

September 11, 2023

SCMS PTO Meeting Notes

Secretary: Jennifer Khodush

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Spartan Run Committee Update – Over \$24,000 was raised! It was a do it yourself event at the middle school. Great community event. Plan is to wait for the Spring to host another event. In the future we will plan to move it to the Fall. Significant planning involved and the help of many volunteers.

3. Treasurer Report – Jamie Wallace handed out a report containing all of the expenses, income, starting budget. Biggest expense to date is the staff's welcome back breakfast. We are starting off the year comfortable because of the Spartan Run and therefore we don't have to do much fundraising. We will not ask for jump start donations but will plan to still do the dining for dollars.

4. Fundraising – Calareso's - Joe Joffe and Erin Kennedy have volunteered for this. We will sell gift certificates in the Fall and Spring. \$10 certificates and 25% comes back to our PTO. Certificates never expire and can be used on anything. We will accept cash or check, but not Venmo.

Dining Nights – Local restaurants participate, always do well. Food and drink orders give a percentage back to the PTO. Stones is the first one booked for October 11th. Joe Joffe has volunteered to help.

Paint Night – last year it was David Daykin, 11/1 at Fusion. Fun night! Great percentage back, the event sold out quick.

Gift Card Program – Selling period is in November, to deliver in December at conferences and plan may be to sell at conferences as well.

Chamber Gift Card Program – looking for volunteers to help out with selling, sorting.

Raise Right – formerly Script Program

Passive Fundraising – Amazon is gone. Textiles and bins are still active. Bins are in schools, they take all apparel items, stuffed animals, etc. Good percentage back, split between all schools.

Box Tops – Meg Hamp has been posting on our FB page, plan to create a flyer and hand out at Back to School Night. Raffle for anyone who signs up for the app.

Clothing/Apparel/Spirit Items – plan is to skip this year

5. Enrichment Report – Melanie Fiore. She books all of the field trips, enrichments, assemblies. There are 3 grants that she will apply for through SBCEF. She will coordinate with

Mr. Sallee to see what they will be doing. She does a write up for the newspaper and then we will get reimbursed.

6. Back to School Night – there will be a PTO table set up. Information, 50/50 raffle, box tops raffle. We will collect cleaning supplies for staff.

7. SEPAC – Meg Hamp spoke. First meeting of year is 9/18 on zoom. 3rd Monday of every month.

8. Teacher and Staff events – Welcome back breakfast was very nice! Staff really enjoyed it. Breakfast in December will be with gift cards and raffle items for staff. We will ask for gift card donations, order and get it catered. Cori has offered to help with the May breakfast.

9. Community – Holiday Helpers – guidance will give us a list and we make a sign up genius of gift items. You can give a particular gift or give money, grocery store gift cards.

10. Other ideas – Veteran's Day field of honor, we can sponsor a flag. Freedom level and community level. The money goes towards veterans.

11. Souper Bowl of Caring – Bring in donations of food, little homeroom competition. Last year it was fierce! Classroom incentives for the kids.

12. Book Fair – February coordinated by Kristen Demitropoulos.

13. Field trips – coordinated by grade, lots of good feedback from last year's students and staff.

14. 8th Grade – PTO will help fund and coordinate a number of events. Basketball game, hockey game, class photo, bump up day to SHS, activity day, ceremony/dance.

15. Talent show – there is talk about bringing back to middle school, would have all grades participate.

16. Principal Report – Mr. Sallee said it's been a great start to the school year. Everyone learning their routines, very grateful to PTO for providing the staff welcome breakfast. Looking forward to Back to School night and the year ahead!

Next Meeting October 16th at 6:30pm