



**Swedesboro-Woolwich PTO
Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024
7:07p - 9:15p**

Minutes have been approved and posted to the PTO webpage on April 15, 2024.

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

I. Old Business

1. Harlem Wizards vs Comet All-Stars...WOW! Best game EVER! Our rescheduled March 17th game was the ultimate community/family event. **Board would like to continue with the game next year. Will take in consideration weekend event and adjust food based on time of the game. Earlier time slots work well.**
2. Elisa Bitterman at Clifford won our St. Patty's Day Scholastic book raffle. The winner at Stratton was Sierra Gwinn.
3. Teacher Spring Appreciation Sweet and Salty Treat was presented at all schools. So much gratitude was expressed for this treat.

II. New Business

1. The 2024 Regional Dance will be held on May 3, 2024 (7-9p). Set-up will be at 4:30p-6p. Swedesboro-Woolwich will host the event this year. We are also responsible for snacks. Ex: cupcakes, chips, pretzels ~ wrapped items. We will use some of the purchased snacks from our Harlem Wizards game. We have: cotton candy, skinny pop popcorn, ring pops, and airheads.) East Greenwich will be responsible for paper goods. South Harrison will be responsible for drinks and cups. Our permission slips will go out April 15th and will be due by May 1st. A sign up genius for chaperones will go out April 16th. Swedesboro-Woolwich will seek 15 chaperones to help oversee different areas of the event: hallways, bathrooms, gyms and set-up. Looking to supply yard-like games during the dance: corn hole, giant jenga, connect four, etc. **10 chaperones from East Greenwich and 5 from South Harrison.**

2. Home Grown A Thon proposal by Alicia Midure. Letter to go to SWSD community on 4/16 to introduce program and needs. The initiative will be piloted at the Clifford school for Spring 2025. Suggestions of a dance -a- thon or glow dance fundraiser (indoors) were made. Continuing to look into fundraising platforms along with their fees. Will need to establish a committee of volunteers to get this event off the ground.
3. Future fundraising proposal by Rebecca Coughlan. Several fundraising options were presented for next year (Oasis Family Fun Center, Launch Trampoline Park, Board and Brush, SK847, Rita's and Pinspiration). These will be family events that would take little time or energy from the PTO Board but would benefit our community with fun events and may even offer cost savings to families. Schools are hoping to bring families into the schools more often. Several smaller fundraisers may be the key to a successful fundraising year.
4. Fundraising options for Spring 2025 - Boosterthon Zoom with team 4/10 @ 12:30p - 1:30p. Wizards Fit Challenge Zoom to follow 1:45p-2:45p. Gym teachers were invited to join.
5. National Librarian Day - Tuesday, April 16th ~ \$25 PetSmart GC
6. Administrative Professional Day - Wednesday, April 24th ~ gift ideas (8/9) \$20 GC's Old Town Bagel (Clifford-3 & Harker -2), Juice Pod (Stratton - 2), and Dunkin' (Hill - 2), along with flowers from Petals & Paints.
7. National Principals Day - May 1st, ideas (5) \$25 GC's (Clifford - Dunkin, Stratton - Chewy, Harker (possible dog bouquet) & Center Square Tavern and Hill - Wawa or Heritage; along with Comets blankets and flowers from Petals & Paints.
8. PTO Board of Trustees nominations link is open and closes on Friday, May 3rd. Elections will be held on May 6 @ 7:00p, in the Charles Stratton Library. In person voting only. No write-ins. Will also send as school messenger.
Link: <https://forms.gle/Jdp7th77bjZbfcGZ6>
Will post Election Date and time on social media
9. PTO has been recently made aware that the District has implemented a new policy limiting the number of color copies that can be made. The PTO will easily exceed this color allotment. Moving forward most informational flyers will go home in black and white on colored paper.

III. PTO Communication

- a. Current Facebook posting - Stratton Spring Book Fair
- 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 - Stratton Spring Book Fair

IV. PTO Events & Fundraisers

1. Coin-A-Day Challenge

4/8-12 Clifford and Hill Spring Book Fair Coin Drive

4/15-19 Harker Spring Coin Drive, send home flyer **4/10**.

Pow! Penny Monday: donate pennies

Bang! Nickel Tuesday: donate nickels

Shazam! Dime Wednesday: donate dimes

Vroom! Quarter Thursday: donate quarters

Whaam! Dollar Friday: 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. **Noted for future co-teacher classrooms: additional labeled ziploc bags will be provided to track their funds separately. Will reach out to Scholastic to find out if teachers can be issued a gift card to be used at their convenience rather than having to make purchases at the fair.**

2. 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) 4/4, 5, & 9 - Stratton Spring Book Fair
- (b) 4/16 - Hill Spring Book Fair set up (9a-11a) & preview (11a-1p) ~ Media Center
- (c) 4/17 & 4/18 - Hill Spring Book Fair
- (d) 4/17 - Clifford Spring Book Fair set up (9a-11a) * preview (11a-1p)
- (e) 4/18 & 4/19 - Clifford Spring Book Fair ~ Library
- (f) 4/19 - Harker Spring Book Fair Set-up @ 3:30p ~ Makerspace

- (g) 4/22 - Harker Spring Book Fair preview (7:30a-8:30a)
- (h) 4/22-26 Harker Spring Book Fair
- (i) 4/25 - Spring Family Fun Night @ Harker School, 6:00p-8:30p.
** Alicia will be absent for SFFN (4/24-5/1).

- **Remaining Sign Up Genius' should go out:** Clifford, Hill, & Harker - **4/10.**

3. **Spring Family Fun Night**, Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:00pm - 8:30pm.

***Informational flyers should go out Monday, April 15.**

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.

- **Update on lightning approval/usage.** Past contact Anthony Bertino has retired. Elaine confirmed 2 light towers with Shannon Kilpatrick, Parks & Recreation Coordinator.
Suggested to check in 1 week prior for 2 available light sources.
- **Activities (A):** The Masters of Magic & Fun will supply 2 hours of airbrush tattoos & 2 hours of balloon artists. Hybrid Mobile Entertainment LLC, will provide DJ servers, Touch a Truck spaces from: Woolwich Township Police will bring 2-3 vehicles and will need to be placed for an easy exit ~ **assure no parking in the fire lanes.** Woolwich Fire Department has confirmed, and the Gloucester County EMS will have 2 vehicles present.
- **Activities (B):** Inflatable from A & M bounce - the All American Challenge obstacle course, Masked up - color paper masks (table & crayons), Superhero Speed Practice - agility ladders (agility ladders - Alicia & Tara), SACKED - potato sack distance hops (chalk and round discs (Tara) on ground), Superhero Jump - hula hoop jump from end to end (12 hoops - Lockman & DiBella), Captain America Shield Toss - frisbees in baskets (5 red/5 blue frisbees) & 2 baskets (Lockman & DiBella), Captain America printouts - Alicia (10), Power Wall Knockdown - empty boxes built up to make a wall, them knocked down (wrap boxes), and Villain Attack - knock down empty bottles with bean bags (bean bags, empty bottles, villain printouts).
- **Sign up genius for teacher volunteers has been sent out. Will also accept 7th-8th grade students.**
- **Raffle baskets should be around 20 and total value close to @ \$300. May have to add to baskets to increase value. * Use paper squares instead of raffle tickets for more room to add info.**
Confirmed baskets: Due by April 15th ~ Completed baskets: April 18th
- **Book Fair Book Raffle Baskets - with every book fair purchase of \$10, guests receive 1 ticket towards the raffles.**

4. **School Supply Kits** sales begin April 29 thru May 31st. Informational flyers will go home April 24th. Good Neighbor Program, new this year: after meeting a set number of sales the program offers discounted kits which could be purchased for extra supplies for new

students or those in need.

5. **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. Set up should begin at least 1 hour prior to serving time. Las Aves will host. Expect costs to increase @30%. Last year we were \$12.50 per person, this year close to \$16.25. Trying to stay close, working on pricing. **Centerpiece arrangements will be created courtesy of Petals & Paints.** Items needed - **cupcakes (add picks), teas and seltzers.**
6. **Fun Days** - PTO will purchase popsicles for all students and supply PTO volunteers for helping with activities. Harker - **5/23** - rain date **5/31 (send signup out 5/8)**, Clifford **5/30** - no rain date (**send signup out 5/13**), Stratton - **5/31** rain date **6/7 (send signup 5/13)**.
7. Monster Jam tickets are available for purchase through the PTO. Monster Jam will be held at Lincoln Financial Field on May 4th @ 1pm. Tickets will be \$31, normally \$44 plus fees. The PTO will receive \$5 for each ticket sold. Post link on social media.
<https://am.ticketmaster.com/eagles/ism/MjRNSg==>

Reflection

School closed: May 24th - May 27th.

Next meeting and Elections: May 6, 2024 @ 7:00pm - Stratton Library