

Southland Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2020

Southland Elementary Portable 8 & via Zoom

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

PTO Members Present: Amy Burton, Lacey Butterfield, Michelle Dunfield, Katy Hansen, Bing Wang.

Members Present via Zoom: Amy Davidson, Amber Elkins, Angela Greer, Rudy Thompson.

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

Items Discussed

Teacher Update – Lacey Butterfield and Bing Wang were in attendance as teacher representatives.

- **Budget** – Lacey reported that teachers have asked what happened to the funds from last year that weren't used, due to the Covid soft close. For example, 1st grade didn't get a field trip. Teachers feel these now 2nd graders are owed a field trip. Brenda explained that until our Jog-A-Thon fundraiser, these funds are carrying us through the beginning of the year. We'll take this into account as we distribute funds for 2020-2021.
- **Room Parents** – Lacey said teachers have asked if they'll still have room parents. The PTO explained that parents are interested, even with current restrictions. The PTO shared their ideas about virtual parties or "parties in a box". Even with the additional teacher involvement required Lacey and Bing feel teachers would probably be interested. We also have a page on the new PTO blog (southlandpto.com) for room parents to share ideas. Ms. Wang asked if we could do parties outside with a room parent? Or, could they bring in one parent, under strict guidelines, even possible quarantine. The PTO believes parents would be open to any ideas. Lacey and Ms. Wang will check with Mrs. Jackson on these ideas. In the meantime, the PTO will be sending out a sign-up sheet for room parents.
- Lacey asked if parents are still willing to help at home. The PTO believes they are. Angela Greer, who is schooling online, mentioned that she thought online parents would like to help too.
- Ms. Wang requested that the PTO help spread the word to recruit Chinese-speaking helpers in the classroom.
- Ms. Wang asked about ordering Southland masks for students. The PTO explained there wasn't money in the budget. Masks cost more than T-shirts.

Officer Ashley Presentation – Per Nicole, Mrs. Jackson has approved the idea for a parents-only presentation on student health and safety. The PTO will contact Officer Ashley directly.

Bylaws – PTO Bylaws are required to be updated every two years. Patti explained the proposed updates to the Bylaws. Shelley initiated the motion to vote to ratify the Bylaws as proposed. Michelle Dunfield seconded the motion. There were no objections. The proposed Bylaw update passed unanimously. Anyone who would like an updated copy of the Bylaws may request it through the PTO.

Budget – Brenda explained that budget leveling was ongoing. After Jog-A-Thon, we'll have budget numbers.

T-Shirts – Are available online through 9/13/20. There are several different shirt options this year. The PTO will send a follow up email next week.

Program Overview – The PTO reviewed a presentation outlining plans and programs for the upcoming year. A copy will be sent with these Minutes and it will be posted on the new PTO blog at southlandpto.com.

Disaster Packets – The PTO has updated the disaster packets.

Red Ribbon Week – October 27-30. Sarah Oswald is working on activities we can do at home. There will be theme days and red ribbons.

Hearing & Vision – Hearing-11/2; Vision-TBD. Some volunteers will be needed.

Virtual Jog-A-Thon – 9/28-10/2. At home, each child can exercise in whatever way they choose that week. Kids will be encouraged to exercise at least 20 minutes during that week and up to 20 minutes each day that week. Award buttons will be given for minutes exercised. Prize day will look different this year. We'll still be awarding at blue/red/white levels, however prize choices will be very limited. There will still be a drawing and prizes awarded for the Top 50. A video of the skit will replace the assembly.

Online – There is a basket in the school lobby for drop-off/pick-up of PTO program materials for our online kids. (Jog-A-Thon, Slim Simba, Grit Awards, Red Ribbons, etc.)

Comments – There were no additional comments.

Next PTO Meeting – Thursday, October 1, 2020, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by: Shelley Beck, 2nd by Amy Burton

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2020

- Sep 3 PTO Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Sep 7 Labor Day (No School)
Sep 17 SCC Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Sep 22 School Pictures
Sep 28-Oct 2 Virtual Jog-A-Thon

October 2020

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

November 2020

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