SMPTO Meeting Minutes

10/22/20 Zoom

1) Call to order/welcome:

The meeting was started at 7:04pm. In attendance were: Brooke Romito (President), Sara Faller-Bowermaster (Co-Treasurer), Heather Halloway (Co-Treasurer), Ashley Garancheski (Co-VP IFES), and Charlie Bailey (Co-VP IFES), Melissa Barnhart (Co-VP Rice), David Boley (Principal Rice), and Trisha Reed (Principal IFES). There were also three parents in attendance.

2) Introductions: Brooke started the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves.

2) Approve Oct 1 meeting minutes: Oct 1 PTO minutes were approved. Motion by Heather seconded by Sarah.

3) Principals Report

Rice: It is almost the end of the month. The school will have a costume day on Oct 30th. The students have to wear the costumes all day (can’t be taken on and off). Parent/teacher conferences will be held on Nov 9th and 10th via zoom.

Iron Forge: Conferences will be all day on Nov 9th and 10th. The school is in great need of cafeteria aids.

4) Budget

Balance: checking-14,540; raffle-100; Savings-12,744; total-27,385

5) Correspondence

No correspondence was received prior to this meeting.

6) Fundraising ideas

A) Flat donation: The draft of the donation letter was reviewed. Suggestions were made to include the site for the online donation even though a small percentage would be taken for processing. It was agreed to send out letter electronically. Motion to approve letter was made by Heather and seconded by Sarah.

B) Other ideas: Discussed Scripts and bingo card but decided to try donation letter first and see what happens.

C) Spirit Gear sale: Planning on a spirit gear sale for black Friday-27% off

D) Masks-will promote more. Kids are using lanyards.

7) Chair/Committee Reports/Updates

A) Bookfair: Nov 11th-22nd. Teacher wishlists will be provided either through Time to Sign Up or Sign Up Genuis

B) Breakfast with Santa: The event is not happening. PTO members are looking for other ideas including: drive by Santa; Santa coming to neighborhoods, and possibly partnering with South Middleton Parks and Rec.

C) Secret Santa Shop: Will not happen.

8) Old Business

A) Lanyards: The PTO purchased lanyards that will be distributed early next week to be used at school.

B) Sprit Gear Sale: The Spirit Gear sale provided an increase in sales compared to last year. There is a shipping option this year.

9) New Business

A) Vice Chair Rice: Christina Wilson will be Co-Vice Chair with a motion made by Melissa, seconded by Heather, and no objections.

B) Grants: Halloween Activity Funding-there was some discussion about this request. An official application will be filed for review.

C) Upcoming events: Chalk the Walk-will take place next Thursday night (Oct 29th). There is a time to sign up coming. A date for painting using the stencils will also be arranged.

10) Open Floor

Next meeting will be November 19

A motion to adjoin the meeting was made by Heather and seconded by Melissa. The meeting ended at 8:05pm.