

Smith Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2022 – 6pm

Smith Middle School Library

Attendance: Julie Gould, Catherine Rodman, Karen Hotts, Analisa Heston, Michelle Phillips, Rachel Hazy, Asia Sangster, Valli Sangster, Elizabeth Hammond, Courtney Spangler, Ryan Brinks, Jamie Glab

Introductions: PTO Board Members, Smith Administrators, Attendees introduced themselves.

New Business:

Budget Review/Approval:

- Catherine Rodman went over the current budget.
- Michelle Phillips inquired about the Jimmy John's ballgame line item on the budget and asked if Smith would be doing it again. Questions were asked about the assemblies at the school and who paid the cost of the assemblies.
- Discussion about needing Chairs for different events such as Assemblies and Concessions. In order to bring money in, we need people to Chair different events.
- PTO will look into the cost of the 8th grade promotion; how much does the PTO fund vs the amount the school pays towards the event.
- Rachel Hazy made a Motion to Approve the Budget as provided by Catherine Rodman.
- Courtney Spangler seconded the Motion.
- Everyone present was in favor of approving the budget for the 22-23 school year.
- Square Payment – unable to locate the “square” that Smith had at one point.

Principal's Update:

- Ryan Brinks talked about the school's first assembly of the year with the Fall Sports teams. There are currently three more scheduled with each athletic season – Winter 1, Winter 2 and Spring.
- Student Council is planning spirit week for the week of October 24th, which will lead up to the first school dance of the year on the 28th.
- Conferences are set for October 19th and 20th. October 19th will be in-person conferences from 5-8pm. October 20th will be virtual conferences from 12:30-3:30pm and from 5-8pm. Registration for conferences will open on Thursday, October 6th at 6pm.
- All middle schools in Troy are piloting new math programs. The two being looked at are Connected Mathematics and Illustrative Mathematics. These programs are more conceptual, hands-on, help students to build a better understanding of the concepts and be able to articulate it better.

Fall Dance: The dance will be held on October 28th, from 3pm-4:15 pm.

- The dance will be held outdoors.
- Elizabeth Hammond created a sign-up genius that will go out to the families asking for volunteers for the event. This will go out to the families a week prior to the dance.
- Cider and donuts will be provided, need volunteers to pass these out at the dance.
- Bracelets for the dance will be sold for \$2, during lunchtime, on the day of the dance. The cost of admission includes cider and donuts for everyone.

- There will also be pizza for sale for \$1 per slice. Water will be provided.
- There will be some type of Fall Photo Display/Selfie Station/Photo booth, where kids can take pictures.
- There will also be bag toss, football, giant Jenga, different games to be played
- Mrs. Brennan will DJ the dance.
- Student Council members will leave 6th hour early on the day of the dance to help set up for the event.
- An announcement will go out to parents to bring \$2 for ticket sales on the day of the dance, as well as extra money for food.
- Kids need to be picked up by 4:15 pm.
- If it rains, the dance will be moved indoors to the cafeteria.

Staff Breakfast: Staff breakfast will be held on October 20th.

- Grab and go breakfast which includes: coffee, bagels, muffins, fruit
- Courtney Spangler will help with the event.

PTO President's Council Meeting – This is held every other month. The President and VP of all the PTO's in the district attend to share ideas. Items discussed this month were budgets, annual audit and the district bond. Julie Gould attended the meeting and plans to attend moving forward.

New Ideas:

- Julie discussed the possibility of new ideas for the school.
- Selling concessions at the games.
- Having guest speakers at the PTO meetings as a way to draw more people to attend. Police Officers could come in and speak about various safety issues and social media.
- PTO could send out a survey asking parents what they want to hear about and build on that. One idea is to put the PTO agenda out ahead of each meeting so parents can see what will be discussed and can attend if it interests them.

Future Meeting Dates and Times 22/23 School Year: Meeting dates and times for the upcoming school year were reviewed. The remaining meetings will take place on the following Mondays at 6pm: November 7th, December 5th, January 9th, February 6th, March 6th, April 10th, May 8th and June 5th.

Open Committee Chair Positions: we are still in need of a few chairs for the following positions: Concessions; Bake Sales; Restaurant Nights; Stop-N-Shop. Trying to get these positions filled. Concessions is an easy money maker if we can get someone to be in charge.

CAPE Committee Update: Administration's job is to provide information to families about the District Bond. CAPE Committee is trying to get out the "YES" vote. Elizabeth Hammond spoke at the meeting about recruiting volunteers to join the committee and reach out to families. It would include sending out an email and possibly a follow up phone call to families in the Troy district to answer questions and to get them to vote YES. There are approximately 250 names on the list of people that would need to be contacted. Some with kids in school and some without kids in school. Resources will be provided to the volunteers to help them promote the YES vote. One idea is to have a table set up at the Smith dance or at conferences so that when parents arrive, they can ask questions about the Bond and receive information.

Closing: Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.