

Smith Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes
4/11/22 – 5pm
Media Center, Smith Middle School

Attendance: Sherry Gillespie, Julie Gould, Christian Mueller, Annalisa Heston, Elizabeth Hammond, Michelle Phillips.

Welcome: Meeting was called to order at 5pm.

General Business/Administrative:

New Business:

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: S. Gillespie approved and J. Gould seconded.

Principal's Update: Mr. Mueller provided updates:

1. March is Reading Month was great!
2. Kids have been awesome since spring break.
3. Administrators will be visiting 1st hour classes to discuss core values and policies.
4. Today was first day with no backpacks in classes and everyone did well. Decided it would be easier to make this transition now while students are comfortable in classes, etc. versus in the fall. Too much clutter in classrooms with bags and a safety issue.
5. Cell phones have become a distraction in classes, so not allowed there anymore.
6. 8th graders will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday and MSTEP next week.
7. Dates for MSTEP will be sent out in next Knightley News.

8th Grade Promotion:

1. This will go back to the way it was previously organized with a ceremony, lunch and party.
2. There will be no yard signs or clap out.
3. It will be on June 15th.
4. Tuesday before will be a practice ceremony. They will discuss appropriate clothing for the event.
5. Christine Austin chaired it in previous years and will serve as a resource.
6. Laura Bastian will chair it this year. She will attend May meeting.
7. Sherry will move forward with ordering decorations, getting photos for Knight cut-outs from Mr. Koneval, ordering food, etc.
8. Gym will be set up on Tuesday.
9. Ceremony should end before the end of the school day, then 20 min for parents to say goodbye, then lunch, then to gym with games (ping pong, air hockey, basketball, dancing).
10. Amanda should have a binder outlining past events.

Teacher Appreciation:

1. \$400 budget
2. We will ask parents to donate via Venmo and Sign Up Genius.
3. It will be one week in length.
4. Sherry ordered decorative signs for street entering building, etc.

5. Days will include: cappuccino machine, DQ sundaes, Chipotle lunch, stock the lounge and cards from students.
6. Julie and Sherry will coordinate getting kids to write notes to teachers at lunch on index cards, provided by Mr. Mueller. These will be delivered to the teachers. Sherry will also ask parents to email their kids' teachers with positive notes in the Sign Up Genius.

Spring Dance:

1. Julie will chair.
2. It's on May 12th after school.
3. Tickets can be sold at the door this time.
4. If track practice can be canceled, it will be held outside. Otherwise, it will have to be inside.
5. Mr. Mueller will find out from track coaches by next Friday if practice can be canceled.
6. Cookies/pop will be donated by parents. Julie will do Sign Up Genius.
7. Pizza will be sold for \$1/slice.
8. Mr. Mueller will DJ as Kerry has softball.
9. If inside, dance will be confined to mural hall, cafeteria and gym.

New Board Members: We need new board members for next year. Right now we have Julie Gould as the President, Annalisa Heston as the Vice President and hopefully Christin Silagy as the Treasurer. We still need a Secretary. Sherry will draft a letter to go home to parents asking for volunteers and send to Mr. Mueller.

Treasurer's Report: Sherry showed the current budget and line items. Julie would like to better understand the Venmo situation with Ray.

April 30th Geo Bee Event:

1. Regional tournament held at Smith.
2. Hosting can generate \$8,000+ for the school. Mr. Mueller will use this money for staff purposes.
3. PTO will host concessions and keep the profits from this.
4. Event is 8-4pm.
5. Concessions will be purchased by Cheri Armstrong.
6. Concessions will be sold from 10-2pm in the cafeteria.
7. Sherry will contact NHS students to run concession stand.

New Event: Michelle Phillips proposed a new Smith family event where families can purchase tickets to attend a baseball game at Jimmy Johns Field. Event will be on June 11th at 7:05pm. Tickets will be \$25/person, which includes a hot dog, pop, chips and running the bases. Michelle will organize this and create a flyer with link to send to Mr. Mueller to advertise. This will also be open to feeder elementary schools.

Closing: Meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.