

Sunset Ridge/Middlefork School PTO
Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 9am
Virtual Zoom PTO Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: Bridget Kennedy, 9:02am
Approval of minutes: Christie Caceres, Hillary Bufalino

President's Report:

Bridget Kennedy, PTO President

The newsletter was sent out yesterday.

Our goal for the fundraiser was \$10k. We raised \$13k. Thank you to all who donated.

The Exec Board has discussed putting a 2 year suggested limit on PTO positions.

Please update your board report to reflect information about your board position.

Ivy Sukenik asked what the process would be to add a PTO position to be a SEL Liaison.

Bridget said they can discuss this at a later time and vote at the next meeting to make it a position if desired.

Treasurer Report:

Yena Levinson, Treasurer

\$97,934 in the bank.

We raised \$13,107 from the fundraiser and still have a few checks to deposit.

Committee Reports:

Hillary Bufalino, Parent Connections

Last month's meeting was on strategic planning priority areas. The next meeting on 4/19 will be about safety and security.

Sandy Norbot, Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2 - 6. There will be multiple ways for parents to help get kids involved that week.

Book Fair

Bridget shared that the book fair is coming soon. Online shopping will be available from 5/9 - 5/22. There will be opportunities to shop in person on May 10th from 3 - 6pm at Middlefork School. Shopping will be in-person for Sunset Ridge on the same day, time TBD.

Community Update:

Bill Lustig, Northfield Chief of Police

There was an accident this morning on Willow and Sunset Ridge.

The annual budget goes to the board this month.

People report suspicious things on social media sometimes but they should always call the police department as well.

High school students are playing a game called Paranoia. They use NERF rifles that can be mistaken as real guns. The game has potential to be dangerous.

Administration Reports:

Dr. Ed Stange, District 29 Superintendent of Schools

COVID numbers are up.

There is a new litigation out there regarding masking. District 29 is named in this litigation. The documents are public and online. Will discuss more at the board meeting tonight.

Public comment at board meetings was always required to be in person. We revised that during COVID to allow people to submit electronically. We will look to make this policy.

We will be wrapping up strategic planning tomorrow night.

If we do not get the official report back in time from the hired security consultant, we may have to change the topic of the next Parent Connections meeting.

Mr. Kramer, the Sunset Ridge custodian, is retiring after 28 years.

Dr. Ivy Sukenik, SRS Principal

Mrs. Peck is also resigning. We are looking for a new SRS nurse.

We are doing IAR testing this week and it is going well.

Seventh grade has Outdoor Ed next week.

Eighth grade has their Washington DC trip next week. Eighth grade students that are staying back will be working with the village on Earth Day.

4/26 will be our annual bike drive.

SRS Robotics Team is going to the World Championships in Dallas in a few weeks.

Jennifer Kiedaisch, Middlefork Principal

Third grade began IAR testing this week.

Gaga ball pit is now outside for recess. It has been a fun alternative.

Thank you to all who volunteer for morning traffic duty. Please continue to volunteer.

We are going to have a new event for third graders called Ride to the Ridge. Students will ride bikes or scooters from Middlefork to Sunset Ridge. They will learn where to park their bikes and will then watch the SRS musical.

5/31 will be Third/Fourth Grade Transition Day. Parents will be invited.

6/1 is Field Day. 6/3 is the rain date.

The Spring Sing will be back this year and we are combining it with portfolio night. Will have a Kindergarten/first grade night and a second/third grade night.

School Board Report

Abigayil Joseph

Finance committee meets tonight at 5:30pm with the regular board meeting to follow at 7pm.

April is a heavy approval month: calendars, contracts, etc. Custodial and food contracts are two big ones that will be discussed.

Will also be discussing strategic planning.

Additional Comments

Bridget shared that May 10 will be the last PTO meeting of the year. We will be approving the 2022/2023 slate and budget.

Virtual Zoom Meeting Adjourned: 9:56am

Minutes compiled by: Allison Gaetano, Secretary