

SMPTO Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

9/21/21 Zoom

1) Call to order/welcome:

The meeting was started at 7:05pm. In attendance were: Brooke Butler (President), Sara Faller-Bowermaster (Co-Treasurer), Victoria Christen (Co-Treasurer), Jaclyn Prague (Co-VP IFES), and Charlie Bailey (Co-VP IFES), Bridgette Wickard (Co-VP Rice), Christina Wilson (Co-VP Rice), David Boley (Principal, Rice), Trisha Reed (Principal, IFES), and Katie Kalata (Secretary). Mrs. Swank (Librarian, IFES) was also present. Parents of 11 students were also present.

2) Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion by Victoria, seconded by Christina.

3) Principals Report

IFES: Mrs. Reed reported that students are off to a good start. Picture day is October 6th. There were changes made to lunch which have seemed to gone. The students are happy to be able to go arts and music rooms again. IFES does its own fundraiser and information will be coming soon.

Rice: Mr. Boley reported that students are off to a great start to the school year. Beginning of the year assessments will start soon. Picture day is October 7th. There is no school for students from Oct 11-12th.

4) Budget

Sarah and Victoria reviewed the budget. Some changes were made as a response to the executive meeting held in August. The goal for Bubblethon was tweaked. Three line items from last year were deleted. The budget format is split into income and expenses. The budget will be adjusted as needed.

Charlie made a motion to approve the budget. Christina seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The budget was approved.

5) Correspondence

The only correspondence received were questions regarding Bubblethon.

7) Chair/Committee Reports/Updates

Fundraising Ideas: Due to COVID challenges we were unable to raise enough money last year. We may need to do additional fundraisers to raise more money this year.

Bubblethon: The paperwork for Bubblethon was sent home. Students will be giving up their recess to walk and participate in physical activities to raise money for the SMPTO. Students at Rice will walk around the front Island. Students at IFES will walk around the stadium. Each child who raises \$40 will be given a t-shirt. There are additional individual and classroom level prizes. If a school meets the school level goal then students will be able to use 3 Monkey bounce houses at recess. The Bubblethon at Rice will be on Oct 15 at Iron Forge and Oct 22nd at Rice. Times will be decided. Volunteers will be needed to assist with water, other activities, provide stickers to each students at each lap, and just in general to help with the event. A Time to Sign up will be available soon.

Bookfair: The bookfair at Rice will take place Nov 16th-22nd during Parent Teacher conferences. The Iron Forge bookfair will be in the spring and Mrs. Swank is already working with Fallet on dates.

Breakfast with Santa: The event is scheduled to occur on Dec 4th

Santa on a Firetruck visiting neighborhoods: We are hoping to organize this event again since it was so well received last year. We are hoping to have it on Dec 4th during the afternoon depending on Santa availability.

Secret Santa: Mr. Boley shared he did feel this event should be able to occur this year. There is a parent who pre-purchases items. The event will take place at Rice from Dec 6th – 10th.

8) Old Business

There was no old business to discuss

9) New Business

Grant Requests

Most of the grant requests were for field trips which were postponed. There was one additional grant request that board will cover at the next meeting.

10) Open Floor

Brooke reminded those in attendance that Fall Fest was canceled. Sarah asked Mrs. Reed if it was possible to do a Halloween parade at Iron Forge. They will brainstorm some ideas for activities at Iron Forge. A parent asked about the sugar content in the school breakfasts. Mrs. Reed sent her the same of a contact at the food service provider. A parent asked what they can do to help the PTO. Brooke responded by asking parents to please volunteer for events. A parent asked if the TB test and other clearances used for work were okay for volunteering at the school. Mrs. Reed clarified that the checks are a little different and need to be for volunteer not employment. A board member mentioned donations made by Amazon Smile and Matt, our new Webmaster was quickly able to send information to those in attendance. Matt also introduced himself during the meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brigette and seconded by Sarah. The meeting ended at 7:15pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 19th.