**

**\* Special note - Due to the absence of Kenyetta DiSandro, current PTO President, according to Article IV, Section 4: Duties, of the Swedesboro-Woolwich PTO Bylaws, Tara Bustard, current Co-VP of Harker presided over the meeting.**

**I. Old Business**

1. PTO membership is ongoing and is therefore currently at 394 families; FaceBook followers are at 249..
2. Boosterthon funds purchase invoices have been submitted for:  
**Clifford (\$11,797.80) - 10 iPads + Promethean Panel + (2) Petting Zoo In-School visit.**  
Stratton - benches, landscaping, reading garden, flower boxes, etc. (\$19,096.40)  
**Harker (\$21,115.75) - Book vending machine + Books + Butterfly Garden.**
3. The Harlem Wizards Game held on January 26th at Kingsway Regional High School, was a HUGE success! 920 tickets sold online, an additional 85 sold at the door!  
**Comments** : Pizza should have been 2/\$5 or 1/\$3. \$5 is too much. More concession and raffle signage. **Harlem Wizards profit \$16,820.** Want to do this again? **VOTE YES.**
4. Safer Internet Day - February 7, 2023. Tech Talk - No District count has been provided to show how many community members did sign in. Informative event though.

**II. New Business**

1. Clifford is having a Spring Fest March 15, 2023, 6-7:30p. They will have crafts, games, storytime, and raffle baskets (10) in the Clifford cafeteria. Baskets will be donated from each classroom. Proceeds go towards Kindergarten Drama production (shows 5/17 & 5/18). Kenyetta & Amy were asked to attend a meeting to introduce their concept and seek minimal assistance. Name, theme, decorations, baskets, etc. Kenyetta introduced: "The Magic of Clifford" for the theme of the event. Looking for someone to create (put together baskets.) Send out sign-up genius to the room parents.
2. Amazon Smile has been canceled. They plan to have their focus on more philanthropic efforts in the communities where their employees live and work. All purchases made prior to February 20, 2023, will continue to accrue benefits from sales to our charity.

### III. PTO Communication

- a. Current Facebook posting - EAGLES
- b. The PTO Press (monthly e-newsletter) **HAVE DECIDED TO PUT ON HOLD, not enough views.**
- c. School messenger via each school, can add information as needed.
- d. Comet Clips (every Friday)
- e. Direct email
- f. Flyers
- g. Clifford & Stratton Library Sign Up – Noelle Mathews
- h. Instagram - EAGLES

### III. PTO Events & Fundraisers

1. **SWSD Family BINGO** - February 24, 2023 7:00p-7:45 & 8:15-9:00p.
  - a. Bingo flyers have been distributed throughout the schools. RSVP's slated to end on February 15, if attendance goal is met.
  - b. Mrs. Donato will call/MC session1. Mrs. Mission will call/MC the second session.
  - c. **3-5 rounds will be played (or more).**
  - d. Concessions - will use left over donated water bottles, iced tea, honest kids juice boxes, Herr's chips, cotton candy, etc. **Yes to Pretzels 100 for each session. Swedish Fish, air head candy, ring pops, sour patch kids**
  - e. Examples of prizes to purchase: iTunes gift card, fandango gift card, wawa gift card, Target gift card, Amazon gift card, Roblox gift card, Latteria gift card. **All voted yes to these items. Also Scholastic Book Fair gift card. Purchased: lava lamp, wireless speaker, mega candy tube banks, pillows, bubble slides, games, puzzles, card games.**
  - f. Google form to RSVP closed at 148 (session 1), 133 (session 2). Max 155 per session\* Notification of new max afterwards. No tickets will be passed out. BINGO cards passed out at the door. Currently, the wall is out of commission (does not open) therefore we cannot get into the cafeteria portion.
  - g. Staff event - 2 at door, 2 at concessions, 2 at front passing out prizes, and 2 checking Bingo callers.
  - h. Comet Cups as prizes - Debbie to make
  - i. Book Fair Gift Cards
2. **Spring Book Fair theme: Carnival**
  - 3/20 Stratton Book Fair Set-up & Teacher Preview
  - 3/21-3/22 & 3/24 Stratton Spring Book Fair
  - 3/24 Clifford Spring Book Fair Set-up
  - 3/24 Harker Spring Book Fair Set-up

3/27-31 Harker Spring Book Fair  
3/27 & 3/28 Clifford Spring Book Fair  
3/28 Walter Hill Spring Book Fair Set-up & Teacher Preview (11:15a-1:15p)  
3/29 & 3/30 Walter Hill Spring Book Fair

- T-shirt ideas for Board (color & design & creator :)
  - Food truck vendors need to be contacted for availability:
    - (1) Battiato's Ice Cream (856) 426-1100
    - (2) Dominic's Tavern Bellmawr, NJ (**confirmed**)
    - (3) Just Fork It (**confirmed**)
    - (4) Botto's
    - (5) Slider King/Jeremiah's Custom Cuisine (**confirmed**)
    - (6) Pop Shop
    - (7) 322 BBQ (**contacted**)
    - (8) Cheese Curd
    - (9) Chickie's & Pete's (**confirmed**)
    - (10) **Kona Ice (confirmed)**
    - (11) \*Vendors with carnival treats: fried oreos, funnel cakes, fried twinkies, fried snickers, fried cheesecakes, fried cookie dough, corn dogs, fried mac & cheese, cotton candy, lemonade, kettle corn, fried pickles, nachos.
    - (12) **Blondis? - Elaine emailed SWLL member to get contact information**
  - **Need to obtain approval for outdoor light towers. - Elaine emailed township contact**
  - Possible activities: inflatables (obstacle course), carnival booth, games, dunk tank, (\* in contact with Horizon Entertainment), Bette's Bounces, LLC ~ Woodlyn, PA, Preferred Party Rentals ~ Blackwood, NJ, Preferred Party Place ~ Sicklerville, NJ, Mom & Pop Party LLC ~ Haddonfield, NJ (airbrush/face painting, balloon twisting)
    - **Deanna is going to reach out about the inflatables.**
    - **Balloon Animals and Facepainting - Deanna has a contact**
    - **DJ - Deanna will be contacting**
  - Kenyetta will create a Sign-Up Genius for PTO member/teacher assistance.
3. Coin-A-Day Challenge - copy and place flyer in mailboxes for students. Also copy and place teacher informational flyer in mailboxes, along with 5 (labeled daily) sandwich bags.

Stratton - teachers March 6, parents March 9th.

Clifford, Harker, & Hill - teachers March 13, parents March 16.

Each homeroom class throughout the District will be collecting a specific coin each day of the week. Collected funds are considered an All For Books program donation in conjunction with the upcoming Scholastic Spring Book Fair. The Scholastic Possible Fund will match our donations and distribute to students in need nationwide through organizations such as National Center For Families Learning, Kids In Need Foundation,

and Reader to Reader, Inc. The amount collected from each homeroom will be tracked by Amy and used to fulfill the classroom wishlist and build classroom libraries.

3/13-17 Stratton Spring Fair Coin Drive

3/20-24 Clifford, Harker, & Hill Spring Book Fair Coin Drive

4. **March 17 (St. Patty's Day) - Staff Appreciation Day Event**, pretzels have been ordered. Pick up @ 7:30a. Green tablecloths have been purchased. Decorate table with "Irish"/teacher quotes.
  
5. **Spring Family Fun Night**, Thursday, March 30, 2023, 6:00pm - 8:30pm.  
Confirmed Vendors: FURever As Friends  
PhotoBooth, sponsored by Innovative Orthodontics  
**Distribute/email sponsorship letter for auction items donation:**
  - **Donations should be around 20 and total value should be @ \$300.****Confirmed Chance Auction items:** American Girl Doll  
SummerFun KIds Camp (\$250 donation)  
SOAKED  
Levco Enterprises \$250  
Restaurant gift cards \$150  
Sweetsboro Pastry Shop \$25 gift card  
Botto's (2), \$100 gift cards  
Billy Joel & Stevie Nicks concert @ Lincoln Financial Field on June 16, 2023  
\$50 Top Golf Donation  
2 Complimentary Tickets to Longwood Gardens  
Hens & Honey \$65 gift basket  
Laughing Buddha - gift  
Amy DeYoung, CPA \$100 gift card
  
6. **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** - seeking restaurant vendor : **Ideas Italian Kitchen, Bottos, Red Hen did it last year, New taco place,**

## Reflection

**Next meeting: March 13, 2023, 7:00pm - Stratton Library**