

PTO Meeting Minutes
DATE September 10th

In attendance: Ryan Welnetz, Ashley Balck, Helen Berg, Kristin Collar, Michelle Loewenhagen, Katie Rappel, Joclyn Nasgovitz, Kendra Kuehl, Tara Krause, Sarah Wirts, Kristen VanNoord, Cassie Arndt

Helen called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Secretary's Report-Michelle Loewenhagen

- The May meeting minutes can be found in the September 4th, 2019 newsletter.

Treasurer's Report-Kristin Collar Kristin handed out overall financials. She reviewed our income and expenses for May, June, July and August.

- May--Money Market = \$12541.96 Checking = \$7072.67
- June-Money Market=\$12543.51 Checking = \$5938.84
- July-Money Market=\$5545.04 Checking = \$2101.83
- August-Money=\$3545.36 Checking =\$2354.44

Ashley Balck motioned to accept the report. Kristin Collar seconded the motion. All in favor. No opposed. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Principal's Report-Ryan Welnetz

- Library Mural Project
 - Ryan shared information about how the library looked when he came to Suamico Elementary. Overtime the library has transformed. There is a place for fiction books. The old computer lab is now the innovation lab. The PTO purchased moveable furniture to help create a space for students to collaborate. Then the walls were painted by the staff at Suamico. Last year, Trisha Spice and the students created a mural that brings the Suamico forest inside. The library is used to support the theme-dream, discover, demonstrate.
- 2019-20 School Theme-Suamico Transforms (tied to the district theme of "Transforming Together")
 - Next our library space will be transformed from a 20th century learning space to a 21st century space.
 - Last year our theme was "Together is better." This year the 2019-2020 is Suamico Transforms, "Making Changes for the Better" These changes could be big or small. Suamico Elementary is using a butterfly to show transformation. Changes takes hard work, grit, perseverance. Students were given the message to start out by being awesome, your mindset matters.
 - Ryan showed a Kid President video about "How to Change the World"
 - This concept is also supported everyday on the announcements.

- It's the little things that help us be better than we were yesterday.
 - When students come to school they are part of a family, called the PANTHERS!
- This year the staff at Suamico will spend more time focused on social emotional learning. Looking at the whole child and understanding their story in order to understand the child as a whole. If we understand the whole child, we can help them learn better.

Vice President's Report-Rychelle Hattabaugh

- Riley was not here. She is our new vice president
- New Box Tops for Education App
 - Box Tops will be collected via the app.
 - Parents need to connect Suamico Elementary in the app. Then you scan your receipt. It will discover what items you bought that have a box top.
 - There will be more information coming about how to use the app.

President's Report-Helen Berg

- There are always opportunities for parents to volunteer time. The Sweetheart Auction is one of our biggest fundraisers and we are looking for a co-chair for this event. We will need a food coordinator this year as well. Be looking for emails about helping with the Sweetheart Auction. There are small and large volunteer opportunities.
- We will be looking for a Treasurer for next school year. If you are interested, Kristin is willing to work with you this year and help you understand the role. This will make for an easier transition next year.
- Back to School Lunch for staff Tuesday, August 27th. We catered Gallagher's Pizza, salads, breadsticks and cookies.

Committee Updates/Needs:

- **Auction**-The auction will be February 7th, 2020. Planning meetings will be at Townline. Ryan will send out emails with dates when the meetings get closer. We have basket raffles, meat raffle, kids games, adult games, food, dancing, and face painting. This is our biggest fundraiser for the school year. It is a fun family event.
- **Box Tops**-New app for Box Tops.
- **Fall Fundraiser**-We are doing the Hansen's fundraiser. We encourage you to pay online as much as possible. We usually make around \$7,000/8,000. If are not into doing fundraisers, we ask you to consider making an opt out donation to the Suamico PTO.
- **Family Fun Night**-This event will take place on October 24th. It is a fun family event. There are bounce houses in the gym. The Pancake Man is here. There is a spooky science show. There is a movie in the library. The book fair is set up and the profits from the book fair go back to the Suamico teachers. Students are encouraged to wear their costumes to Family Fun Night.
- **Hospitality**-We catered Gallagher's for the back to school lunch for staff. We will also provide dinner for staff during November parent teacher conferences.
- **October Book Fair**-This will take place during Family Fun Night.

- **School Kits**-Things went well this year. It was questioned if there are other options out there? It is important to make sure if we do go with another company to look carefully at the quality of supplies.
- **Raise Craze**-It was a new fundraiser last year. Students pledge to complete acts of kindness in return for donations. We will be promoting this more this year.
- **Field Day**-Field day is at the end of the school year in the afternoon on May 29th. Students and parents eat lunch on the Suamico hill before they rotate through different games/stations. Parents run games. Mr. Welnetz always has a special game to play with the kids.
- **HSSD Parent Club Network (PCN)**-Our non-profit and raffle license comes through the PCN.

New Business

- Motion to appoint Rychelle Hattabaugh to PTO Board Position of Vice President and Michelle Loewenhagen to PTO Board Position of Secretary by Ashley Balack. Kristin Collar seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:43 pm by Kristin Collar, Ashley Balck seconded the motion. All in favor. No opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Loewenhagen, PTO Secretary
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