

Smith Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes
5/2/22 – 5pm
Media Center, Smith Middle School

Attendance: Sherry Gillespie, Cheri Armstrong, Ray Shamoun, Julie Gould, Chris Mueller, J. Hartenburg, A. Heston, K. Hotts, K. Birmingham, L. Bastien

Welcome: Meeting was called to order at 5pm by Sherry Gillespie.

New Business:

Principal's Update: Mr. Mueller provided several updates:

1. 6th and 7th grade MSTEP is going on. It's very busy with testing, several staff members out with Covid, etc.
2. The History/Geography Bee was a success! Many Smith students qualified for Nationals and Internationals.
3. May 16th is the Festival of Cultures Event. Mrs. Burt is organizing this event. Everyone should try to attend. It will be a great event with food, dances, etc. It's free to enter and tickets for food can be purchased.
4. Leftover concessions from the History Bee can be sold at track meets or possibly Field Day.
5. Field Day will be Friday, June 3. Mr. Mueller will organize with staff and let PTO know if they need help.

Teacher Appreciation Week:

1. DQ sundae bar today was a success. Lots of leftovers; lots of health conscious staff.
2. Doing thank you notes to teachers at lunch Monday-Wednesday. This is going well.
3. On Wednesday morning there will be breakfast provided.
4. On Friday, lunch will be provided by Salsaritas.

District Update: Kerry Birmingham provided district updates:

1. We're getting back to some normal activities; celebrating 73 National Merit Finalists, Teacher/Support Staff Nominees and preparing for graduation at Pine Knob.
2. Covid Funding: There is an uptick in cases, but not as bad as winter and fall. We've spent the money on health and safety items/services and student academic supports.
3. The Preschool is full for 22-23.
4. Many schools received Character Designations.
5. Challenges: enrollment is down which impacts funding across the state, one-time federal money will end and fewer students means less funding and realigning the budget.
6. Facilities Review Committee: Have been meeting all year to discuss a possible bond proposal. They will present to the Board tomorrow night and then the Board will decide if a question will go on the November ballot. Our buildings do not represent our District well.
7. There is a lot of summer programming this summer, community engagement and budget planning happening.

Field Day:

1. This will take place on Friday, June 3 and start after 1pm.

2. Mr. Mueller will meet with Mr. Koneval to organize it and let PTO know if they need help.
3. PTO could sell leftover candy there.
4. Staff will need help with set up and tear down and waters, which could be gathered via Sign Up Genius.

Spring Dance: Julie provided updates:

1. Dance will be 5/12/22 after school on football field.
2. Sign Up Genius will go out asking for cookie and pop donations as well as volunteers to help at the dance.
3. Mr. Mueller will serve as the DJ and have tables set up in the afternoon the day of the dance.
4. Tickets will only be sold at lunch the day of the dance.
5. We discussed the idea of having a Kona Ice Truck there, but decided it was too expensive for now.
6. J. Hartenburg will ask staff if they have any yard games they can bring to be used at the dance.
7. If it rains, we will move inside.

8th Grade Promotion:

1. Laura Bastien volunteered to chair the event.
2. Parents will set up the cafeteria the night before.
3. We will need 7th grade parents to help the day of the event.
4. We will need a sign up for drinks, snacks, chips, etc.
5. Christine Austin has planned this event in the past and gave Sherry lots of notes on it. Sherry will share these with Laura.
6. There may be a Costco cake or cupcakes for dessert and staff will work on ordering the sandwiches for lunch.
7. School will DJ the event.
8. It was decided that the laborious task of making Knight Shields for all students with their pictures will not happen this year.
9. Mr. Mueller said that he and Mrs. Giorio will coordinate the ordering of 8th grade yard signs.

Next Year's PTO Board:

1. President: Julie Gould
2. VP: Annalisa Heston
3. Secretary: Karen Hotts
4. Treasurer: we are hoping that Catherine Rodman may fill the position.
5. Staff Liaison: Jamie Glad

Closing: Meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.