

SCMS PTO Meeting Notes

October 16, 2023

Recorded by: Jennifer Khodush, PTO secretary

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Fundraising
 - a) Jump Start Campaign – due to the financial success of last year’s Fun Run, we are not going to do the jump start.
 - b) Calareso’s – update from Erin Kennedy. Unfortunately, we have just learned that they will no longer partner with middle schools and therefore this fundraiser will not happen this year.
 - c) Dining Nights – Our next dining out fundraiser is Wednesday November 15th at Chick Fil A in Woburn. More details to come. We will continue to plan for 1 per month. Great way to support our PTO and local businesses.
 - d) Paint Night – update from organizer for this event, Betty Chu Pryor. On Tuesday November 14th at 7pm Premier Paint Party to support the PTO. Tickets are \$45 pp and will be held at Evviva Tratoria.
 - e) Gift Card Program – Many different gift cards to choose from and a good percentage comes back to PTO. Selling period November to deliver in December at conferences, also plan to sell during conferences.
 - f) Chamber Gift cards – in conjunction with other gift cards, selling period is in November and for 2 weeks. More details to come.
 - g) Clothing/Apparel/Spirit Items – plan is to skip this year.
 - h) Passive Fundraising
 - Amazon Smiles
 - Textile Bins
 - Box Tops
 - i) Kendra Scott Event – this fundraiser that did very well last year. Will be online and in store December 7th-9th. Store provides water, champagne- a nice night out! Great holiday shopping opportunity that can bring in good revenue.
 - j) New ideas – Penny Wars – Erin Kennedy discussed. Grade level competition involves bringing in coins. Whoever brings in most wins, classrooms compete against each other and you can sabotage another classroom. Things to consider are logistics, timing of the event. Mr. Sallee and Mrs. Clark will consider and we can discuss again at a later time.
- 3) Treasurer’s Report – Jamie Wallace gave the report. Income and expenses from the start of the school year. Today’s starting balance has been reported as \$45,666.
- 4) Enrichment Report – Melanie Fiore reports good news, there is more grant money coming our way! She is currently in the process of applying for 2 new grants from the SBCEF and Stoneham Cultural Society. Currently looking at Mikey Fallon as a school

wide enrichment. He uses poetry to create a moving experience for all. May be an opportunity to cost share with Wakefield if they decide to use him as well.

- 5) Back to School Night
 - a) Recap – PTO hosted an information table at back to school night. Good presence in the building with a lot of parents visiting the table. We also had a 50/50 raffle. Winner and PTO each received \$423. Parents also donated cleaning supplies and these were divided amongst the school specialists.
- 6) SEPAC – online zoom meeting after this meeting at 7:30pm
- 7) Teacher/Staff Events
 - a) BTS breakfast – staff was very thankful for this, much appreciated.
 - b) December breakfast – plan for December 20th, PTO will host a breakfast for all staff.
 - c) Gift cards and raffle items – Discussion about getting gift cards from families to give to staff, last year it was one to various coffee shops. We will also provide Mr. Sallee with some donated gift cards to be raffled off to staff members.
 - d) May teacher appreciation – luncheon to be discussed at later date.
- 8) Community
 - a) Holiday Helpers – Once again we will be taking part in the giving tree. Families can choose an item to purchase to fulfill someone’s holiday wish. Sign up genius will be created using all the requested items. PTO will also take monetary donations and these will also be used towards gift cards for the families in need, grocery gift cards and to purchase items that were not bought.
 - b) “SOUP”er bowl – In February, there will be a food drive to benefit the Stoneham Food Pantry.
- 9) Veteran’s Day – Field of Honor – PTO has voted to sponsor 2 flags. Freedom level sponsors (\$250). Flag with message will be on display.
- 10) Book Fair – In February the book fair will come to the middle school. Discussion over whether to keep Scholastic Book Fair or go with local business, Book Oasis. Teachers and students have a preference for Scholastic due to better selection. They also give a better percentage back. Will be discussed more at a later time.
- 11) Field Trips – 8th Grade field trip is booked for JFK museum.
- 12) 8th Grade – exciting events to happen over the year for our graduating 8th grade class.
 - a) Basketball game
 - b) Hockey game
 - c) Class photo
 - d) Bump up Day to SHS
 - e) Activity Day
 - f) Ceremony/Dance
- 13) Talent Show – Would be open to all students, maybe some time in the Spring.
- 14) End of year treat – Kona truck was a big success last year!
- 15) Field Day
 - a) Water truck and Ritchie’s slush
- 16) Principal/Vice Principal Report – Mr. Sallee says they are off to a great school year. Everyone has settled in and has learned their routines. Quarter grades end on 11/3 so

parents/students check Power School for missing assignments. In October, they took part as a school in National Bullying awareness and Unity month. Homerooms are preparing for a door decorating contest and there will be a spirit day on Halloween. Stoneham bank has asked for us to do one single donation request. It will be one sum granted to us to use towards the Math and Robotics team and Ritchie's slush at field day.

Next meeting Date – Novmeber 13th at 6:30pm