

Staton Elementary School PTO – Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024

Attendees:

Aubany Glancz, President
Heather Booth, VP
Maggie Olson-Key, Co-Treasurer
Alyson Bettelman, Co-Treasurer
Kathleen Donaghe
Katie Schwartz
Lindsey Montoya
Stacey Dutot
Allison Simpson

Call to Order – Aubany

Approve minutes from January meeting – Motion to approve: Maggie, Second: Aubany

February teacher raffle. Propose to skip it this year due to all of the incentives being offered to teachers during SS4S. There will be a fun competition where whichever teacher gets most raised will win \$100. Port of Subs lunch will also be given to teachers on kick-off day. At the end, the teachers also get another lunch. Everyone agreed.

SOT – a mock budget using predictive numbers was discussed.

- Average total cost to have a teacher is now \$115K. Goal is to have 5 teachers in each grade, though this has never happened before. One teacher will come from PTO money.
- We will also fund one substitute teacher on site. The district will fund one and we will fund one. This will help prevent the CTTEs from having to substitute in a bind.
- There is currently \$600K in the PTO savings account.
- PTO is also going to fund another support staff for the autism classrooms. District will pay for one, PTO will pay for one.
- There is also a goal to have a CTTE for every grade.
- Other priorities are security window wraps and new drinking fountains (these are already underway).

Question about whether there will be a summer accelerated program.

We need to incorporate something into the by-laws to address the \$5K remaining in the Staton Beautification Restricted Fund. We cannot release funds to CCSD (per our by-laws/NFP accounting rules) because they could technically use it for something else, and we cannot go on our own to do most projects due to CCSD rules.

Hospitality: They will decorate after SS4S for spring/end of year. Becky absent today. Aubany to decorate today for SS4S.

SS4S update: Electronic registration is simple. Teachers already collected sizes – all kids will get a t-shirt the day before. Cheerleaders doing concessions. We are doing pizza. Safe Key will go in their own heat following the first two (first one at 3:30, second one about 4:15 pm).

- SS4S funds will go to 1) funding a teacher, 2) nice headphones for every kid, 3) \$5K for recess equipment (half to be used at beginning of year, half for mid-year), 4) \$5K for pioneer prize cart, 5) new prizes for trunk-or-treat/inflatable games, 6) a second die-cut machine (it is being heavily used)
- Final collection will be on Monday 2/26. Incentives are simpler this year. Need volunteers for the morning collections/incentive granting.

Pioneer Events:

- Skate Night – Rachel will work table first hour, Aubany will work second hour. We've sold a lot but aren't sold out. Tickets will be available at event.
- Silver Knights game in April not being pushed until after SS4S.
- Pizza day – About 418 sold. Tim, Kathleen and Heather will work it tomorrow (2/9).
 - Next year maybe we combine PTO dues with all pizza days, and switch to Costco pizza slices. Proposal to do one table of cheese slices and one table of pepperoni slices. Fruit, juice and crackers. Maybe raise price to \$7. Consider charging more for 2 slices (maybe \$9?).
- Heather is moving so someone will need to take over Swag Shop and Pizza Day.

MAP testing: Reading didn't go up as much as it should have, teachers attribute score stagnation to new ELA curriculum and lack of support from district to implement the new curriculum.

School rankings related to test scores was discussed. Our 3 rating (as opposed to 5) is not due to average test scores (we are equivalent to 5 schools) but rather is due to not showing improvement among those students scoring in the lowest percentiles. This is another reason we need dedicated CTTEs (to help lowest scoring students.)

Luau theme for spring event (Friday 4/12 after school): It will be more of an event rather than a carnival. Luau dancers, hula lessons, stations to make leis, foam party, shark and minnows, beach ball games. Touch a truck. Maybe video game truck. Monster truck. Want to get away from ticket sales and do a wristband. Either \$10 or \$15 per kid. Cap for family. Hot dog on a stick, kona ice for food trucks.

Motion to surrender Student Store to the clubs (SOS, Cheerleading, etc.) PTO will still do treat trucks twice a month. The rest of the weeks will be student store days. The clubs want more fundraising opportunities and PTO is happy to give this up to them. It is not a primary money-maker for PTO and will theoretically free up some PTO volunteer hours to work on other PTO initiatives. All agreed. Motion: Aubany. Second: Maggie. All in the room were in favor.