

STREAMS PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2023

The virtual meeting was called to order at 9:34am by PTO President, Brittany Weiler. There were 15 people in attendance, including the board.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The October 2023 PTO meeting minutes were approved.

The November meeting agenda was approved.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Kellner spoke about author Josh Funk's upcoming visit on November 28th. Streams has partnered with Avonworth, Mt Lebanon, South Fayette, and Baker Elementary to bring him to our schools. He has written multiple children's books including the *Lady Pancake and French Toast* series, *Albie Newton*, *Dear Dragon*, *Dear Unicorn*, *It's Not Jack and the Beanstalk* and a series of other fractured fairy tales. Josh will do two presentations in the afternoon for K-2 and 3-4 grades. The AM K class will stream the morning presentation from Baker. The school is partnering with Mystery Lovers Bookshop in Oakmont to sell signed copies of several books. They will give Streams 15% of the profit to use towards books at their shop. The signed book sale will go through November 17th.

Mrs. Keller also spoke about the Birthday Book Club. So far this year, 71 parents have participated in the program.

BOARD REPORTS

Dr Klousnitzer- We just finished the first nine weeks of school. Report cards will be sent home tomorrow, November 10th. We will also be celebrating Veterans Day on Friday.

Treasurer's Report- We started the month with a balance of \$40,141.63. Monthly revenue was \$17,607.50 which included proceeds from Stravaganza, Book Fair, Ice Cream Social and Birthday Book Club. Debits for the month totaled \$6,515.09 which included costs from Stravaganza, Book Fair, staff holiday gift t-shirts and replenishing cash boxes. We ended the month with a total of \$51,234.04.

Mrs Dunbar- Second grade went on a field trip to Meadowcroft. They lucked out and had perfect weather. The bus ride was long but so worth it. The kids are still talking about their experience. Fourth grade also went to Meadowcroft. Kindergarten went on a field trip to Simmons Farm. Parent teacher conferences went well. The teachers love to meet with parents and make connections. This month, the Woot Woot Wagon provided coffee and donuts. Our Sunshine Committee contributions were used to set up trick or treat spots throughout the school which included notebooks. Mrs Dunbar mentioned that Streams is a second home for so many of us and that our generous donations help the staff be together to celebrate joys and divide their sorrows.

Secretary's Report: Juli read a beautiful thank you note from Mrs Kopicko for "every event, the kind gestures, and overall support".

OLD BUSINESS

Spirit Wear- Committee chair, Julie Fassinger, reported that 65 orders were placed which included 190 items. This event generated a profit of \$570. Orders are expected to be delivered within the next week. The committee is hoping to have everything out to students before break or the week after. There will be another spirit wear sale in the spring.

Spirit Night- Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Spirit Night at Chipotle. We received 33% of sales back for a total of \$181. For November, we have a Spirit Week at Nothing Bundt Cake from November 13-November 18. You must show the flyer to participate and we will receive 20% back. If anyone has ideas for future spirit nights, please let us know. We are open to trying new places.

Harvest Parties and Parades- Everyone enjoyed the perfect weather that we had for the parade. Thank you to all the parents who helped during the classroom parties. Room parents need to submit their receipts for reimbursement up to \$40. There will be another sign up coming out for the Winter Party to be held on December 21st. It will be sent out for all classrooms at the same time.

Stravaganza- The focus this year was on improving the overall experience with single raffle tickets, a DJ, and the wristbands. We netted more than \$15,000 which was a \$4,000 increase from the May event. Sam Kane and his committee were very happy to see that the financials supported the streamlined changes that were made. They will also look for areas of improvement/opportunity to ensure continued success. Next year, they plan to focus on increasing sponsorship dollars. This is the easiest way to grow in the future. It was discussed that the Burgh Bites truck was not prepared for the order volume. Some parents had to leave without receiving the food that they purchased. This truck will not be invited back. Going forward, the team will ensure the vendors can handle the volume to move faster. Another area for improvement is face painting. The lines were very long at the event. In the future, there will be ten chairs for face paint and possibly an express line with glitter tattoos for faster service. Tanny mentioned that some kids bought multiple wristbands so they could win more prizes. Even if wrist bands were filled, the kids could continue to play games.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Shop- This event will be held December 4-6. A sign up genius with time slots for each classroom will be sent out for parent volunteers. The event chairs, Jodie and Amy, will be decorating the week before.

Food Drive- We will be collecting food for SHIM from Monday-Friday morning. Brittany will take everything to SHIM on Friday afternoon. Their food pantry is very low. Donations can be

placed in boxes inside the gym or front entrance. This is a great way to help local South Hills families during the holiday season.

Staff Holiday Gifts- We used the proceeds from the Spirit Wear sale to purchase black, long-sleeve USC Elementary t-shirts for all staff. They can use these to show unity at staff events, football games, and field trips. We had leftover money in the budget that we are saving to do a small gift for Valentine's Day. Thank you for voting on the budget increase that allowed us to give the staff a special gift from the PTO.

Sharing Is Caring- We recently used this fund to help three families going through tough health situations. Brittany dropped off gift bags filled with legos, art supplies, yo-yos, puzzles, and more. The students can use them while they recover at home or at the hospital. We will continue to use this fund to help support these families in the future. If anyone knows of someone in need, please reach out. We have funds available and can always increase as needed.

Talent Show- Due to the HS auditorium availability, the Talent Show will be held in April instead of January. It will be during the first week of April. We still need to determine the exact rehearsal and performance dates. Stay tuned.

Note: There will be no December meeting. We will regroup in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.