

# Southland Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2021

Zoom

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**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting.

**Valentine's Day Parties** – Valentine's Day parties will be held on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://southlandpto.com) under the "Forms" tab. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the PTO at [southlandpto@gmail.com](mailto:southlandpto@gmail.com).

**Math Team Update** – To date, only 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades are holding Math Teams. John Christensen is leading 2<sup>nd</sup>. Teachers are running 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Angela Brown is heading up 4<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.southlandpto.com) and will be posted to the PTO blog [www.southlandpto.com](https://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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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., 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)