

Southland Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2020

Southland Elementary Portable 8 & via Zoom

Board Members Present: Nicole Campbell, Patti Harrison, Shelley Beck

PTO Members Present: Principal-Lisa Jackson, Teacher-Bing Wang, Amy Burton, Danielle Gubler, Julia Halliday, Amy Kalbes

Members Present via Zoom: Amber Elkins, Audrey Fish, Sara Ihler

Meeting called to order by: Nicole Campbell at 9:30 a.m.

Items Discussed:

Principal Report by Mrs. Jackson

- **Halloween** – Southland students may wear their Halloween costumes on 10/29. The district determined there will be no parades this year. Teachers and room parents should decide how they wish to celebrate. Parents will not be allowed in the classrooms but are encouraged to send in “box parties” or use Zoom for activities. School aides will also be available that day to help. Julia Halliday, our Room Parent Coordinator, will send a reminder out to our room parents.
- **Drama Teacher** – Mr. Smith is our new drama teacher. He’s teaching drama in lieu of Mrs. Jakositz, who is teaching online this year. It’s been fun having a new form of art in the school.
- **Chrome Books** – Southland is working with the SCC to fund purchasing chrome books for 1st grade. All other grades have a 1:1 ratio of students to chrome books.
- **Picture Make Up Day** – Rescheduled from 10/29 to 11/3.

Teacher Update

- **Masks** – Ms. Wang asked that parents encourage their kids to social distance, even during recess. If social distancing isn’t possible, kids will need to wear a mask at recess. Parents were also reminded to send their child with a clean mask every day and an extra mask in their backpack.
- **Kids with Covid Symptoms** – Ms. Wang clarified that teachers are using a Covid checklist and are following the Health Department guidelines regarding sending children home who have Covid symptoms. The school nurse is monitoring those who need to go home to quarantine. Parents were asked to keep children with Covid symptoms home.

Virtual Jog-A-Thon – So far, feedback from parents and kids who are participating has been very positive! Early packet return is 10/6. Classes who qualify for early packet return will get cookie parties. Cookies will also be available in the school lobby for our online students. Final packet return deadline is 10/12. Actual prizes and our prize delivery will be streamlined this year due to Covid restrictions. We will be taking prize orders in the classrooms 10/13-10/14. All prizes will be awarded on 10/14, including Top 75. Online students' parents will be contacted to arrange prize selection and pick up. We will need some volunteers for prize day however, they will not be going into the school.

Jog-A-Thon Funds – There was some discussion regarding funds from last year that weren't used, due to the Covid soft close. Until this year's Jog-A-Thon donations are received, these funds are carrying us through the beginning of the year. We'll take this into account as we distribute funds for 2020-2021. We'll also be surveying parents and teachers to determine where they'd like to see funds allocated this year. The distribution of these funds will be discussed in our next PTO Meeting on 11/5.

Bike Rack – Amy Kalbes mentioned that the current bike rack is too small for the number of scooters and bikes. We'll add this to our 11/5 meeting for discussion.

Red Ribbon Week – 10/27 – 10/30. Sarah Oswald is working on activities and theme days. Students will receive red ribbons in class. Online students may pick up a red ribbon in the lobby.

Hearing & Vision – Hearing and vision screening will be limited to only Kindergarten and new students this year. No volunteers are needed.

Flu Clinic – This year's Boo to the Flu Clinic at Southland has been cancelled. Clinics are still being held at some other nearby schools.

Fall Recess – 10/19 – 10/26 there will be no school.

Comments – Audrey Fish recognized and thanked the PTO for their efforts this year. Thank you Audrey!

Next PTO Meeting – Thursday, November 5, 2020, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by: Patti Harrison at 10:05, 2nd by Amy Kalbes

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2020

- Oct 1 PTO Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
 Paint Rock
- Oct 19-23 Fall Recess (No School)
- Oct 26 Grade Transmittal (No School)
- Oct 27-30 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 29 Halloween – Kids may wear costumes to school 🎃

November 2020

- Nov 3 Picture Make Up Day
- Nov 5 PTO Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- Nov 6 Teacher Work Day (No School)
- Nov 11-12 Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov 13 PTC Compensation (No School)
- Nov 19 SCC Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Nov 25-27 Thanksgiving Break (No School)

December 2020

- Dec 3 PTO Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- Dec 21-Jan 1 Winter Recess