

## **PTO Meeting Minutes**

### **Wednesday, October 18, 2023 9:00am**

#### **Opening: Nikki Forman**

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Hope everyone had a wonderful Fall break!

#### **Mr. Eyerman**

- Welcome to Quarter 2 (9 week quarters.)
- Next week is early release 1:15pm (Wednesday Through Friday) for parent teacher conferences.
- We are starting to target the needs of the younger grades, regarding how they did on their Fall benchmarking. We will focus on interventions and the needs of the students by putting them into smaller groups for different parts of the curriculum. January is the push towards getting them ready for the Spring testing which is in April.
- Testing is a major measure in how our campus is graded by the State.
- Carnival is coming up next Friday, October 27th.
- Huge shout out to everyone who helped with the Book Fair. It was an exciting event, and everyone enjoyed it.
- In the last meeting there were questions about Human Growth and Development (HGD) Class. Also known as Sex Ed, although it's never been called that in SUSD. In the past it was middle school students divided by grade, separated by boys and girls. They would go through milestones of puberty. STDs were discussed and the kids were then allowed to ask questions. It was an abstinence only education. It was an old dvd that showed videos and then students were directed to speak with their parents. It is not scheduled to be taught this year. Not to his knowledge is it being taught at any SUSD schools. We will look into it. This can be brought up to the District and Governing Board. The class fell away in 2020 with issues due to classes being online. Contact Kim Dobbs or Karen Benson in the Teaching and Learning Department on the SUSD website.
- Pre K through 5th grade; each teacher should have sent out a Sign up Genius to schedule conferences.
- Middle school, parents can request a conference and all teachers will be in the conference. Virtual
- Just contact the teacher specifically if you have a particular question and don't necessarily need a conference.
- I really appreciate everybody coming in and making time. Our PTOs hard work to make our school better is evident. I am excited for Carnival next week!

- I urge families who are new to our school to get involved and attend these meetings. We can do live videos of tours if families are unable to attend.
- PTO could possibly make a video to invite parents to come join our school.
- Christine Harrington is the Director of Communications and she would be a contact person regarding videos.

## Events

Carnival: Sara Goldberg, Summer Ross, Sandy Falkenberg

- Friday, October 27th, 5-8pm (Halloween Theme)
- Wristbands will be sold next week before and after school.
- Wristbands are \$25 each and only kids need them not adults.
- Raffle tickets are \$1dollar each, and you can buy a sheet of 25 for \$25. **Buy them before** because **each ticket requires your name and number on the back so fill them out before you come!**
- Some of the raffle items: Electric Razor dirt bike, couple Razor carts, Top Golf Experience, Suns Tickets, Princess Hotel Firepit, Airpods Pro's, Gucci Wallet and more.
- We will have a face painter and a Balloon twister.
- Some of the attractions: Hamster Balls, Berry Spinner, Lots of Bouncy houses.
- Pie in the face with Mr. Eyerman
- Food Trucks (Hot dogs, Hamburgers) and possibly more
- Carnival games and Prizes
- DJ
- Photo booth
- Please invite neighbors, grandparents and your friends. It's open to all.
- A Sign Up Genius will go out tonight to volunteer for your specific class's attraction but also for setting up and cleaning up the carnival, Monitoring baskets. We would love your help!!!!
- Each class will be assigned to a specific attraction. The volunteer time is 30 minutes. If we don't have a volunteer at each attraction, the attraction will have to close due to safety.
- We are reaching out to high school students who need volunteer hours. If you know of any students, they can reach out to us directly.

## Fundraising

Matt Goldberg

- We have refined the tiers of sponsorship.
- The top sponsorship tier has 5 spots and 2 are left.
- Banners for top sponsors will be created and placed on campus near the drop off. Great opportunity for visibility.

- People who just want to sponsor for the carnival will have a banner put near a ride or something of that nature.
- There are different tiers and price points to find the right one for you.
- You can contact Matt at: fundraising@crpto.com.
- Advertising will also be on social media and in our weekly newsletter.

## **Librarian**

Emily D/Ambrosio

- Accelerated Reader or AR paid for with ESF dollars.
  - AR is happening this year. Licensing is all cleared up.
  - All students can take AR tests.
  - The Star test is for K-5 to assess students' reading level.
  - The test is taken 3 times a year; at the beginning, Winter Break and end of year.
  - Students will be given a reading level. They choose a book in their range, read it and take a test and their score is recorded.
  - The goals for reading differ by grade, if child achieves the goal they get to go to the end of year party.
  - The amount of words read by the student is what earns them the end of year party as well as their name up on the board in the front of the library.
  - Each book is assigned a point value based on its reading level, interest level, and length.
  - Each point is roughly equivalent to one hour of reading practice within a student's range.
  - Point levels range from .5-130 points.
  - Quizzes range from 5-20 questions based on the length of the book, and can only be taken on campus 8:20-3:15.
  - A score of 80% or higher means that the student has comprehended a sufficient amount of text and vocabulary to pass a quiz.
  - A score under 80% means:  
The book may be too long or too difficult for the student, maybe the student read the book too quickly and didn't pay close enough attention to the details.(for lower level books, we ask that the student read the book a few times before taking the quiz.)
- Requirements for students to attend of year party are below:
- Kinder- participation in program
  - 1st grade- 50,000 words read
  - 2nd grade-100,000 words read
  - 3rd grade- 250,000 words read
  - 4th/5th grade- 500,000 words read
  - Middle school- 1,000,000 words read

- Be sure they are choosing books in their reading level.
- Be sure they are reading the whole book.
- For lower level books, be sure they are reading more than once.
- Ask them questions of your own to prepare.
- Go online and search AR bookfinder online to find books.
- Go to the library resource page on the school website. Go to Home connect and you can search books for information. You should get an email every time your child takes a test.
- Pre K- 5 comes in once a week with their class.
- Middle school can come to the library with a pass.
- Students can come check out a book after school.
- [edambrosio@susd.org](mailto:edambrosio@susd.org)

## **VP Communications**

Christine Deaton

- She will be sending emails regarding the SUSD Override until the vote on November 7th.
- To vote YES on SUSD to support our school and teachers.

Parents interested in becoming more involved can go to this website

<https://www.yesforscottsdaleschools.org/>

- Tina and Conor O'Callaghan are a CRS family who are interested in supporting the SUSD Override. Conor is running for State Senate next year. He would like to do a sign rally at drop off/pickup with some other families. Please contact Christine and she can put you in contact with him.
- Fill out your ballots and get them back in the mailbox. Talk to your neighbors about voting YES. as it benefits students but also keeps our home values up. The ballot must be mailed back by October 31st.

Carnival

- SUG (Sign Up Genius) will be emailed out, please sign up to volunteer.
- Please have all raffle baskets dropped by the office by Friday, October 20th.

Book fair

Rachel Hug

- Huge thank you to everyone who volunteered! We appreciated all of your help.
- We were able to get close to 300 books donated to the teachers and into their classrooms!

