

Staton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes November 9, 2023

Attendees:

Aubany Glancz- President	Kathleen Donaghe
Heather Booth- Vice President	Gloria Assy-Becz
Alyson Bettelman- Assistant Treasurer	Samantha Escalante
Amy Pal- Secretary	Katie Schwartz
Tiffaney Behnam- Holiday Store	Kathleen DeMichael
Mitra McNally- PRC	Mrs. Mann- Teacher Rep.
Rachel Henry- Pioneer Nights	Ms. Clemens
Becky Coil- Hospitality	

1. Aubany Glancz- PTO President: Opens PTO meeting
 - Approve minutes from October meeting: Mitra McNally makes a motion to approve. Heather Booth seconds motion: October minutes approved.
 - November teacher raffle is in need of a donation. If anyone has anything please let Aubany know. October's raffle was won by Mrs. Crawford which was tickets to Halloween.
 - Hospitality will decorate the teacher lounge. Create the wall of gratitude with garden theme. Flowers will be cut out for students and parents to write notes to Staton staff. Aubany will need help with this next week. Mrs. Mann volunteered to hand these out during her lunch duty for the students to write on. Need someone to maybe have flowers out after school.
 - SOT update: first meeting for Amanda Marcuccio as third parent representative. Mrs. Mann is also on this committee. Review of positions, what SOT does, and this year's goals. Also reviewed test scores for the school: MAPS, SBAC. Set up fun learning goals to help students increase test scores and attendance goals. Staton is still looking for two CTT. Aubany has SOT action steps if anyone would like to look at them.
 - Fall Raffle and Trunk or Treat: Great events that worked well. For Trunk or Treat looking into new ways to do the trunks and run the event. For the trunks: wristbands and time slots for this, have one person in charge of this throughout the event, check with trunks about candy. Hoping to use SS4S funds to purchase new carnival games that can be used for both TOT and spring event. Maybe have two food trucks instead of another treat truck. Raffle ran smoothly and the kids were excited about this.
 - VIP Breakfast: A lot of the staff volunteered for this which is great and much appreciated. Still need volunteers for setup, cleanup, and runners for food and coffee. Theme goes with Staton is ready to grow.
 - Yearbook Cover Contest: coordinated by Mrs. Karalias for the 5th graders. Designed must be on a normal piece of paper, have the school year, and theme for the school. Staff will do a blind vote for the cover. 2nd and 3rd place will go on the back cover of the yearbook.

2. Pizza days and Swag Shop- Heather Booth

- November pizza order: 380 total. Took bins to Pizza Hut but new people were confused so going early to make sure everything works out. Might have to look for a new place for pizza. Still looking at different restaurants for this monthly lunch.
- Will send out an email about payment for the new PTO shirts with ready to grow design. Will take any form of payment.
- Swag Shop will be having a holiday sale of 20% off, email should be out soon. 20% of all sales go to PTO. If order on the last day of the sale: items should still be delivered before Christmas.

3. Administration- Ms. Clemens

- Partnering with a low income school in the area who had a donor back out of donating turkeys. Mrs. Mann, Staton staff, and SOS families have stepped up with donating 25 out of 40 promised turkeys. If anyone from the PTO can donate turkeys or gift cards it would be much appreciated. Turkeys will need to be dropped off at Staton MPR on Thursday November 16th before 10am. If donating gift cards for Walmart or Smith's: please drop off on Wednesday November 15th.
- New Kindergarten teacher: still looking so probably not until the next school year.
- Winter MAPS incentives: these are coming up and normally see a dip in scores therefore Staton created incentives to help students meet or exceed their test goals.
 - First incentive: meet or exceed their growth goal will get a certificate and lollipop.
 - If the student moved up on the color bands then they will receive other incentives: Move up one color band: extra recess. Move up two color bands: extra recess and popsicle. Move up three or more color bands: Lunch with Ms. Clemens and Mrs. Crowe.
 - If a student is already at the highest color band and stays there: extra recess and popsicle.
 - Reading MAP testing: November 14th and 15th. Math MAP testing: November 29th and 30th. Students can receive incentives for both reading and math MAP scores. Incentives will be handed out the week after MAP testing is completed.
 - MAP results will go home the week before winter break. Need to go through Clever to view these.
- SOT: many of Staton staff volunteer with student activities outside of school hours. Would love to be about to pay those staff members for these hours. Examples are SOS and cheerleading.
- Budget from CCSD has not been released to Staton which means the school will only have the last half of this school year to spend this money. Administration has been in contact with companies to get quotes for work to be done.

- No applications for the additional Kindergarten teacher. Still need CTTs and looking for people to fill these positions.
4. Teacher Reps: Mrs. Mann
 - Teachers are very appreciative of everything the PTO does for them. They notice all of the fun little things that the PTO does. Very grateful.
 5. Treasurer Update- Alyson Bettelman
 - Trunk or Treat: returned \$400 in items not used. The PTO made \$3,358.06 from this event which is not a fundraiser. Would like to add funds to the Trunk or Treat budget for next year: \$250 for purchases after the event. Kathleen bought clown items to include in the haunted house.
 - ★ Motion to add \$250 to trunk or treat budget for the 2024-2025 school year: Motion made by Aubany Glancz and seconded by Katie Schwartz. Motion passes.
 - Fall Raffle generated \$9,700.00 in funds for the PTO after clearing expenses and covering prizes.
 - Pioneer Nights at the Aviators game: \$450 on this one event and these events have generated \$1,500.00 so far this year.
 - Reimbursement process is going well.
 6. Hospitality- Becky Coil
 - Decorated teacher's lounge and wall for gratitude flowers written to Staton staff.
 - Pie-luck is on November 13th and signup has gone out. Signup has been filling up but will add coffee and hot chocolate pods to restock.
 - Soup potluck is on December 14th and signup will be going out closer to the date. Any foods that can be made and kept warm in a crockpot are welcome. Also sweet treats. Please include a receipt card for the teachers.
 - February and March teacher hospitality will be handled by SS4S.
 - Working on teacher appreciation week with administration. PTO normally does a BBQ, at least one other lunch, and other things for this week.
 7. Fall Raffle and Trunk or Treat- Amy and Kathleen
 - Raffle went well and the numbers were discussed by Alyson. Wanted to thank Ivette and all the other PTO members who helped during the two weeks of this event.
 - Trunk or Treat was a fun event.
 - Photo booth: issue of volunteer shaking the pictures from the instant camera which actually didn't need to be done, next year let volunteers for this know that shaking is not required. Maybe make wearable buttons of the photos if we can get volunteers.
 - We started to break down the event at 5:30pm so that everyone including administration can go home at a reasonable time. This was announced by the DJ during the event.

- Mrs. Stout won the trunk contest. Trunks will be reworked for next year: wristbands and time slots. Have one person who is in charge of this part of the event.
- Haunted house was a great success and well worth the 5 days that it took to put together. Thank you to those who helped with this.

8. VIP Breakfast- Lindsey Montoya

- Event is next Thursday November 16th from 7:45am to 8:45am. Theme goes with Staton's school theme: Thank you for helping me grow.
- Flyers will go out on Monday, information is on social media and S'more.
- Each student can invite one special person to share breakfast with them.
- Will have a photo area with a garden theme. Purchased items for this.
- Volunteers are welcome and Staton staff has stepped up to volunteer for this event.
- Cheerleaders will welcome everyone to the event.
- This is a free event for the Staton community. Hope to see you there.

9. Holiday Store- Tiffaney Behnam

- This runs from December 4th through December 8th during students library time and after school. No morning shopping.
- Signup is coming out soon and lots of volunteers are needed to run this smoothly. Both to help kids shop and to wrap the presents.
- SOS and 5th grade students have been decorating white bags for wrapping. SOS students can help after school. Maybe have some 5th graders help Pre-K and Kinder students, will ask about this.
- Any donations of items are much appreciated.
- Thank you to Katie and Ivette for helping with this. Work all year round to grab fun and cool items for the holiday store.

10. Pioneer Nights/ Treat Fridays- Rachel Henry

- Chick-fil-A is on November 15th from 5pm to 8pm, information will go out soon. Please remind parents if you are a room parent.
- Code Ninjas is on November 18th and this is the last one. Did work as well as hoped. Not much interest in this but that might be due to this being held on Saturdays.
- Glittering Lights will be an open pass this year: this will run from November 9th through January 7th: \$5 per car goes back to PTO. Tram night is going to be December 9th: \$10 per ticket goes back to the PTO on this night.
- No more treat trucks on Fridays.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08am.