

Sunset Ridge/Middlefork School PTO
Monday, October 14th, 9:00am
Virtual Zoom PTO Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: Ranjini Shankar at 9:00am
Approval of September, 2024 Minutes – No corrections, stand as approved.

Presidents Report:

Ranjini Shankar, PTO President

- September 2024 minutes approved as stand
- Please complete your board reports, find the blank template [here](#)
- We are looking for someone to be our Alumni Chair with a focus on launching the alumni directory. If you are interested in heading this or know somebody who would be interest, let Ranjini know at president@district29pto.org

Treasurer Report:

Annie Hendricks, Assistant Treasurer

Presentation can be found [here](#)

- Reviewed bank balance and PTO dues.
- Classroom party fees will be dispersed this week.
- [Here](#) is the link to MySchoolBucks. Select PTO fees and Donations and then pay both PTO Dues for the family and Classroom Dues for each child. You can still pay these fees
- Working to get Zelle on board so PTO can get reimbursements tendered via Zelle. Reimbursement form will be updated to select this as a means to receive your reimbursement.
- Working on scenario planning and forecasts over a two year horizon to help make decisions on how and where we spend our PTO funds.
- Tax return paperwork has been tendered and getting tax forms ready for people who make donations for the benefit

Community Update:

Deputy Chief Mike Hutensky

- Chief Lustig has decided to retire after 43 years.
- Police have limited capabilities to manage panhandlers around the school but are working to ensure safety.
- District 29 and Northfield police successfully completed the annual Disaster Plan meeting
- Halloween safety will be handled by Officer Friendly in the schools to ensure everyone's safety
- There is an uptick in vehicle burglaries and theft. Please keep cars locked and keys out of cars. Motion lights and lights on in your house are effective.

Administration Reports:

Dr. Ed Stange, District 29 Superintendent of Schools (Given by Dr. Sukenik)

- This year conferences will be focused on listening to parents and connecting with them earlier to help guide students over the course of the year
- New developments in the Middlefork capital improvement planning will be discussed at the next Parent Connections meeting at Sunset Ridge on **October 23rd at 9am.**

Jennifer Kiedaisch, Middlefork Principal (Given by Dr. Sukenik)

- Survey has gone out to 3rd grade parents to collect information for the best day and time to hold Junior Great Books
- Middlefork needs more driveway volunteers to help with drop off in the morning. If you would like to volunteer please email Ms. Kiedaisch
- Please remember to only drop students after supervision begins as students waiting without an adult can cause safety concerns
- Additional details about Halloween celebrations were shared in the Friday news and there will be more to come.

Dr. Ivy Sukenik, SRS Principal

- Volleyball is ending, our tournament starts today. Cross country winding up their season. Be on the look out for parent volunteers to help with Basketball season.
- Student Ambassadors have been busy collecting supplies and selling treats at sporting events and have collected over \$300.
- Green club is collecting plastic bags that will be used to knit sleeping pads for the homeless community
- Many upcoming field trips and events: 4th and 5th going to the symphony, 7th grade has Outdoor Ed coming at the end of the month and 8th grade has their NT entrance exam this weekend and they are going on their first service project next week.

School Board Report

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- Board meeting was last week, the finance committee meeting. Approved the fiscal year 23/24 audit.
- There is a \$21 million dollar proposal on the table for the Middlefork Capital Project and the committee is looking to have more community members involved to discuss the finances of the capital improvement project.
- Please attend the parent connections meeting and if you want to get more involved please reach out to Dr. Sukenik or Dr. Stange.

Committee Reports:

100 Year Celebration, Jeanine Rashkow

- The official 100 year celebration tree was planted on October 4th

Lunchroom Volunteers, Jeanine Rashkow

- Looking to fill the lunchroom bulletin board in Middlefork school with photos of the volunteers. Please take a photo during your shift so we can highlight you on the board.

Movie in the Park, Catherine Dicke

- Gene Wilder's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory will be shown **Friday, October 18th at 6pm**. Bring chairs and blankets and there will be snacks with a possibility for students to find a golden ticket!

PTO Gifts, Ranjini Shankar

- Prioritizing experiences, enrichment activities and start up activity seed money for clubs this year. Parents are welcome to work with administration to submit an application for any ideas they may have. The deadline is **Friday, November 1st**.
- More information can be found on the [website](#)
- Email Sarah Cohn if there are additional questions: president_elect@district29pto.org

Diversity and Global Citizenship – International Night, Carolyn Kelley

- The focus of the committee is to help support the district in celebrating diversity.
- International Night will be the main event focus for the committee with plans to celebrate in April
- The plan is for the committee of interested staff and committee of interested parents to work together to execute
- The committee is looking to get a few more parents on board to help plan this event. Please reach out to Carolyn Kelly (miamibelle@gmail.com) or Ranjini (President@district29pto.org) if you want to get involved.
- Interest survey for parents wanting to help set up a booth will be sent out in December

Winter Benefit, Megan Reed and Jocelyn Dinkel

- Starting to set meeting schedules and create committees
- If you have auction items to donate, or insight on who to reach out to for donations, please contact Megan or Jocelyn at miaminightsd29@gmail.com
- Sending out a QR code via parent square for anybody to join the team to help us with the event.

Virtual Zoom Meeting Adjourned -9:32am Adjourned by Ranjini Shankar
Minutes compiled by: Emily LeMire, Secretary