

Staton Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2022

Attendees:

Amanda Marcuccio- President	Natalie Greer
Aubany Glancz- Vice President	Christina Alberts
Maggie Olson-Key- Co. Treasurer	Rachel Henry-Pioneer Nights/ Treat Fridays
Alyson Bettelman- Co. Treasurer	Lauren Ahart -Trunk or Treat
Emily Nelson- Assistant Treasurer	Tamara Pascal- Holiday Store
Heather Booth- Parliamentarian	Kathleen DeMichael
Amy Pal- Secretary	Nicole Nepetto
Karin Tidgewell- Membership/ Great American	Ashley Kerira
Alana Weintraub	Mitra McNelly-Rossebu
Amy Jeppson	Katie Schwartz
Lark Lacey	Ms. Clemens

1. Amanda Marcuccio- PTO President: Opens PTO meeting
 - Approve minutes from August meeting- Aubany Glancz makes a motion to approve, Heather Booth seconds motion. August minutes were approved.
 - Amanda turned meeting over to Ms. Clemens because she needed to leave early.
2. Staton Administration- Ms. Clemens had no big updates from the school. T
 - he open house on August 31st was a success and went well.
 - They received the school budget from the district and there will be no changes in teachers. Staton will keep the same number of teachers and there will be no movement between grade levels for the current school year.
 - Ms. Clemens reminded everyone that Monday, September 12th is staff development day. No school for the kids.
 - Ms. Clemens asked if there were any questions and no one had one for her.
3. Amanda Marcuccio continued the meeting
 - Sponsorship drive update:
 - Raised \$13,000 in sponsorship
 - Have 1 truck for the trunk or treat/ 3 sponsors for Staton Strides/ 2 sponsors for baskets (Spring event)
 - Hopeful more will come in during the school year
 - Library update: email from Ms. Esposito the Librarian.
 - Birthday books for the students will be different this year: Kids will be able to get a book during their birthday month. She will be using money made from the book fair for this. Summer birthdays will be able to pick their book in May was the thought.
 - Ms. Esposito is compiling an order of books to use the \$20,000 that the PTO raised for the library last year. Books that teachers have asked for, that students have asked for, and popular books. Will have library committee look at the list before ordering. Order will be placed in the Spring.
 - Ms. Esposito is also looking into replacing the softcover books in the spinning rakes with hardcover copies.
 - Upcoming library events: Nevada reading week in February and another book fair in the Spring.
 - She was also very grateful for all the parent volunteers who helped during the book fair.

- PTO Shirts: if anyone wants a PTO shirt, let Amanda know because she is going to order some from the individual that has made them before. They cost \$12 each.
 - PTO Emails: Amanda asked those present if they are getting emails from the PTO, if not to let her know so that the issue could be fixed.
 - Monthly Teacher Raffle: September was Nevada Aviator tickets won by Monica Keller. Need to figure out prize for October: maybe something dealing with fall or halloween.
4. Teacher Reps- None of the teacher reps were present at the meeting. No updates from them about any teacher issues. Great feedback from Clear the List, the teachers are very appreciative and Tiffany Behnam has been doing a great job getting the items to the teachers.
5. Treasurer's Update- Alyson Bettelman and Maggie Olson-Key
- Big thank you to Emily Nelson for all of her help.
 - Budget report: donations and sponsorships are coming in.
 - Reimbursements are going out to PTO members for items they purchased for events:
 - Please add phone number to reimbursement form in order to be notified when checks are ready.
 - Holiday Store: need to increase budget for purchases this year and need to vote in order to place more money into this year's expenses.
 - Currently have \$4,000 budgeted for next year expenses and only have \$1,000 for this year.
 - Last year people had to go out on Wednesday of the holiday store week to plug up holes in the merchandise: spend around \$500.
 - The PTO has the money to increase the budget for this year: take \$2,300 from last year and place into the holiday store's expenses.
 - This money would come from the check that the PTO gave to Staton at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
 - Motion was made to increase the Holiday Store Expenses from \$1,000 to \$3,300. Heather Booth made a motion to approve and Emily Nelson second the motion. Motion was passed.
 - Paypal Fees:
 - Would like to add a line item for each event for the PayPal fees: add to fall events such as truck or treat.
 - There is the line item for the pizza days: there is a higher % taken out by PayPal for lower amount purchases such as the \$5 per student.
 - **PTO memberships that are done online also have PayPal fees?**
 - Could the PayPal expenses be placed in the credit card expenses or in the line item of things not budgeted for?
 - Maggie and Alyson will come up with a proposal to add line item PayPal fees to events in the budget.
6. Picnic in the Park- Aubany Glancz
- It is on September 9th, this Friday from 4-6pm.
 - Three food trucks will be located in Staton's parking lot. Parents can grab food and gather in the park.
 - Cheerleaders will be sell concessions and performing a cheer in the park.
 - Teachers are encouraged to go and will be there as they can be, maybe get a kickball game started.
 - There might be areas for each class and signs so that people know where to gather.

7. School Organization Team (SOT) nominations- Aubany Glancz
 - Parents who have nominated themselves to join SOT: Aubany Glancz and Emily Nelson. There are three parent members of the SOT team.
 - Can still nominate yourself.
 - If more than three people are nominated there will be a vote. If only three people then there will not be a vote and they are automatically placed on the SOT committee.
 - Every grade level increased test scores. Staton met projected proficiency scores and met goals.
 - We are in the top 10 in Clark County for high test scores.
 - SBAC-ELA: increased from 69% to 74%. We have the higher number of kids passing at advance level.
 - Math: increased from 55% to 70%. We surpassed our goal!
 - Starting a continue improvement study: want to improve overall learning and enhance learning for the students.
 - September 13th is the next SOT meeting and parent members will be elected in.

8. Trunk or Treat- Lauren Ahart
 - Gaming truck will be at trunk or treat in addition to other games that were kept from previous years.
 - Will be asking for volunteers when the date gets closer, send out signup genesis.
 - Setting up the haunted house
 - Any decorations donations are welcome
 - Honor students will help with the haunted house, SOS students as well, will need parent volunteers as well.
 - Setting up the day of, October 22nd starting around 10am.
 - Food trucks: will only have two- Snowys and another one that hasn't been decided on yet. Aubany will send information to Lauren about food trucks. Cash only for food trucks.
 - Need Trunks and sponsors for this event
 - Everything run by the PTO will be paid for by tickets:
 - Games, face painting, balloon art, photo booth, cookie decoration
 - Mrs. Campbell can get ROTC students to volunteer.
 - Theme for the Haunted House has not been decided yet. Any ideas are welcome
 - Different halloween themed rooms
 - School themed: the horror of infinite homework
 - Decade theme horror: 70s, 80s, 90s etc.

9. Fall Raffle- Amy Pal
 - Gave general information about the structure of the raffle.
 - Dates for the raffle are October 7th through the 22nd when the grand prizes will be drawn at trunk or treat.
 - Asked for volunteers to help place the tickets into the student envelopes, coming in to count money during the raffle, and with the pizza party at the end.

10. Membership- Karin Tidgewell
 - Membership to the PTO is running until September 20th.
 - First place grade gets a popsicle party and lunch for the teachers.
 - 20% of the school has joined the PTO.
 - Final push to join. Amanda is going to take a picture of the bulletin board in the MPR so that room parents can send it to parents.

11. Pioneer Pizza Day- Heather Booth
 - First pizza day is September 9th and we have 344 orders.

- This will take place on the 2nd Friday of every month.
- Pizza Hut has increased the prices for each pizza: \$2.75 so might have to think of doing this differently. Ideas discussed:
 - Going to slices but would require more volunteers and create more work
 - Maybe allow parents to buy a pass for the remaining 8 pizza days, not sure how to set this up and keep track of this
 - Still not allowing people to pay in cash or on the day of: because that would cause some issues.
 - Use a different payment method which would charge less fees than PayPal, someone would have to look into this (Member hub was one option mentioned)
 - Find a different pizza place: Little Caesars
- There will be no raise in the price for the students: \$5 for pizza day.
- Maybe do a Chick-fil-A day later in the year, looking into this or possibly another restaurant.

12. Spirit Store- Heather Booth

- August sales were 100 items and we received over \$250 from those sales (10-15%).
- Someone suggested that the PTO should do a large group order that gets shipped to the school and then distributed to those who ordered. Would need someone willing to take this on.
- Ask about shipping costs and how these can be reduced.
- They are updating to the Kelly green color for products.
- Store is very responsive and willing to work with us to get products we want.

13. PTO Voting Clarification- Heather Booth

- Heather went through the PTO rules and bylaws after questions were asked about how motions and voting work.
- Anyone who is in the PTO can make a motion or second a motion.
- Not just officers can vote, any member of the PTO can.
- PTO bylaws are on the Staton website.
- How voting takes place is that someone makes a motion and another person seconds it. If there are no active objections the motion passes. There is no formal voting unless there is an objection which will be noted. There are rules that are followed if a motion comes to a vote.

14. Pioneer Nights/ Treat Fridays- Rachel Henry

- Last treat truck is this month on September 23rd, until the spring. Looking into a hot chocolate truck, coffee truck, or others for the winter.
- CPK night: PTO received 20% from them.
- Next Pioneer night is on September 23rd at Chipotle, they give Staton 33% of sales.
- Might want to start keeping track of checks from the various treat trucks and restaurants that participate in pioneer nights and treat Fridays.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.