**Staton Elementary PTO**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 13th, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 8:44 am by Leigh-Anne Mateyka

**Members and attendees present**:

Lindsay Tomlinson – Principal

Shannan Ohlson – Vice President

Leigh-Anne Mateyka – President

Libby Shipley

Stacey Longmate

Kim Long

Lisa McKenna – teacher

Michelle Prince – teacher

Jennifer Katz – teacher

Adrienne Hale

Aubany Glancz

Suzie Minetree – Parliamentarian

Amanda Marcuccio – Secretary

Martha Morris

Emily Nelson

Kathryn Johnson

***Business***

* Suzie Minetree made motion to approve the November meeting minutes, Shannan Ohlson seconded motion, all in favor, motion passed to approve minutes.

**Leigh-Anne Mateyka – President’s report**

* Thank you to the Donuts for Dads crew!
* Thank you to Shannan Ohlson and to all the volunteers, teachers and staff that helped make Staton Strides for Success so successful! It went way beyond our expectations. We have such an amazing community and Shannan rocked this event!
* Math night was a fun event. We had about 86 kids show up this year compared to 50 last year.
* We are now planning our 20th anniversary party/spring event. The theme will be roaring 20s.
* Our spring event is usually our biggest fundraiser, but with SS4S (Staton Strides for Success) taking the place of the biggest fundraiser, this will be more of a community event. There won’t be as much focus on fundraising.
* We will not be putting together baskets this year and asking for basket donations like previous years. We will have the silent auction though and will be auctioning off items donated by businesses. If you know of any businesses willing to donate items for the silent auction, please let us know.
* This will be our school wide celebration from the success of SS4S. Each student will receive 5 free raffle tickets to use for the teacher lunch raffle and crafts/activities will be free. No one will have to spend money unless they choose to bid on an auction item, buy food or paint a 20 year tile.
* We need a vote on taking out the ticket sales line item of the budget for spring event. This will be a decrease of about $10,000 in ticket sales, however, we more than made that up in SS4S.
* Shannan Ohlson made motion to approve line item removal, Kathryn Johnson 2nd, all in favor, motion passed. Spring Event raffle ticket sales line item will be removed from budget.
* The success of SS4S is important because it enables us to pay for things we don’t get state funding for. For example, we are able to keep our class sizes smaller because of all the fundraising we do.

**Lindsey Tomlinson - Principal**

* Mrs. Tomlison explained a little about how the state of Nevada funds education. Staton relies on fundraising because we are not a title 1 school based on our free and reduced lunch. We are currently at 25% free and reduced lunch. That percentage has more than doubled in the last 3 years.
* Schools that qualify for Title 1 funding can get hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be used for technology, specialist, class size reduction, curriculum, etc.
* Leigh-Anne pointed out that Nevada funds education at about ½ of the national average
* The funding we receive from state covers staff and teacher salaries and some supplies.
* This is why fundraising is important so that we can fund the additional technology, support positions, smaller class sizes and additional specials rotation (tech lab).

**Shannan Ohlson – Vice President**

* SOT – The School Organizational Team meets every month to discuss business about the school. This is where a lot of the budget decisions are made. Decisions are ultimately up to the principal, but this is an opportunity to get the community’s input. The team is made up of parents, teachers and admin. All are welcome to attend.
* Yearbook photos are needed. Please email them to statonptoyearbook@gmail.com
* Last day for love lines for the yearbook will be February 17th.
* If you have any questions or comments or ideas for PTO or events next year, please email Shannan at statonptovicepresident@gmail.com.

**Leigh-Anne Mateyka – additional information**

* The budget is updated as of 2/12. The only thing missing in here are the credit card profits from SS4S as they haven’t hit the bank account yet.
* Election notice for PTO board positions will go out next month. Elections will be in April.
* There will be a volunteer brunch in May in the school atrium as a thank you to all the PTO volunteers this year.
* If anyone would like to help get the PTO shed organized, please let me know. We will be doing this next Wednesday. We need to make room to get all the holiday store stuff stored out there.

**Amanda Marcuccio & Angelina Alameda – Hop n pop**

* Hop n pop will be on March 4th & 5th at 2:15pm.
* We are looking for volunteers to help us setup quick and hand out popsicles both afternoons around 1:30.

**Upcoming Events:**

* SOT – February 19th 3:30 pm
* NO School February 17th
* Staton Bowl – February 21st 2:30 pm
* STEAM Fair – February 28th
* Reading Week – March 2nd-6th
* Hop & Pop book drive – March 4th & 5th
* NO School – March 9th
* March 13th – PTO meeting
* March 27th – 20th Anniversary Celebration 5-7pm

Meeting ended 9:44am