

Salisbury Elementary School PTO

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021 7PM Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 941 4704 9975

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1. **Call to order and welcome; 7:04 PM start PTO President Nicoll Spinner**

2. [Meeting Min Approval- December 2020 General Meeting Minutes](#)

Approved by Michelle M; second Jen K

3. **Officer Reports**

A. President Report- Nicoll Spinner

1. Chalk the walk

- Students had fun and drew pictures and positive messages.
- Pto provided drink and snack
- Board members and Lynn attended, thank you for your participation and support

2. Dine and Donate,

- \$170 raised at Magia's dine and donate
- \$54.75 raised at Texas Roadhouse

3. Matey fundraiser

- Pick up this Friday; \$858.75 raised

B. Treasurer's Report- Jennifer Knecht

1. Balance of account-\$26776.30

2. Expenses

- Valentine's bags-\$522.90
- Insurance & Mgr-\$700.00

4. Principal Report- Mr. Zachary Brem

- A. December virtual door decorating contest was enjoyed by all.
- B. Winter holiday occurred from December 23rd through January 3rd. Students returned to virtual school on January 4th.
- C. January was busy preparing for return to face to face.
 1. Distanced desks ;signage in hallways and cafeteria.
 2. Creation and set up of School Dismissal Manager(SDM) parents sign up for access to the app for all dismissal methods
 3. Students Returning face to face
 - K & 1 return scheduled for January 27th; 3 days of virtual due to mother nature
 - Face to face return for 5 days for grades 2-4 ;virtual teacher changes were communicated
 - Curriculum handout for K-1 complete; Curriculum handout 2-4 rescheduled to Wed 2/10 (11a-1p and 5-7p)
 - School will be in session 2/12, originally scheduled holiday break, will be a snow make up day, school will be closed 2/15 for President's Day holiday.
- D. Kindergarten Registration- more info to follow
- E. T-shirt days Feb 11 and Feb 25
- F. SDM
 1. Pick up went well initially for practice run and K&1; 10% of families had difficulty with the but project that with experience the process will move faster and faster
 2. # of car riders has increased considerably from previous years at HST; number of car riders in K&1 along was larger than the number of car riders in all of HST.

3. Admin helped out with drop off in the morning and afternoon pick up opening doors for students to get in and out of vehicles
4. Heather Cumello is assisting drivers with app and scanning QR codes

G. T-Shirts

1. Awaiting stock on t-shirts need to get physical sample to see difference between two different shirts due to discrepancy in sizes for initial choice. Mr. Brem will reach out to Custom Ink.

5. Teacher Report- Mr. Matt Somishka and Mrs. Melissa Cerco

- A. Excited for the first full day of K-4. Some things went smoothly some not
- B. Overall smiles from returning students; heartwarming to have children back to face to face
- C. Thank you for Valentine's treats! It is a really nice way to show students that we care, especially since they won't be able to have usual celebrations.
- D. Chalk the Walk was fun, a nice way to get students together.
- E. Teachers are looking forward to clubs

6. Title One Report- Mrs. Heather Cumello

- A. Support reading and math interventions
- B. Fastbridge to start today with K continuing with the rest of the students
- C. Will meet after screenings are completed to adjust groups for intervention

Committee Reports/Fundraisers/Events Old Business

7. VP of Fundraising Report- Dana Graham

- A. New Restaurant night 3/16 Panera on Tilghman St from 4-8 pm

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New Business

8. Ice Cream Festival

- A. Takes place both indoors and out typically with games and entertainment;
- B. Will look to scale back activities and try to schedule for June date
 - Really hard to say now given protocols for 6ft distancing; would need to schedule for completely outdoors and factor in weather.
 - Scheduling usually started now for resources highly structured even with

- resources need contracts secured for certain things
- Stretch out to side lot and field; coordinate this with SYA scheduled sporting events on the field
 - Can't move location to WSE rear playground and fields due to the fact that items needed for the event that are kept at SES and moving these items would be too much work
 - Possible look into tents that would be located on grassy areas and not macadam (could use barrels to set up on concrete. Tents would be utilized in case of inclement weather. Block off certain areas
 - Bathroom access-port-o-potties? Would the need to monitor bathroom use and have a person in the area-uncertain with number of people

9. Valentine Bags

- A. 480 valentine bags assembled for enrolled students
- B. VAST and virtual students able to pick up a Valentine's bag and Matey's pizza handout on Friday; Mr Brem will send a reminder out to virtual and VAST families.

10. Yearbooks

- A. Time to start preparation for yearbook
 - Lacking pictures without student's being in the building and events not occurring
 - Reach out to Mrs. Foehrkolb for photos used in the Press
 - Mr. Brem has pictures from the Halloween drive through event
 - TEachers took screen shots throughout virtual class time that could also be used.
 - Recommendation was made to create a dropbox for photos to be added by teachers, staff and parents
 - 1. Send reminder to staff and teachers to take pictures as much as possible now that students are back face to face and give them info for drop box
 - Nicoll will reach out to Sara and Courtney who previously ran the organization and sale yearbooks
 - Composite class pictures will take up more space than usual
 - 1. School pictures will take place, currently working on date for individual student pictures to be taken.

Old Business

11. Purse Bingo

- A. Start planning now for Fall event and forego the usual Spring event to allow more time to plan for Ice Cream festival
- B. Mid October date- need time to solicit donations; Presidents weekend is typically when purses are purchased during holiday sales- Will have many opportunities between now and October to gather purses.
- C. Would be helpful to reach out to previous organizers to create a handbook for future organizers, complete with timeline and process
- D. Motion to move Purse Bingo Fall date- So moved; Dana; Second Jen

12. Roller Skating

- A. Cancelled this year but deposit is still in place for next year.
- B. This year would have been difficult to organizing taking into account social distancing; typically used ice breakers and games to engage students and family members attending.

13. After School Clubs

- A. A lot of teacher interest in hosting clubs
- B. Laura creating sign up genius from secretaries
- C. Typically paper flyer would go home with students with description of each club along with teacher and room assignment
- D. Mad rush to register for clubs and clubs would fill up very quickly; first come first served registration process.
- E. Needs for now; Schedule of time and day of week for when clubs would take place, who will run clubs, what will the club entail; how many students would the club be open to.
- F. Clubs will run for 5 weeks-including virtual students would be tricky
- G. Test run was completed for opening up to PTO members only to create an incentive for joining PTO
 - Best to keep it open to all students
 - It could be alot for some families to incur the expense of PTO leaving out students
 - Option will be open for parents who are assisting with the clubs to have children allowed access into the club

Announcements

Next Meeting March 1, 2021 7 PM on Zoom

Adjournment: 8:09pm

So moved Jen K; Seconded Dana