

## Minutes for the SMPTO Meeting held at

### IFES Library on September 19, 2019

#### 1) Call to order/Welcome

- The meeting was called to order by Jodi Jumper, SMPTO President at 6:05pm.
- Introductions were made by the PTO President, PTO Board Members, Principals, and School Board representative.
  - a. Those in attendance included: Jodi Jumper (PTO President), Ashleigh Garancheski (Co-VP of IFES), Cheryl Lyles (Co-VP IFES), Melissa Barnhart (Co-VP of Rice), Heather Holloway (Co-Treasurer), Lori Kappen (Co-Treasurer), Jeanne Predmore (Early Childhood Educator), Tammy Snyder (3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher), Stacey Knavel (School Board Representative), and Mr. Boley (Rice Principal). Mrs. Reed (IFES Principal) was unable to attend. Four additional parents attended the meeting.
- All guests were asked to sign the attendance sheet.

#### 2) Approval of Minutes

- The minutes were reviewed by Jodi Jumper. The minutes were distributed at the meeting and are also available on the smpto website.
- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lori Kappen. The motion was seconded by Heather Holloway. Board members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

#### 3) Guest-Melanie Shaver-Durham

- Melanie started by introducing herself. She is in her second year at South Middleton School District. She served many different roles (first grade teacher, reading specialist) before coming to South Middleton School District. Her official title is Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Federal Programs. Her goal is to be open and transparent with the changes in the district.
- Melanie provided an update on three large projects: K-12 curriculum mapping, Multi-tier Systems of Support project, and the schedule change. She also discussed a project occurring at the high school level involving providing different course pathways, which will better align with career goals.
  - Curriculum Mapping:
    - Started with Math. Two teachers at each grade level are working on the project. An expert, Janet Hale, was also brought in to assist with the project. The goal is to finish mapping Math by Christmas then look at new resources for teaching.
    - Reading/writing will start in Spring.
    - The mapping process will highlight what type of resources are needed.
  - Multi-tier Systems Level of Support Project (MTTS)
    - This project will provide insight as to whether assessments provide the information needed.
    - 4 year plan

- K-8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Schedule Change
    - The start of this school year marked the beginning of a change in school start times.
    - Teenagers now have a delayed start.
    - The schedule also allows for 45 minutes per day of collaborative time.
- A question was asked if there was a way to know what the curriculum is doing. Melanie responded that the curriculum would soon be on the cloud.

### 3) Principal Reports/School Board Representative

- Mr. Boley-Rice Report
  - Rice is off to a good start. New this year is a morning meeting time where students can sit and meet each other. The program ties into the “Every Bubbler Cares” initiative.
  - There is a reward day coming up on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. Students who earn an apple can bring in a stuffed animal
  - Health Screenings start next week.
  - Picture day is Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Oct 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> are teacher in-service days, the 14<sup>th</sup> is a day off for students and teachers.
- Mrs. Reed-Iron Forge
  - Mrs. Reed was not present but Jodi provided a brief update about the IFES Halloween party.
- Stacey Knavel, the School Board Representative, introduced herself to the group.

### 4) Treasurer’s report/Budget Approval

- Lori Kappen reviewed the current budget. The budget is planned around a \$40,000 Bubblethon fundraising target and runs from July to the next June.
- The budget is based on a total income of \$39,600, which includes a net income of \$37,000 from Bubblethon. We are on track to meet the Bubblethon fundraising goal.
- Misc income include groovy movies (small fee to attend), May Fair, and Spirit Gear.
- Expenses include assemblies, the AG Van, Breakfast with Santa, Bubbling Over Day/Forge Ahead Day, back to school teacher support (\$50 per teacher), educational grants, field trips (subsidize so each student pays \$7), Halloween party, Hospitality, teacher appreciation week, year book support, insurance, book fairs, donations of books to the library, etc.
- As of the end of the August the checking balance was \$10,286.81, Raffle \$100, and Savings \$12,743.27.
- Questions were asked about recruitment and school directory. Jodi explained the school directory was started 2 years ago. There is no charge to parents for the directory. Only parents who provide information for the directory receive it. McElwee Custom Construction has provided a \$500 donation to offset the cost of printing.
- Voting on approval of the budget was postponed to the end of the meeting. A motion to approve the budget was made by Lori Kappen. The motion was seconded by Heather Holloway. All members present voted to approve the budget.

## 5) Correspondence

- We received three thank you notes for teachers at IFES for teacher appreciation week activities and money for supplies.

## 6) Chair/Committee Reports/Updates

### a. Bubblethon

- The Bubblethon donation period just ended last Wednesday.
- The event for IFES will take place at the stadium on Friday Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Zumba start up and activities on the field.
- Bubblethon at Rice will take place on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. It will take place outside around the island. Students will warm-up with Zumba and then walk around the island for about 45 minutes.
- Jodi Jumper discussed the prizes for both individual students, classes, and schools. All classes who bring in \$500 will receive popsicles at the event. Popcorn movie parties will occur before Christmas. The laser light show will be either the Tuesday or Wednesday (Dec 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>) before Christmas break. The light show at IFES will have a space theme. The light show at Rice will have a Winter wonderland theme (same as last year).
- Filson Water has donated water for both Bubblethon events.

### b. Box Tops

- Jodi Jumper explained that the process changed over the summer. Box tops are no longer placed on items. Now you need to scan receipts and upload them onto an app. You can also only choose one school (Rice or IFES not both).
- The money received is helpful. The school usually receives two checks a year for about \$1300 each.

### c. Book Fair

- The book fair at Rice will be on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> (evening), 7<sup>th</sup> (evening), and 8<sup>th</sup> (all day). Students will be able to look at books all week but cannot buy books (parents can during conferences).
- The book fair at IFES will be in the spring. Students can shop and buy books. Parents will be able to put money on an ewallet.

### d. Spirit Gear

- Jodi Jumper recently replenished the inventory.

### e. Communications

- Becky Anderson is the new chair for the website and Facebook.

### f. IFES Halloween Party

- The event will be on Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm.
- There is a DJ, food, and a photo booth. Several volunteers are needed for the event.
- There is a time to sign up link on the webpage.

g. Breakfast with Santa

- The event will be on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. It usually sells out.

h. Secret Santa Shop.

- Secret Santa Shop will be on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a \$10 max for each student. Items are purchased from the dollar store.

12) Old Business-None

13) New Business

- Teacher grant requests: Mrs. Group has requested the shapes again. Quaver music will be requested every year and is now a line item in the budget.
- Iron Forge movie event was moved to Oct 1<sup>st</sup> from Sept 27<sup>th</sup> due to homecoming.
- The Rice Halloween parade (not a PTO) event is on 10/25. Jodi encouraged parents to put this on their calendar and come early.
- Jodi Jumper announced all meetings will be IFES this year.
- Painting at Rice-Jodi Jumper provided a brief update on stencils and paint purchased with extra money. The stencils include a map of the US, hopscotch, and 4 square. Bubble stencils have also been purchased. Painting has not been scheduled due to challenges with weather, time, and the need for volunteers.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The start time was changed due to the Halloween parade.