

Sunset Ridge/Middlefork School PTO
Tuesday, September 10th, 2019
PTO Minutes

Meeting called to order by: Erica Marinello
Approval of Minutes: Tom Whittaker

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Welcome:

Erica Marinello, President

Welcome!

Introduction of the Exec Board.

Brief overview of the 40K PTO budget and how some of the money is used ie. teacher appreciation, teacher gifts, coding programs, author visits, book fair, room parties, lunchroom, conference meals

Treasurers Report:

Kori Pierce, Treasurer

45K Budget

We may not go over budget by more than 10% on any individual line item without getting approval through a PTO vote.

When you submit expenses you can email Kori or drop off the mailbox.

Will email the Performance to Budget report instead of printing out the report each meeting

Bank Account Balance:

8th grade fund \$3,360.95

Master Checking \$101,249.72

Sunset Ridge-Middlefork \$0

There is \$27,835.35 in a CD that matured at the end of August which has been rolled into the master checking account. Discussion will take place at the next exec meeting on whether to move money into a higher interest rate CD or a savings account.

PTO Dues & Fees Update:

PTO 8th Grade Fee as of 9/9/19 \$3,000; Goal: \$4,000; % Collected 64%

PTO Classroom Fee as of 9/9/19 \$4,950; Goal: \$11,775; % Collected 42%

PTO- Dues as of 9/9/19 \$3,025; Goal \$7,325; % Collected 41%

46% all dues and fees have been collected

There will be a booth at the Middlefork back to school night on 9/19 to help collect dues; we were at the Sunset Ridge on 9/4.

Committee Reports:

Seong McGarry, School Supplies Chair

There was 90% participation at MFS and 97% at SRS. Overall participation rate of 94% for the district- increase from 89% last year. Working on final number, but we are expecting a cash rebate check back to the PTO in excess of \$5,600.

Dan Friedman, Vice President

Room parent update: Need help in 4th grade, but looking good overall.

April Toofan, Lunchroom Volunteer Chair

Looking for two more volunteers for Monday and Friday

Book Fair:

Joanna Soukoulis, Book Fair MF Chair

MF to have their own book fair is two years in the works.

Author Visits/Special Programming:

Tom Whittaker, Author Visit/Programs SRS Chair

Working hard over summer with Lauren and Dr. Sukenik and they have some good authors in mind for visit.

Vanessa Matuschka, Author Visit/Programs Chair

Erica Marinello gave an update on behalf of Vanessa. Vanessa is working hard and has some good ideas. [Dr. Greene, later mentioned Vanessa is going to a conference with regards to and author visit/programs].

Patricia Gainsburg, Alliance for early Childhood Chair

Partnering with the community to host 6 events. Will have 15 other free events. Update to come next week.

Anne Peterson, (School Board PTO Rep.

Board Meeting is tonight and there is also an education meeting tonight. Education meeting is highly recommended because it is informal and gives the community an opportunity to participate and give their input, ask questions, and give feedback.

Board Meeting tonight at 7pm- continue to review policies to may need an update and decide if anything needs to be changed. Go to board website to find all policies and newsletters. Board notes - each month minutes are posted on the website.

Community Update:

Bill Lustig, Police Chief

Reminder to lock car doors.

Chief Lustig gave detailed events of the individual arrested for child pornography among other charges.

Worked through the proper channels to handle the investigation.

Psychologist works part-time if anyone needs an appointment please call the police department.

Dr. Ed Stange is not an agent of the police department.

Police department will man halloween with officers driving around town.

Administration Reports

Dr. Ed Stange, District 29 Superintendent of Schools

Difficult to hold the information for five months of the individual arrested.

He is not an agent of the police department.

Shared timeline and details with regards to the individual arrested for child pornography for transparency.

Reviewing hiring process. Note that this district does more than the standard background check- FBI, National Offenders List etc.

Did a full sweep of the school to see if there was anything that might be affiliated with individual arrested. Did not find anything.

-Dan Friedman said that 13% of non-contact offenders become contact offenders. By no means was Dan defending anyone, but mentioned this for information based upon research and data.

Will practice or did already practice drills- fire, lockdown, safety, security.

One TA short.

Do not pay attention to the rankings. Different people have different metrics. Know that you are in one of the best districts.

Dr. Mary Frances Greene, MF Principal

201 students enrolled at Middlefork; approximately 18 students/class across all grades and classrooms.

Launched NSSSED in classrooms.

60th Anniversary for MF - 1959 day celebration in October with a sock hop.

Thank you for your support regarding the individual who was arrested.

Learning center is open! Kids loved it. Reused all the furniture that was donated by the PTO 16 years ago and repurposed around the school.

Safety drills next week. Will roll out drills slowly since the ages of the children at MF are younger.

Picture day is coming up on 9/20.

Officer friendly visits this month

Pilar Westfield, Teacher Representative

Nothing to report at this time, but a huge thank you for the luncheon and parents who volunteer for service leagues.

Dr. Sukenik, SRS Principal

Thank you for the luncheon

Mapp testing today

Service league is starting. All field trips for service league will be on the two ½ days of school.

Cell-Pack on 9/18- 1st Parent Meeting. Dr. Tim Dorre will speak who is a leading expert on SEL.

Kate Hannigan 9/24 author visit

Tornado drill coming up

Thank you for We Are All Here campaign

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8th, 2019

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15am

Tom Whittaker

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Welcome:

Erica Marinello, President

Membership Toolkit is in the process of getting updated.

Sock hop on 10/17- will need volunteers

Conferences 10/25- Group of 5 ladies who are coordinating to cater food

Book fair 11/11

We have found a president elect-Jenny Gallagher

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Presidents Report:

Erica Marinello, President

Thank you:

To Joanna Soukoulis and Yena Levinson for an incredible book fair at MF. Looking forward to the SSR book fair this winter.

To Amanda Knight and Ana miyares for hosting a fun and festive social dance for our 6th graders.

Ongoing News: Northwestern Settlement Project is well underway.

Treasurer Report:

Kori Pierce, Treasurer

\$105,467.84 in Combined Bank Balance as of 12/10/19

Middlefork BookFair made \$2,253.05. Budget for BOTH book fairs is \$3,000.

MF library also received an additional \$68 Scholastic dollars to spend from donations made by parents who "rounded up".

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Committee Reports:

Patricia Gainsburg, Great Books Program Chair

Program starts on 1/13

Current budget is \$100. Would like \$1,000.

Erica: We need to have a separate meeting regarding the budget. There needs to be a vote.

Vanessa: We have money left over after Pajama Dar

Kori: That is very nice, but we need to discuss, vote if more money will be allocated to Great Books.

Amanda Knight, 6th Grade Chair

We have extra money from the 6th grade dance. What should we do with that?

Need a manual on how to run the 6th grade dance. She did not have much guidance as to how to plan it.

Community Update:

Bill Lustig, Police Chief

Semi-truck ran into cable wires which caused the Internet outage for 3 blocks.

New Trier West Campus had two freshman boys that went through a window- no further details at this time. Still configuring the lockdown procedure

No residential burglaries in the last 4 months.

Two car burglaries in the last two weeks. Cars were unlocked

Administration Reports

Dr. Ed Stange, District 29 Superintendent of Schools

Thank you: Book fair and social dance

Dr. Greene retirement: Job posted on 12/2 and they received over 3 dozen applicants.

There will be 3 different committees: Staff/Community/Board for the interview process.

Interviews will be held in February and final decision in March.

District calendar for 2020/2021:

- 8/26 1st day for students
- 6/8 last day for students
- Breaks will match New Trier schedule

Parent Connections Meeting: Service Night was the topic of discussion. Do we want to continue it? Should we bring the PTO back into it?

Encourage parents to come to parent connection meetings. It was because of parent input that conference times/days were changed. December meeting will discuss discipline practices in public schools.

Dr. Mary Frances Greene, MF Principal

We had our 13th annual Turkey Trot.

Empathy ambassadors are coming

Winter sing 12/18 for 1st-3rd grades and 1/23 for K

Time for Kindergarten registration in January.

Early admission to 1st grade. New legislation to accommodate a gifted child.

Dr. Sukenik, SRS Principal

Mrs. Baldwin had her baby! Mrs. Anderson is here through March in her place.

Junior High band orchestra will have their concert next week.

Reviewing lock procedures procedures.

Spelling Bee on 1/10.

Service league - January - Seeking contributions

Kids - "Beezin" putting chapstick on their eyebrows to achieve a high

School Board

Anne Peterson

Meeting tonight.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 14th, 2020

Meeting Adjourned: 9:44am

Motion to adjourn: Tom Whittaker

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Presidents Report:

Erica Marinello, President

Thank you to those who have emailed to retain their PTO position for the next school year. We are in the beginning stages for the letter campaign. Hope to get them out by the end of February.

We also hope to get a Middlefork only service night completely run by the PTO in Spring.

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Committee Reports:

Jenny Gallagher, President-Elect, PTO Gifts

Very happy to report that we will fund all the requests made this year:

New Digital Keyboard

New Eagle Costume

Middlefork 60th Anniversary T-Shirts

Middlefork Tile Wall

Little Tikes Big Waffle Block Sets for Kindergarten Playground

Imagination Playground Block Sets

Seong McGarry, School Kits Chair

Please contact her with any questions.

On 2/3, they will email teachers for their requests. Those school kit requests is due by 2/18.

Lisa Challenger, 8th Grade Chair

First 8th grade event will be a paddle party on 2/28.

Jenny Damon, Parent Connections

Parent Advisory Meeting - opportunity for parents to talk to admin about any school related issues.

1/22 is the next meeting at 8:45am at SSR. Will discuss district policy discipline procedures.

Vanessa Matuschka, Author Visit/Programs Chair

Pajama Day- Fractured Fairytales

Community Update:

Bill Lustig, Police Chief

Car theft occurred last Saturday to an unlocked car. That same car was used to commit burglaries in Glenview. They did have a gun.

Residential burglaries are going up.

Phone spam calls are on the rise- targeting seniors.

On 12/29 a young man with a mental health problem and got his hands on his dad's gun. No one was injured, but please lock up your guns!

Coyotes are out again. They are very aggressive February - April (mating and pup season).

Best way to handle an aggressive coyote is to euthanize them. They are very hard to capture.

Small children should not be left outside alone. They usually come when there is a food source.

If you should see one then loud sounds (banging pots and pans) will usually deter them away.

Call 911 if and only if they are aggressive.

Administration Reports

Dr. Ed Stange, District 29 Superintendent of Schools

Thank you for the PTO gifts.

Update on principal job search. They received over 60 applicants and the job posting will remain open until 1/24.

Met with top tier candidates already.

Parent Connections meeting will discuss discipline.

Five Essential Survey. We need 20%-30% parent participation in order to get the data.

Dr. Mary Frances Greene, MF Principal

Kindergarten registration is on 1/22.

Kinder winter sing is on 1/23

Pajama day is on 1/31

Middlefork service night: Would like to go back to having it at Middlefork. What can we do better than we already do?

Dolphin Code: Made lanes in the hallways with painters tape. Kids already staying on their side of the hallway.

Birthday month has started. Celebrating ½ birthdays and birthdays.

Great Books have started.

Pick-up line was extra crazy this past week because park district classes were not in session.

Dr. Sukenik, SRS Principal

Congratulations to Jack Ryan for winning the 2020 Sunset Ridge Spelling Bee!

SEL-Pack Meeting tomorrow night

Friday is service league day

7th/8th grade field trip on 1/21

6th grade field trip on 1/22

Geography bee on 1/31

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Fundraising- Letter writing is well on its way

SRS Book Fair- March 4th and 5th. Will be on the same night as the 4th grade concert. We are using Follett this year. Parents can still upload money on a “debit card” for kids to use at the fair.

Middlefork Family Service Night will be on 3/11 between 6:30pm-7:45pm. We will start promoting this event. There will be 4 different stations: bracelets for hospital, homeless breakfast, writing notes for service people and bandanas for dogs.

Slating for 2020/202- Consolidate slating and budget for approval at March PTO meeting since we need a quorum to vote for both things- try to vote on both things at one meeting.

Conference Meals will be provided by the PTO on Friday.

Treasurer Report:

Kori Pierce, Treasurer

Combined bank balance as of 2/10/2020: \$101,191.30

We plan to review our proposed 2020-2021 PTO Budget at the March PTO meeting. We are asking each chair to assess their budget from this year and and share feedback to Kori Pierce, koriconway@gmail.com, by the end of the month, 2/29/20. If you paid for anything out of pocket and did not submit the reimbursement, it is important to send in a note so that future chairs are working with a realistic budget.

Committee Reports:

Jenny Damon, Parent Connections

Last meeting they discussed “videogate” and discipline- what would parents like to see in D29 regarding discipline.

Next Meeting is on February 26 at 8:45am-10:15am in the SSR conference room. We will be discussing parental feedback from last month regarding the topic of Student Discipline, and taking a deeper look at the proactive and reactive student discipline and protocols at SSR School.

Teacher Report:

Robin Zogby- Thank you for the service day and gym memberships

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Dr. Ed Stange, District 29 Superintendent of Schools

With regards to the video camera found at SSR school bathroom:

Received a lot of emails, phone calls with support. Trying to respond with compassion, respect and patience. It has been very difficult to handle this entire situation especially since he feels that this individual manipulated and violated the trust of the school. Receiving outside counsel to see why it happened.

We were compliant by the state in 2017. Individuals needs 3 different offences to show up on the Sex Offenders List . No longer will we rely on outside sources for background checks.

We are currently all updated with all background and fingerprint checks with Wesley, Organic Life, Chess guy etc. We hope to set the standard for school wide background checks.

Middlefork Principal update: 4 candidates. Interviews were comprised by parents, board members and staff. Finalist interviews 2nd round interviews on 2/18.

Dr. Mary Frances Greene, MF Principal

Excited for the candidates!

Parents have done an exceptional job at sheltering the little ones with what has been going on at SSR School.

Kindergarten enrollment: Biggest enrollment ever.

Definite: 46

Probable: 53

Possible: 60

We will have to look at the composition of the student body to help determine whether we will need a 4th class. Dr. Greene will do the K-4th class enrollment.

Will welcome Village Manager on 2/13 to speak to the 2nd grade.

2nd cup of coffee on 2/13 at 6:30pm

2/20 Kindergarten math night

2/21 Birthday Lunch; 2/28 ½ birthday lunch

Aaron Reynolds is coming

Service Night- will work with Dedicated Dolphins to see if they are willing to help.

Dr. Sukenik, SRS Principal

Thank you for all the support.

We are supporting the students with constant check-ins, group formats. Ultimately to meet the kids with where they are at.

Mrs. Gonzalez had a baby- Mrs. Victorn is the substitute.

Robot team is going to state

5th-8th student led conferences. Will ask parents for feedback regarding this type of conference style.

Empathy Ambassadors- choosing kindness

Hiring a new photography company. Very disappointed with Lifetouch.

School Board Report:

Anne Peterson, (School Board PTO Rep.)

Thank you to those who have contacted the board about "videogate".

It is because of the professionalism and dedication of the staff that keep us moving.

Will look at the internal investigation at the meeting tonight

Meeting Adjourned: 9:47am

Motion to adjourn: Tom Whittaker

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10th, 2020

Minutes compiled by: Soo Moon, Secretary

Sunset Ridge/Middlefork School PTO
Tuesday, March 10th, 2020
PTO Minutes

Meeting called to order by: Erica Marinello 9:00am
Approval of Minutes: Tom Whittaker & Eva Vlad

Presidents Report:

Erica Marinello, President

Thank you:

The Book Fair was a success. First time having a book fair in both schools. Moving forward we will continue to have separate book fairs. Took a very short time to set up. It was a real positive experience.

Conference meals were great! Thank you to Nicole, Marina, and Karen.

Author Visit: Thank you Tom and Vanessa for Aaron Reynolds visit.

Middlefork Family Service Night: 3/11 and ready to go! Open house style

Slating: Looking to fill vacancies.

Treasurer Report:

Kori Pierce, Treasurer

Combined bank balance as of 3/10/2020: \$101,283.11

We plan to review our proposed 2020-2021 PTO Budget at the April PTO meeting. We are asking each chair to assess their budget from this year and and share feedback to Kori Pierce, koriconway@gmail.com, by 3/20/20, ahead of the budget review with administration on 3/30/20. If you paid for anything out of pocket and did not submit the reimbursement, it is important to send in a note so that future chairs are working with a realistic budget.

Committee Reports:

Seong McGarry, School Kits

Thank you to all the teachers and principals with their responses. May 1st school kits will go on sale.

Jenny Damon, Parent Connections

TBD

Teacher Report:

Sara Brown, Thank you for the conference meals.

Administration Reports

Bill Lustig, Chief of Police

Busy doing budget stuff

A lot of craziness: couple of car burglaries- they are armed and dangerous.

McGuyver bombs going off in toilets. Culprits have been caught.

Sad funerals for 3 different Northfield families.

Dr. Ed Stange, District 29 Superintendent of Schools

Attended some sad funerals.

Thank you for the conference meals and book fair volunteers.

Parent connections tonight and it will be an open forum. We will discuss discipline.

Covid-19: staying in communication with other area superintendents to make sure we are all on the same page. Planning E-learning days and working on the plans. We are doing extra cleaning. Tracking respiratory instances.

Board meeting tonight. New comprehensive policy for background checks. Rebidding on all food and custodial services.

CDC recommended to stay away from all large public gatherings so we will take that into consideration for the upcoming field trips.

Traffic is crazy- we need help.

Looking to sell refurbished computers to parents for a few hundred dollars.

Will introduce the new principal soon.

Dr. Mary Frances Greene, MF Principal

We have a wasp problem in the large gym. Students are currently on a modified schedule in the small gym.

Incoming Kindergarten classes: 49 fully registered, 53 probable, 63 possible.

Thank you for the Author Visit

Service Night: we will be prepared with wipes and handwashing

Volunteer assembly on 4/23

Vocab parade is coming up

No field trip on Monday

Dr. Sukenik, SRS Principal

Thank you for Author Visits

Thank you for Book Fair

4th grade had a band concert

5 robotics teams will go to the state championships

Chief Lustig will come and talk to the 5th graders about bullying

IAR testing in April

We have cancelled all service league field trips

School Board Report:

Anne Peterson, (School Board PTO Rep.)

Board meeting will discuss bidding for new food and custodial services.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:40am

Motion to adjourn: Tom Whittaker

Next Meeting: April 14th, 2020

Minutes compiled by: Soo Moon, Secretary

Sunset Ridge/Middlefork School PTO
Tuesday, June 2nd 8pm
Virtual Zoom PTO Minutes

Meeting called to order by: Erica Marinello 8:00pm
Approval of Minutes: Eva Vlad and Dan Friedman

*Please note that schools were closed due to Covid-19 from March to the end of the school year. No minutes were recorded for April and May.

Presidents Report:

Erica Marinello, President

Thank you to Dr. Greene, Dr. Sukenik, and Dr. Stange for your partnership this year.
Thank you to the Exec Board- It was a team effort

Treasurer Report:

Kori Pierce, Treasurer

Combined bank balance as of 6/2/2020: \$98,038.55

The invoice for the blanket gift for Teacher Appreciation week was \$2,625. The budget for Teacher Appreciation week is \$2,000. With the 10% cushion, we are \$425 over budget and need to either vote to accept the additional expense or ask the school district to cover the difference.

Do you have any outstanding invoices? Please include a copy of the receipt and email to Kor Pierce, koriconway@gmail.com. Once we close out the year, we will not reimburse expenses. Please submit as soon as possible, but not later than 6/30/20.

Our 2020-2021 Proposed Budget is included in this packet for review and approval during this meeting.

We did not have a mid-year fundraiser this year. We budgeted 20k and we got 5k from donations. We ended the year about 7k under budget since we didn't have as many expenses since school closed.

Budget is pretty much the same as the prior year.

Fundraising budget will increase.

Increased our School Kits budget since we got \$5,600 this year.

Vote:

Erica asked for a show of hands for those in favor of adopting the new budget for the next school year. It was approved: Kori Pierce, Soo Moon, Eva Vlad, Erica Marinello, Jenny Gallagher, Bianca Rose, Margie Huber, Dan Friedman, Jenny Damon, Seong McGarry, Nicole McLachlan, Patricia Gainsberg, Ericka Foster, Yena Levinson.

Erica asked for a show of hands for those in favor to use PTO funds of the extra \$425 dollars used for Teacher Appreciation. It was approved: Kori Pierce, Soo Moon, Eva Vlad, Erica Marinello, Jenny Gallagher, Bianca Rose, Margie Huber, Dan Friedman, Jenny Damon, Seong McGarry, Nicole McLachlan, Patricia Gainsberg, Ericka Foster, Yena Levinson.

Erica asked for a show of hands for those in favor for the 2020-2021 slate. It was approved: Kori Pierce, Soo Moon, Eva Vlad, Erica Marinello, Jenny Gallagher, Bianca Rose, Margie Huber, Dan Friedman, Jenny Damon, Seong McGarry, Nicole McLachlan, Patricia Gainsberg, Ericka Foster, Yena Levinson.

Committee Reports:

Seong McGarry, School Kits

We are down this year on orders so far. We need one last push before the deadline.

Administration Reports

Dr. Ed Stange, District 29 Superintendent of Schools

Thank you to all the PTO volunteers. PTO is the icing on the cake.

Looking into a new custodial, transportation and food service companies

Election day is now a mandatory day off so they will change the calendar.

School re-opening task force is working on drafts and plans for the next school year.

Dr. Mary Frances Greene, MF Principal

3rd grade virtual graduation will be on Friday, June 5th.

3 healthy sized Kindergarten classes.

Dr. Sukenik, SRS Principal

Thank you for the Teacher Appreciation Blankets- we got a lot of emails of thanks from the teachers.

Thank you to the 8th grade chairs for the planning of a memorable graduation.

Erica, Thank you for everything!

Other Remarks

Jenny Damon: On behalf of all the parents, thank you for planning such a memorable 8th grade graduation.

Virtual Zoom Meeting Adjourned: 8:35pm

Minutes compiled by: Soo Moon, Secretary