



**Swedesboro-Woolwich PTO  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2024  
7:05 - 8:43p**

**Attendees: Rebecca Coughlan, Alicia Midure, Suzanne Healey, Tara Bustard, Amy Iliano, Elaine Luoma, Shannon Stelle, and Kenyetta DiSandro.**

**Minutes have been approved and posted to the PTO webpage on March 11, 2024.**

**I. Old Business**

1. 'Share the Love' - cookie grams showed just how much the SWSD community loves with arms wide open. A surprising \$1,261.81 was profited from this quick 1 week sale. Lessons learned from this first time sale. Thank you to Chick-Fil-A Mantua for their support.
2. SWSD Family BINGO night at Stratton was exciting! Fun was had by all! Finding the biggest issue is having guests RSVP, but not show up. Sadly leaving interested guests without the opportunity to join. Concession sales were \$167.50. Special thanks to Mrs. Boston and Mrs. Healey for being our fantastic BINGO callers.
3. LEAP Day 2024 - since it only happens every 4 years, the PTO decided to have some fun with the students. At Clifford, with the help of Mrs. DiBella, students took part in LEAP day activities in their Specials classes. At Stratton, with the help of Mr. Titus, students had fun parachuting frogs! At Harker and Hill we sent the kids on a hunt for plastic frogs hidden throughout their buildings. WHAT A HOPPIN' GOOD TIME!
4. Our Harlem Wizards game is back on track! Rescheduled for Sunday, March 17th, 5-7pm. Players have maintained, but some adjustments have been made to areas of need.

**II. New Business**

1. Please update bulletin boards to reflect Spring. The Book Fair theme will be for the month of April.
2. The PTO did make a contribution of supplies for Clifford's Dr. Seuss Night, scheduled for March 7th (\$221.91).

3. The PTO was asked to subsidize t-Shirts for the students playing in the annual Stephen Kreps basketball game, scheduled for March 22nd. T-shirts are \$16. There are 18 girls and 50 boys participating. **Board has voted to support by way of a \$200 overall donation check.**
4. Principal Traini is requesting the PTO to purchase either soft pretzels or water ice for the Kindergarten field trips on April 4th and 5th. **The SWSD PTO has honored this request and will submit a check for \$143 to the Board office to pay for this purchase. Due to prior event commitments, PTO members are not available to pick-up/deliver this treat. Also at this time the Margaret Clifford School has exhausted all of its extra funding requests for the current school year.**
5. The 2024 Regional Dance is scheduled for May 3rd, 2024. Swedesboro-Woolwich is the host. Currently awaiting insurance coverage before moving forward with Kingsway space confirmation. East Greenwich will be responsible for the paper products. South Harrison will take care of the drinks and cups. Swedesboro has snacks. Looking to use previous lanyard budget to hire a photo booth. Host district is responsible for hiring a DJ, but that cost is split between the three districts; East Greenwich and Swedesboro-Woolwich \$75, South Harrison \$50. Each district provides chaperones for the dance (number varies). Each district should give out their own permission slips.  
**Suggested activities: basketball, corn hole, giant jenga, connect four and various yard games.**

### **III. PTO Communication**

- a. Current Facebook posting - Leap Day winners
- b. School messenger via each school, can add information as needed.
- c. Comet Clips (every Friday)
- d. Direct email
- e. Flyers
- f. Clifford & Stratton Library Sign Up – Lindsay Molter
- g. Instagram - Leap Day winners

### **IV. PTO Events & Fundraisers**

1. There will be a St. Patty's Day Scholastic Book Raffle for teachers at Clifford and Stratton on March 13th. Winners will be announced on March 15th.
2. Harker is requesting PTO volunteer assistance for Spring Picture Day, April 11th.  
\*\*Hill has also sought picture day volunteers for March 6th.

3. **Teacher Spring Appreciation Sweet and Salty Treat** - all schools by 7:30a, on March 15th. Decorate tables and add inspiring St. Patty's Day quotes.
4. **Coin-A-Day Challenge** - Flyers are prepared and will go out per school specific date. Teacher informational flyer and 5 (labeled daily) sandwich bags will accompany at the same time.
  - 3/18-22 Stratton Spring Fair Coin Drive, send home flyer 3/13.
  - 4/8-12 Clifford and Hill Spring Book Fair Coin Drive, send home 4/3.
  - 4/15-19 Harker Spring Coin Drive, send home flyer 4/10.

**Pow! Penny Monday (4/8):** donate pennies  
**Bang! Nickel Tuesday (4/9):** donate nickels  
**Shazam! Dime Wednesday (4/10):** donate dimes  
**Vroom! Quarter Thursday (4/11):** donate quarters  
**Whaam! Dollar Friday (4/12):** anything goes...donate any coins or bills

Each homeroom class throughout the District will be collecting a specific coin each day of the week. Collected funds are considered a Share the Fair 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 directly allocated to fulfill the classroom wishlist and build classroom libraries.

5. **Spring Book Fair theme: Here's to Our Heroes! Reading Saves the Day!**  
Celebrating heroes from books, in real life, police officers, soldiers, firemen, family members, and teachers!
  - (a) 4/3 - Stratton Book Fair Set-up (9a-11a) & Teacher Preview (10:45a-1:45p)  
Library
  - (b) 4/4, 5, & 9 - Stratton Spring Book Fair
  - (c) 4/16 - Hill Spring Book Fair set up (9a-11a) & preview (11a-1p) ~ Media Center
  - (d) 4/17 & 4/18 - Hill Spring Book Fair
  - (e) 4/17 - Clifford Spring Book Fair set up (9a-11a) \* preview (11a-1p)
  - (f) 4/18 & 4/19 - Clifford Spring Book Fair ~ Library
  - (g) 4/19 - Harker Spring Book Fair Set-up @ 3:30p ~ Makerspace
  - (h) 4/22 - Harker Spring Book Fair preview (7:30a-8:30a)
  - (i) 4/22-26 Harker Spring Book Fair
  - (j) 4/25 - Spring Family Fun Night @ Harker School, 6:00p-8:30p.  
\*\* Alicia will be absent for SFFN (4/24-5/1).

- **All Sign Up Genius' should go out:** Stratton - 3/20, Clifford, Hill, & Harker - 4/10.
  - **Seeking an item to "guess count"?** Lifesaver candies suggested, in a small jar w/ cape.
  - **Seeking items to sell for \$1.00?** Stanley straw covers and mochi's suggested.
6. **Spring Family Fun Night**, Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:00pm - 8:30pm.  
Confirmed Vendors: FURever As Friends, PhotoBooth, sponsored by Innovative Orthodontics.  
Confirmed food truck: Kona Ice, Chickie's & Pete's, Traveling Tomato, Jeremiah's Food Truck, and Dominic's Tavern. **Amy I may have a contact for the local Mr Softee**
- **Update on lightning approval/usage.** Elaine will contact, now that the sports schedule are final.
  - **Review activities:** inflatables from A & M bounce - the All American Challenge obstacle course, henna, touch a truck Woolwich Township Police has confirmed some vehicles (TBD), Woolwich Fire Department has confirmed, and the Gloucester County EMS. Balloon artist, DJ, airbrushed tattoos, paper mask, etc.
  - **Sign up genius for teacher volunteers will go out around 4/2.**
  - **Raffle baskets should be around 20 and total value should be @ \$300. May have to add to baskets to increase value.**  
**Confirmed baskets:** (1) Union Game tickets (Amy) value \$, (2) Levco/Amy value \$300 (?), (3) Urban Air Sicklerville passes (Suzanne) value \$104, (4) Top Golf (Suzanne) value \$50, (5) Wawa (Suzanne) basket value TBD, (6) Flyers (Kenyetta) TBD, (7) Woodlanes Bowling Center (Suzanne) 2hr bowl for up to 6ppl with shoe rental value \$69.99, (8) Eagles TBD (Kenyetta) value, (9) American Girl Doll Corinne & accessories (PTO) value \$123, (10) Kenney Chesney/Zac Brown Concert (Kenyetta) value \$, (11) Lottery Tickets (PTO) value \$300, (12) Nubian Bathe (Kenyetta) value \$157, (13) Summer Fun Kids Camp (Kenyetta) TBD value \$, (14) Funds 4 Kids (Bud) gift cards TBD (Kenyetta) value \$, (15) Step by Step Dance Center (Kenyetta) value \$300, (16) Swedesboro Hardware - SKIL 4pc combo (Kenyetta) value \$190, (17) Cowtown Family 4 pack (Alicia) value \$70, (18) PInspiration value \$50, (19) SK8 47 (Suzanne) value \$50, (20) Board and Brush Swedesboro (Suzanne) gift basket value TBD, (21) Applebees value \$40, (22) Zen Sports gift cards for ages 8-11 and 12-14, (22) Center Square (Suzanne), (23) Cocks in a Box (Suzanne), (24) Hens & Honey (Suzanne), (25) Juice Pod (Alicia).
  - **Book Fair Book Raffle Baskets - with every book fair purchase of \$10, guests receive 1 ticket towards the raffles.**
7. **School Supply Kits** sales begin April 29 thru May 31st. Lead teachers are reviewing supply lists. Maria Sohn is reviewing requested headphone samples.
8. Awaiting (after Easter) pricing information from G & G Farms for possible Mother's Day flower sale for Clifford students.

9. **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - during National Teacher Appreciation Week**  
Harker - 5/7, 10a-2p, Clifford - 5 /8, 10:45a-2:15p, 5/9 - Hill 11a-1:15p, and 5/10 - Stratton 10:15a-1:45p.  
Restaurant vendor suggestions...??? Big Papa Jai's BBQ, Tacos Al Carbon, **Voted to seek availability of Las Aves again.**
10. **Fun Days** - PTO will purchase popsicles for all students and supply PTO volunteers for helping with activities. Harker - 5/23, rain date 5/31, Clifford 5/30, (no rain date), Stratton - 5/31 rain date 6/7.
11. Alicia to present Homegrown Thon Fundraiser Proposal at the next board meeting.
12. Rebecca to present recommendations for ongoing fundraising efforts for the coming school year at the next board meeting.

## **Reflection**

Board agreed that going forward, communication with the schools will include both the school VP and the President. This update is being made to ensure a seamless communication.

With so many upcoming activities for the spring, a suggestion was made for the board to hold check in calls between board meetings.

**Next meeting: April 8, 2024, 7:00pm - Stratton Cafeteria\*\***