Southland Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2021
Zoom

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

PTO Members Present: Lisa Jackson, Mark Covington, Angela Greer, Katy Hansen, Amy Kalbes, Sharon Kartchner

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

Items Discussed:

PTO President-Elect – Nicole Campbell motioned to nominate Amy Kalbes as PTO President-Elect for this year. Shelley Beck seconded the motion. Voting will occur in our February 4, 2021 PTO Meeting.

Principal Report – Lisa Jackson said the teachers have been discussing how to safely handle Valentine’s Day this year and have asked for PTO input. Those on the call seemed to feel comfortable having students hand out their Valentine’s cards on Thursday, February 11th at their class parties. Students would then take their boxes home the following Monday. Lisa will take this feedback to the teachers. A decision should be made before our February 4th PTO Meeting.

Valentine’s Day Parties – Valentine’s Day parties will be held on Thursday, February 11th. They’ll most likely be handled like the Halloween and Winter parties since volunteer restrictions have not changed. Room parents are encouraged to check with their teachers to confirm the date and what types of things they’d like for their class parties.

Budget – Updated Room Parent budgets will be distributed soon. For Room Parents and those looking for the Reimbursement Form, it’s available on southlandpto.com under the “Forms” tab. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the PTO at southlandpto@gmail.com.

Math Team Update – To date, only 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades are holding Math Teams. John Christensen is leading 2nd. Teachers are running 3rd grade. Angela Brown is heading up 4th grade. John has been told by the District that they’re not doing Monster Math this year. Shelley will confirm. There will not be a district tournament. Background checks are required for all Math Team volunteers. Angela Greer asked if Math Team was available for online students. As participation is by teacher invitation only, unfortunately, some online students may have been missed. Parents who are
concerned or interested in volunteering should reach out to their child’s teacher. It’s important to note that this program is run by parent volunteers.

**Battle of the Books Update** – Books are available in the school library. For each completed book and story map, the Librarian will be giving buttons to students. Additional prizes will be awarded for those reading 10 and all 20 books. Story maps are on Southland’s website and will be posted to the PTO blog www.southlandpto.com.

**White Ribbon Week** – White Ribbon Week will be January 11– 4. A Skylert should go out to parents this weekend. Flyers and ribbons will be sent home on Monday, January 11th. There will be an activity each day. Parent resources will also be included.

**Culture in a Box** – Shelley has put together programs for Russia and India. Sharon asked if we could do a culture day as part of Field Day this year. Shelley will look into it. If this is a go-forward program/curriculum for next year, Shelley would need volunteers to help gather content. It was suggested that we could possibly pull together volunteers over the Summer, then revisit exactly how we may use it in the Fall. It was felt that at the very least, these programs could be distributed to parents who might wish to use them.

**Comments** – There were no additional comments.

**Next PTO Meeting** – Thursday, February 4, 2021, 9:30-10:30 a.m. via Zoom

*Motion to adjourn by: Patti Harrison at 10:30 a.m., 2nd by Amy Kalbes.*
UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2021
Jan 7  PTO Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Jan 11-14 White Ribbon Week
Jan 18  Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
Jan 19  Professional Development Day (No School)
Jan 28  SCC Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

February 2021
Feb 4  PTO Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Feb 11  Valentine’s Day Class Parties ♡
Feb 11  Chinese New Year
Feb 15  Washington & Lincoln Day (No School)

March 2021
Mar 4  PTO Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Mar 18  SCC Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Mar 19  Grade Transmittal Day (No School)
Mar 24-25 Parent Teacher Conferences
Mar 26  PTC Compensation Day (No School)
Mar 29-Apr 2 Spring Break (No School)