

SVE PTA General Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2017
8:45am - 10am

Next Meeting: September 11, 2017

In attendance: see spreadsheet

Welcome, Stephanie Malia

- Introductions – 2017-18 board members were introduced: Stephanie Malia (SM), President; Jessica Bradley (JB), VP; Wendy Keller (WK), 2nd VP SAC rep; Jen Skousen (JS), Secretary; Cindy Mitchell (CM), Treasurer.
- Memberships – reminder to turn in membership forms and dues to SM or CM.

Treasurer Report, Cindy Mitchell

- 2016-2017 PTA Audit: The Audit Committee (Alison Lashmet, SM and JS) met and reviewed the audit as prepared by CM. JS reported that the numbers were checked on the bank statement and all matched up.
- Current Financials: See attached for balances. PTA has yet to gift \$80k to school. We're waiting to get the go-head from the administration.
- The Spirit Rock calendar is live to the end of 2017 and already has several sign-ups.

SAC Report, Wendy Keller

- SAC: School Accountability Committee
- Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30a in the SVE Office
- 1st meeting was held August 2nd. Most important topic of discussion was the School Board election in November. WK emphasized that the PTA could not endorse any candidates, but individuals can.
- Next meeting is Wednesday Sept 6th at 7:30am (All are welcome to attend any meeting)
- Future agenda items will include solidifying school colors and school mascot and the possible upcoming MIL levy.

Principal's Report, George Boser (GB)

- GB introduced himself and his family: 4 daughters (4th, 7th, 9th & 10th grade daughters), principal in Sedalia for 7 years
- GB was pleased with Back to School Night. He treated the teachers to a coffee bar the next morning after a busy, long night.
- GB took the staff to RAFT for a field trip before the start of the year for team building and to emphasize the habits of character the school champions. The teachers were divided into groups and made visual representations of each character trait and each are hanging in the hallway of the school. RAFT is a facility where local businesses and companies take recyclable/reusable materials for groups to come either use on-site or take with them to use in their classrooms.
- GB pointed out that we all have to live and model these habits of character. We are judged by the quality of our character as well as our quality of work.
- Current school enrollment is at 510. We were projected to be at 520 with a 5 student margin of error. We do not have to report enrollment yet and GB is hoping for a few more students to trickle in in the next month.
- Today is the eclipse and GB has been fielding phone calls and emails about it. Although a box of glasses was not delivered to the school, several students brought their own or stayed home so he felt like they were going to be able to allow all students to view the eclipse.

- The district will no longer allow us to start 5 minutes earlier to allow for extra vacation days. This year we will go from 8 to 4 but start the day at 8:35 instead of 8:30.

Fall Fundraiser – Groove A Thon –Amy Belkowski and Jessica Bradley

- Preparations are on-track and all of the sponsors from last year are back again
- Kick-off assembly August 31st : students will take home packets that day
- All-school emails will go out between the kick-off and the event to encourage participation. A flier will go home in Thursday folders to remind parents.
- Groove A Thon is Friday, September 15th : although the purpose of this event is to raise money, all money will be donations and not tied to participation in the event. This is not a pay-to-play, so all students can participate in this celebration. There will be bounce houses, a dunk tank, volleyball, and other activities.
- SM said that they have not set a per student goal, but in the past it has been ~\$100/student, ~\$250/family
- Volunteers needed – SignUp Genius link will be sent out soon

Committee Updates

- CVC Coordinator (**OPEN**)
- Community Events (**OPEN**)
 - This includes the Chili/Bingo night (WK will be in charge) and the Valentine Dance
- Spirit Rocks (**OPEN**)
- Spring Fundraiser/Auction (**OPEN**)
 - We need help on all aspects of the event - Susan Lucyk was the chair last year and she and Alison did most of it themselves. Susan highly recommended getting a large committee to help with procurement. WK suggested having a committee kick-off party to get excitement up and coordinate tasks.
- Restaurant Nights (Kimberly Somers)
 - **Wednesday, September 13th – Buffalo Wild Wings 4-10p**
 - Kimberly has entire year planned to include: Red Robin, Noodles & Co., Freddy's, Modern Market, Panera, Chipotle & Cold Stone. She will create fliers for folders and labels to put on kids the day-of.
- Watch D.O.G.S. (Melody Benschoter)
 - **Watch DOGS Pizza Kick Off Night – DATE CHANGE** : Original date was this Thursday (Aug 24). Consensus was that that was too soon to promote and get a decent turn-out. Melody will try to reschedule for September 6.
 - We want to promote this as a Date Night with Dad to have pizza and play kickball. This is an opportunity for dads to meet and get to know each other.
 - Alison suggested creating a Google form to get RSVPs so we can plan for pizza.
 - There is a video to promote Watch DOGS and we will show that while everyone is eating. Alison suggested having a couple dads talk about their experience. We will have a wall calendar there for sign-ups. There is an online live calendar but Melody is waiting to email it out till after the event so dads that are there get first choice.
 - SM said Parry's Pizza won't do a restaurant night because of logistics but will give us gift cards and she suggested we use them in a raffle for all dads that sign up.
 - WK suggested we create coloring page invites that the kids can personalize to give to their dads. If the kids are excited about coming the dads will feel obligated to go.
- Yearbook (Kim Hildebrand)
 - **1st Meeting is August 31st at 2:15pm in the office conference room**
 - Looking for a co-chair that can take it over since her youngest is in 6th grade.
- Staff Appreciation (Sarah Bolthouse)
 - **1st Meeting is August 29th at Sarah's House - 9520 Chesapeake Street**
 - This meeting is to brainstorm ideas for small tokens they can give the staff once a month, as well as Teacher Appreciation week at the end of the year.
- Dad's Club (Amber Veillette)
 - **Parent Lunch & Bake Sale is Friday, September 29th**
 - Theme for the bake sale is circus/carnival

- Money made from sale is used for special projects: picnic tables, teacher's lounge, Make-A-Wish (spring bake sale)
- Welcome Ambassador (Emily Magill)
- Muffins in the Morning (Amy Belowski) – no update given
 - Thursday, October 5th
- Scrip/Grocery Cards (Tommie Mailey)
 - Safeway is redesigning their cards/program so no new cards can be sold but old cards will still work and can be reloaded. CM pointed out that she has not seen any money from them over the past year and Tommie said she will check to see if she has a statement and where they are sending money, if the are.
 - King Sooper cards are available, though no were purchased at Back 2 School night.
 - Encourage everybody to purchase one and keep reloading
- Fall Fundraiser (Amy Belowski & Jessica Bradley) – see above
- Southglenn (Cindy Mitchell)
 - CM explained program – all money spent at SouthGlenn can earn our school points. The schools with the most points will receive rewards from SouthGlenn. Last year we received a \$350 gift card to use in their stores. All receipts can be submitted to Cindy or you can go to Guest Services and they will log your points and you can keep your receipts. If you participate in their Halloween or Christmas events, you also get points for everyone in your family who attends.
- Box Tops (Suanne Ediger) – Counting party in October – no update
- Community Outreach (Wendy Stair & Jessica Armock) – no update
- Spring Reading Program (Erica Petrelli) – no update
- PR (Kathy Seader) – no update

Important Dates:

Aug 31: Groove A Thon Kick Off Assembly

Sept 4: No School

Sept 6: SAC Meeting 7:30am

Sept 11: PTA General Meeting

Sept 13: Buffalo Wild Wings 4-10p

Sept 15: Groove A Thon

Sept 20: Noodles & Co

Sept 22: No School

Sept 29: Lunch & Bake Sale

Oct 5: Muffins in the Morning

Fiscal year 2017 - 2018	
Starting Balance July 1, 2017	\$108,465.99

	Income	Expense
Boxtops		
Dad's Club		
Chili Bingo Night		
Corporate Matching	\$540.00	
Groove-a-thon		
King Soopers	\$687.05	
King Soopers/Safeway Cards	\$10.00	
PTA	\$50.00	\$394.32
PTA Gift to SVE		
Red Robin		
Restaurant Night		
Safeway		
Spirit Gear		
Spirit Rock		
Spring Fundraiser		
Teacher Appreciation		
Teacher Grants		
WatchDOGS Program		\$56.05
Yearbook	\$22.00	
Total	\$1,309.05	\$450.37

Checking account balance	\$109,324.67
SCRIP account balance	\$4,422.43