

# Southland Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021

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**Board Members Present:** Nicole Campbell, Shelley Beck, Brenda Bingham, Patti Harrison, Amy Kalbes

**PTO Members Present:** Amy Bennion, Sarah Elliott, Angela Greer, Julia Halliday, Katy Hansen, Sara Ihler, Susan McDougal, Bing Wang

*Meeting called to order by: Nicole Campbell at 9:40 a.m.*

## **Items Discussed:**

**Principal Report** – Mrs. Jackson wanted to make sure parents were aware that the last day of school would be Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:45-12:45. Lunch will not be served. It will be an **in-person** day for all in-school students for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Teacher Update** – Bing shared that the teachers really appreciated the delicious Parent Teacher dinner. They also like having virtual field trip options. Teachers have asked about end of year celebrations and wanted to know how they would be involved. We are planning Super Field Day and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebrations and teachers' help will be needed.

## **PTO Board Nominations 2021-2022**

PTO President - Nicole Campbell nominated Amy Kalbes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelley Beck.

Treasurer – Amy Kalbes nominated Susan McDougal. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Elliott.

Historian – Shelley Beck nominated Jen Preece. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Kalbes.

If anyone has someone to nominate or would like to nominate themselves, please contact any member of the PTO Board or submit nominations to southlandpto@gmail.com.

Additional nominations will be brought forth in the May PTO Meeting. Voting will take place via e-mail, shortly thereafter.

**Budget** – Brenda has primarily been processing room parent and teacher discretionary payments. Insurance and water fountains/bottle fillers have also been paid. Brenda will update the room parent budget and get it to Julia Halliday. Expenses for Super Field Day and field trips are expected soon.

Nicole will check with Mrs. Jackson on the actual bid for the requested sound system. (\$3,300 was approved in the March PTO Meeting.)

**School Marquee** – The office has submitted a request to the PTO to replace the antiquated electronic school marquee on the front of the building. The original marquee was purchased by the PTO many years ago. Trina is in the process of obtaining the 3 required bids.

**PE Equipment** – The PTO has received a request to purchase new PE equipment. The level 1 “most important” request is for \$500. The level 2 “wish list” request is for an additional \$1,200.

Sarah Elliott put forth a motion to vote on approving the budget for the PE equipment. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelley Beck. Those in attendance unanimously agreed to approve the \$500 request, effective immediately. They further agreed to approve up to an additional \$1,200, based on the budget available at year end.

**Water Fountains/Bottle Fillers** – Nicole reported that we have received the three water fountains/bottle fillers. We are waiting for the district to install them. Her understanding is that the cost of installation is covered.

**Field Trip Replacement** – To date, we've only received a budget request for Kindergarten. Teachers have been asked to submit their requests by April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Green Ribbon Week** – This year's theme is, “Stop and Listen to Stay Safe”. Amy Kalbes reported that flyers have been printed and green ribbons are being assembled to tie on the fence. Amy is also putting together a “Get to Know Your Crossing Guard” piece for the flyer, Facebook and PTO website (southlandpto.com). Sarah Elliott and Amy Kalbes are working with Officer Taylor to have mobile speed signs set up on 2700 West for the week.

It was suggested that we look into the possibility of getting a permanent electronic speed sign for 2700 West, in front of the school. Sarah Elliott offered to look into it.

**Teacher Appreciation** – Patti reported that Michelle Dunfield's Teacher Appreciation Committee is working to put together some fun activities for our teachers, including a raffle. If anyone has any connections to obtain gift cards, baskets or items for the raffle, please contact the PTO. They'd like to have a prize for every teacher.

Room parents will be creating posters for teachers' doors, which will be hung up on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Parents on the call expressed a desire to recognize teachers as well. Parents are welcome to recognize, appreciate and thank teachers in their own way. Parents asked about the “teacher favorites” lists they've seen in past years. Nicole will verify with Mrs. Jackson that we can share it. If it's ok, Patti will get it to Julia Halliday to disseminate via the room parents.

**Super Field Day** – We have approval to hold Super Field Day! Some things will have to be reimagined, but there will be no shortage of fun. Nicole has a committee working to put the event together. We have approval to have 10 volunteers in the morning and 10 in the afternoon. The field events side of Super Field Day will be

similar to past years, including things like the long jump, ball toss, tug-of-war, etc. The carnival side will still include hair coloring, pre-printed tattoos, pre-packaged food, music, etc. There will be no bounce houses or face painting. Approved sanitation protocols will be followed. Due to the limited number of volunteers, we will rely heavily on teachers and assistants to help.

Brenda pointed out that due to extra precautions, the cost for Super Field Day may exceed its budget. Patti put forth a Motion to approve use of otherwise unused student support funds to cover the potential budget shortfall for Super Field Day. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Elliott. Those in attendance unanimously agreed.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration** – We have received approval to have a Covid-revised 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration! Shelley will be meeting with a small committee of 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers on April 9<sup>th</sup> to plan. The idea is to carve out a section on the school grounds for activities and have the students rotate through them with their class. Ideas around providing a lunch, an art button contest and modified “clap out” will be discussed. Nicole will verify how many volunteers will be allowed.

**Comments** – Shelley reminded parents to submit Slim Simba pictures and Grit Nominations. Nicole will ask Trina to send out a reminder via Skylert.

**Next PTO Meeting** – Thursday, May 6, 2021, 9:30-10:30 a.m. via Zoom

*Motion to adjourn by: Patti Harrison at 10:45 a.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelley Beck.*

### **ADDENDUM to Southland Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2021**

#### **PTO Board Nominations 2021-2022**

After the day of the meeting, the following nomination was put forth:

PTO Secretary – Amy Kalbes nominated Tara Toraya.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **April 2021**

Mar 29-Apr 2 Spring Break (No School)

Apr 8 PTO Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Apr 12-16 Green Ribbon Week (*Safe Walk to School*)

## **May 2021**

May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6 PTO Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

May 31 Memorial Day (No School)

## **June 2021**

Jun 1 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration

Jun 2 Super Field Day

Jun 4 Last Day of School (in-person 8:45-12:45, no lunch served)