**Simpson Elementary School**

**PTA Board Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, October 13, 2023**

**Members Present:**

Mary Catherine Jennings, Maxine McClure, Misty Ratchford, Emma Keith, Julie Miller, Heather Reich, Stacie Olson

**Call to Order:**

Mary Catherine Jennings, PTA Co-President, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

**The minutes from September 8, 2023 were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: (Phil Hebenstreit was absent, report given by Mary Catherine Jennings)**

* The report was passed around for review. We have made $13,000 this year.

**Academics/Arts: Megan Bunce was absent, report given by Mary Catherine Jennings)**

-Starry Starry Night date change to 2/8/24 in cafeteria at 6pm. The 2nd General Members Meeting will be prior to Starry Starry Night.

- Reflections have been submitted and are in the process of being judged.

**Communications/Publications: (Beth was absent, report given by Mary Catherine Jennings)**

* The yearbook committee is finalizing a cover and continues to get pictures from photographers and community submissions.

**Family/Community Outreach: Stacie Olson:**

- The Fall Festival is set for Friday October 27th from 5:30-7pm. There will be a DJ and an obstacle course outside and silent disco in the gym.

- Mother/Son Game Night is set for November 16th at Paul Duke. The theme is Cowboys and Moms. Tickets will be on sale for $10 per person. The deadline to purchase tickets is November 3rd.

- All Pro Dads continues to be successful.

- The Giving Tree is coming up in November.

- The Grandparents breakfast is being reimagined for spring semester.

**Finance: Heather Reich:**

* Childhood cancer fundraiser raised $1,447
* Spirit night at Moe’s BBQ will be on Tuesday, October 24th (while supplies last)
* Teachers are being provided lunch from CFA during early release on October 19th.

**Health/Environment: Emma Keith:**

* Walk to School Day was very successful.

**Staff/Student Services: Julie Miller:**

* The grade level winter parties theme will be “Do you want to build a snowman?” The craft, snack, and activity will be grade-level wide and potentially in the cafeteria.
* Immigration Day was successful. Lori VanDyne and Sara Shingler shadowed our current volunteers to handle next year this role next year.
* 5th Grade T-Shirt Design will include the top 5 designs. The shirt color is teal.
* Early Release snacks will be provided to the teachers.
* Book Fair is next week (October 16-20). More volunteers are needed.
* Staff Appreciation Events coming up are:
  + October 26th- “We appreciate You” for Special Education
  + October 20th- Dessert Bar for teachers
  + November 17th- Grateful Potluck
* We are looking for 2 people to shadow Michelle and Samantha for the Staff Appreciation Role next year.

**PTA Business:**

* PTA Memberships are now found on website called Totem. MemberHub/Givebacks is no longer being used.
* Totem does not allow online orders for tickets, book orders, etc. This will change how we can sell these items in the future.
* Simpson has applied for School of Excellence. There will be a community survey coming out for our community to complete.

**Next Meeting Friday, November 10th**

**ADJOURNMENT** Mary Catherine Jennings adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.