

## **South Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization August 2021 Meeting Minutes**

August 9, 2021, 6:00 pm virtual meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:12 pm

### **Attendees:**

Kristin Jares – Principal

Amanda M. – President

Stephany S. – Vice President, Membership Chair, Scholastic Book Fair Chair

Jessica V. – Treasurer

Nicki B. – Secretary, Website chair

Danielle – member, Teacher Appreciation Chair, Holiday Ornament Chair

Angela – member

### **Opening Remarks and Introductions - Amanda**

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Please update your contact info on the google sheets form. Event calendar to follow shortly with the annual events. Both President and Vice President positions will be needing to be filled for the 2022 – 2023 school year!

### **Principal Report - Ms. Jares**

- The first day of school for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades is August 18<sup>th</sup>, the first day for kindergarten is August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Staffing updates: We welcome to South Ms. Winget in Kindergarten, Ms. Sommer in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade who will be taking over for Ms. Barnas when she goes on maternity leave, Ms. Pace as a full time special education resource teacher, Ms. Lally as a part time special education resource teacher shared with Central school, and Ms. Ring as psych intern (Ms. Vaselopulos is now student services coordinator for the district). Mrs. Hanson (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade literacy enrichment) will be joined by Ms Crost in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade literacy enrichment. Vision services will be housed in the lower level of South, where we are joined by Ms. Budzik, Ms. Kramer, and Ms. Duncan. We will have a new nurse, Sue Macisaac, and Ms. Villalobos Diaz will join us in a new position of EL tutor.
- The priorities during the first weeks of school will be building relationships with students, helping students transition to in person learning, and social emotional learning goals to set up a successful school year.
- An email will go out this week with procedures for arrival, dismissal, lunch and recess.
  - Arrival – Greeters will be at door 1, 4, and 5. Families can choose for the students to enter at any of the three doors. Students will enter the school, put their items in lockers, and go directly to the classroom. There will be monitors in the hallways to help students.
  - Dismissal - PM Kindergarten and grades 1 – 5 will dismiss at the blacktop. Socially distanced dots will be on the blacktop as they were last year.
  - Paid bus service is available this year. The deadline to guarantee bus setup was the 6<sup>th</sup>. If you still need to signup, go into the parent portal to fill out the form. There will be a 3 business day turnaround for busing sign up.
  - The date for curriculum night will be finalized shortly. Curriculum night will be virtual and recorded for families to view.

- Dates to note – Sept 3 is a half day with no school in the morning, PM Kinder students will be in attendance. Sept 6 is Labor Day, no school.

### **President Update - Amanda**

- Gift card fundraiser – Launching a new gift card fundraiser! You are able to buy a gift card on your phone to use immediately, or purchase gift cards as gifts. South will get a percentage back of the amount spent on the gift card.
- Back to School Celebrations – Instead of a back to school picnic, students will celebrate during the school day. They will be outside on the blacktop pending weather. Celebrations will be Friday August 27<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and September 10<sup>th</sup> with 2 grades participating on each date. Games will include yard dominos, yard jenga, group ball pass, yard checkers, yard tic tac toe and more! Students will also receive a goodie bag. Volunteers may be needed for game setup around 2:00 pm and break down around 3:15 for each date. Materials will be cleaned and stored at the school between sessions.
- Resource Packet – Each year packets are typically sent home with kindergarten students and new families, but this year we will send home to all South School families. Our goal is to have them sent out no later than the second week of school. Information included in the packet: contact info, new website, remind app, list of PTO chairs and board members, PTO meeting dates, volunteer and room parent info, box tops info sheet, introducing events such as drive n' shares, etc. The packets will be 7-8 pages front to back.
- Amazon Smile Contest (Kristi) – There will be 3 contests opportunities for Amazon Smile. To enter, take a screenshot of the confirmation page of the order showing South School as the fundraising recipient and send to Kristi. Each order will get a submission in a raffle for a \$20 Amazon gift card. Students whose family submits an order will receive a small prize. Deadlines are: November 30<sup>th</sup> at midnight for the 1<sup>st</sup> contest, 2<sup>nd</sup> contest deadline is March 31, and 3<sup>rd</sup> contest deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>. Video of the raffle drawing and winners will be posted on our social media!
- Membership (Stephany) – PTO Membership flyer will be sent out September 20<sup>th</sup>, due back by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Participants who submit membership and \$5 membership donation will be entered in a raffle for a free spirit wear t-shirt! There will be a family raffle and a staff raffle. Families can become members at any time during the school year as well. Pending Student Council availability, they may be able to update the car bulletin board with families that become members this year!
- Spirit Wear – Order forms will be sent home Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup> and due Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup>. We have a new logo on our spirit wear! Available items include a red zip-up hooded sweatshirt, red pull over hoodie, black t-shirt, red shorts, and grey joggers, all in youth and adult sizes. Draw string and PTO bags are also available. Prices for clothing is the same as last year. There will be an additional sale in the spring. Don't forget, Fridays are Spirit Wear Days at South!
- Box Tops (Therese) – The majority of the box tops are now electronic and scanned through the Box Top app. You have 14 days to scan the Box Tops. You can also email the receipts from online orders for Target, Walmart, and other retailers for credit. Amazon Fresh and Instacart will need to be emailed to BoxTops to have the credit added to the account and assigned to the specific teacher. Due dates are November 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. For each period, a basket of school and household supplies will be raffled off to participants!
- "Mini Fundraiser" Fall Bulbs (Kristi) – A brochure will be sent home at the end of October with a new variety of bulbs for fall planting! The link posted on our FB page and website is active now! There is a

shipping fee for orders sent to your home. The October drive will be able to be sent to South and sent home with students.

- Drive N' Share – Little Angelo's Thurs September 9<sup>th</sup>. Runs through open at 10:00 am on Thursday to close at 3:00 am on Friday!
- Hello Donor Change Initiative – Please sign up if you are able! Flyer to go out with the resource packet.
- World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser - Letter to go home Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> and due back Tuesday August 24<sup>th</sup>. One box of chocolates will be sent home per South School student unless otherwise indicated on the form. Feel free to request additional boxes that you would like to sell! Additional boxes ordered will be distributed as money is turned submitted. Each bar is \$1, there are 60 bars in a box. South makes approximately \$30 per box. Chocolates will be ordered by August 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Letter will have opt-out, # of boxes requested, donation in lieu of selling candy option
  - Chocolate delivery Wed 9/1. There is a 4 hour delivery window between 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.
  - Chocolates to go home 9/1 or 9/2 NEED VOLUNTEERS (masks are required and water recommended)
  - Participants who submit their fundraising money by September 9<sup>th</sup> will receive a prize and are entered into a raffle! Participants who submit by September 16<sup>th</sup> are entered into the raffle, and fundraising money received after the 16<sup>th</sup> get a big thank you!

#### **Treasurer Update – Jessica**

- Expenses paid out for 2021 – 2022:
  - Spirit wear \$3,426.15
  - Teacher birthday gifts \$297.10
  - BoxTops raffle giveaways \$38.12
  - Back to school celebration \$531.54
- Profits made for 2021 – 2022:
  - Spirit wear clearance sale - \$270.00
  - Changemakers Initiative - \$76.53
  - McDonalds Drive N' Share - \$250.00
  - Culvers Drive N' Share - TBD
  - PTO Membership Contribution Drive - \$10.00

Meeting adjourned 7:14 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** September 13, 2021 via Zoom

\*Please note this year all meetings will take place on Zoom\*

Minutes submitted by N. Berry, South School Secretary

## **South Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization September 2021 Meeting Minutes**

September 13, 2021, 6:00 pm virtual meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

### **Attendees:**

Kristin Jares – Principal

Janet Hansen – Literacy

Joan Abrams – Music and Drama

Amanda M. – President

Stephany S. – Vice President, Membership Chair, Scholastic Book Fair Chair

Jessica V. – Treasurer

Nicki B. – Secretary, Website chair

Kristi – Fundraising Chair

Danielle – Teacher Appreciation Chair, Holiday Ornament Chair

Therese J. – Box Tops Chair

Angela – member

### **Opening Remarks and Introductions – Amanda**

We need a new PTO president and Vice President, beginning the 2022 – 2023 school year! Please let Amanda know if you are interested and she can assist in shadowing, training, and becoming familiar with the roles!

### **Principal Report - Ms. Jares**

- Week 5 is underway! The first five weeks focus heavily on social-emotional learning. Morning circles are taking place in the classrooms to support this goal.
- There is a new math curriculum series being used called Bridges. It is more of a game and critical thinking style program. K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fastbridge testing and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> MAP testing is almost complete. This testing looks at learning globally and helps shape curriculum going forward.
- Summer workbook certificates are being sent home! 46 students completed summer workbooks.
- Thank you to all families who came and participated in the open house last week. The principal and teacher presentations were recorded. The principal presentation by Ms. Jares will be in the South School news, and the classroom recordings will be sent out by each teacher.
- Back to school celebrations are wrapping up this Friday! The PTO set up different games and activities to celebrate returning to school.
- Upcoming dates:
  - September 24<sup>th</sup> – MAP score reports for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will go out
  - October 1<sup>st</sup> – Students who teachers want to check in with families on progress will receive first trimester progress reports.
  - October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Conferences, no school. Conference times on the 7<sup>th</sup> will be available from 2:00 - 8:00 pm, and on the 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. The majority of conferences will be virtual, but families or teachers may request an in person appointment as well. A letter will be going out around September 21<sup>st</sup> with the link to schedule. Conferences can be scheduled with homeroom and specials teachers.

- October 11<sup>th</sup> – No school
- “Thank a Staff Member” forms will be going out to give families an opportunity to thank teachers and staff! The email for the form will be going out this week and always is open to use!

### **President Update - Amanda**

- PTO Resource Packet – The PTO resource packet went out to families and contains board member information, meetings, fundraising opt-out forms, parent connection opt-in information, ongoing fundraising opportunities (BoxTops, AmazonSmile, Coke Rewards, Change Maker Initiative, Gift card fundraising), drive/dine n’share introduction and other relevant information for the PTO for this school year! The parent connection enables you to exchange information with classmates of your student to connect outside of school.
  - Gift card fundraising explained:
    - There are 3 ways to participate:
      - Reload existing gift cards via the RaiseRight app.
      - Purchase gift cards via the PTO for gift cards you were otherwise planning on purchasing! No shipping or extra charges! The due dates are the first Friday of every month. They are then shipped via postal mail to Amanda and either sent home with your student or arrangements can be made for pickup!
      - Purchase e-gift cards to use for payment at a store where you would usually shop....right before you check out!
    - With each gift card purchase South can earn up to 18% with no cost to you. It has over 750 different vendors, including VISA, from which you can purchase!
  - If you need an additional packet let us know and we will send one home.
- Back to school celebrations update – NEED VOLUNTEERS to help gather the games for this upcoming Friday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:15/11:20 and 3:15. In the afternoon the games would need to be gathered and then brought to Amanda’s house. If you can help please send Amanda a message!
- Amazon Smile Contest (Kristi) – About 10 people participating so far! This contest is also open to teachers and staff, who will receive fresh fruit if enough participate!
- Membership (Stephany) – The deadline for the membership drive is October 5<sup>th</sup>. Those who become members by the deadline are entered into a raffle for a free spirit wear t-shirt! The raffle is open to families, teachers and staff. Two dozen families have sent in a contribution. The new theme for the membership wall will be “Up”, showcasing this year’s member names in balloons attached to our school. Thank you to student council for agreeing to put the board together! Payments can be sent electronically via PayPal and Zelle.
- Spirit Wear – The PTO made all the spirit wear this year! \$1486 worth of spirit wear has been sold to date. Additional smaller sizes are being ordered to replenish stock.
- Box Tops (Therese) – There is a BoxTops giveaway! Submit a screenshot of the confirmation email/message to Therese via text to be entered into the raffle for a basket of school supplies! The first due date is October 27<sup>th</sup>. The Wheel of Names will be done on Facebook to choose the winner! There has been a limited response for the BoxTops contest so far, but there is plenty of time to participate! Be sure to scan receipts/BoxTops within the two week expiration date.
- Gift Card Fundraiser – See above information under PTO Resource Packet
- Drive N’ Share – The next drive n’share will be at Charcoal Delights on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm. There will be a receipt box on the counter where participants can drop their receipts. South

receives 20% of sales! If families save receipts from Charcoal Delights outside of participating in the Drive N' Share, and submit them to the PTO, Charcoal Delights will give the PTO 10% of those sales!

- World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser – Huge thank you to all the volunteers on 9/1! All fundraising money is due Thursday 9/16. We ordered 234 boxes and received 9 free boxes. Out of 51 extra boxes, there are only 6 extra left. 88 boxes outstanding to be submitted, including extra boxes. 146 boxes are already paid for! Students who turned in money by last Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> will receive 5 courtesy tickets for the courtesy shop and a chocolate scented highlighter! Everyone who submits their payment by the due date is entered into the raffle for prizes! Prizes include a 1lb candy bar, 5lb candy bar, and lots more! A video was shared with the students showing them the prizes included in the raffle.
- Meet the PTO Night – All board members and chairs that are able to participate will be available for a meet and greet on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm! All families are invited. Flyers will be sent home soon. Ideas for the event: a picture compilation of events sponsored by the PTO.
- Trunk or Treat – Thursday 10/28 WE NEED VOLUNTEERS and vendors. This event will be outside only. Masks will be required, and vendors will be spaced. Volunteers are needed to be the point person at the event, direct parents and vendors, man tables, and for general help. Additional vendors are also needed. Local businesses, local sporting groups, MLM sales, are all welcome to participate! A spider balloon will be donated by A Hardy Party for the event. A spirit wear table will be available. Vendors are charged \$25 to enter, and can pass out any sort of advertising items as well as a giveaway for the kids (candy, small toys items, giveaways, etc). This is a tentative event based on participation and circumstances. Typically the event begins around 5:30. Concrete time, length of time, admittance fee are all still being worked out. If anyone knows a company or organization that can donate bags please contact us! Thank you Stephany and Therese for volunteering!
- Website – A BIG Thank you to Nicki for setting this up, it looks great! The South School PTO website is up and running! <https://southelementaryschoolpto.weebly.com/> There is lots of information on the website including how to fill out the volunteer application, current flyers and information, and more!
- Teacher and Staff birthday gifts – August and September birthdays will go out this week!

### **Treasurer Update – Jessica**

- A big thank you to Stephany for doing the deposit this past Friday!
- Expenses to date:
  - Back to school celebration - \$531.54 for games and giveaways (games to be re-used for future events such as Day of the Young Child)
  - Gift card donation to South School family in need - \$200
  - New student t-shirts - \$65.04
- Profits to date:
  - Spirit wear - clearance sale \$280.00, new spirit wear \$1486
  - Changemakers Initiative - \$76.53 (as of August 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - World's Finest Chocolate opt out option - \$440
  - Fundraiser opt out option - \$350
  - PTO Membership Contribution Drive - \$126
  - Fall bulb sale - \$160 (50% of a \$320 order)
- Misc Outstanding Transactions
  - WFC money owed estimated \$7,000+, overall estimated total profit of \$7,000

**New Business**

- Scholastic Book Fair (Stephany) – The annual book fair will be virtual this year, beginning during Thanksgiving week break and running for 14 days. More info to come next month! Teacher wishlists are always helpful for parents who want to contribute to the teacher libraries! \$353.03 is currently available in scholastic dollars.
- Virtual holiday store this year! Flyer will go out in November.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** October 12, 2021 via Zoom

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Minutes submitted by N. Berry, South School Secretary

## **South Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization October 2021 Meeting Minutes**

October 12, 2021, 6:00 pm virtual meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

### **Attendees:**

Kristin Jares – Principal

Amanda M. – President

Stephany S. – Vice President, Membership Chair, Scholastic Book Fair Chair

Jessica V. – Treasurer

Nicki B. – Secretary, Website chair

Kristi – Fundraising Chair

Danielle – Teacher Appreciation Chair, Holiday Ornament Chair

Therese J. – Box Tops Chair

Angela – member

### **Opening Remarks and Introductions – Amanda**

- Please update your contact info on the google sheets form below  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ozHBqTtxWslhHSb5wUgSKmHTIRm3dLH8cvSO7Y0vwWs/edit?usp=sharing>

### **Principal Report - Ms. Jares**

- Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring the back to school celebrations! The kids had a lot of fun.
- Conferences were a big success, and teachers were able to connect with a number of families.
- A number of clubs have and are starting! Keep a look out for flyers going out.
- SHIELD testing is beginning next week. Everyone is opted-in unless a form is filled out to opt-out. A third party comes in to run the testing by class, and the testing is also observed by someone from the health office. Students will come down to the hallway for the testing, separated by 6 feet. They will sanitize, be given the test materials, and be prompted to produce the saliva. Students get 5-7 minutes to try to produce the saliva for the test. It may take some practice for the younger kids to accurately produce the needed saliva. After the test is performed, the students will sanitize again and be sent back to class.
- Picture retakes are on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Halloween is celebrated for kindergarten on the 28<sup>th</sup> and for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **President Update - Amanda**

- Back to School Celebration – Lots of positive comments from parents and families! Games will be reused for future events such as Day of the Young Child and classroom parties.
- Meet the PTO – Beautiful slide show – Thank you Nicki! There were 4-5 newer families who were in attendance, and the email list has increased as well!
- Drive N' Share – Charcoal Delights profit of \$200! Thank you to everyone who made it out and participated!

- Band and Orchestra Sponsorship – Students who participate in band or orchestra can either rent or purchase an instrument. The PTO sponsors a student by covering the rental fees for the instrument for the school year.
- Website (Nicki) – <https://southelementaryschoolpto.weebly.com/>. Contains all the flyers, volunteer opportunities, and more!
- Amazon Smile Contest (Kristi) – Lot of entries are coming in! When a post or reminder goes out, entries increase. Every order is another entry into the raffle!
- Fall Mini Fundraiser – Fall Dutch Mill Bulbs flyer will go home Wednesday 10/13 and is due 11/2. You can order directly online and ship to your home, shipping fees apply. This fundraiser is for all of those who wanted those tulips and other fall bulbs! Bulb packs are \$10 each, and South receives 50% of the profits.
- Membership (Stephany) – The membership drive is extended through Friday 10/15! There will be a raffle for families and for teachers for a free spirit wear t-shirt! \$110 from teachers and staff and \$166 from families have been collected so far.
- World’s Finest Chocolate Fundraiser – Please send in your money and any unsold chocolates by Friday 10/15. Leftover candy will be available for sale at Trunk or Treat. If you would like more candy to sell, please contact Amanda!
- Happy Birthday South School! South School birthday books and pencils are going home on Tuesday 10/26. This is in lieu of student birthday books, which were typically distributed to the students individually, in order to streamline birthday books this year. If anyone knows any interesting facts about South School to be included in a book insert send them Amanda’s way!
- Box Tops (Therese) – Clippable Box Tops due Wednesday 10/27. The Box Tops raffle is still going on and also ends on 10/27. A raffle will be done via the wheel of names and posted on FaceBook with the winner!
- Trunk or Treat – Thursday 10/28. We need volunteers and vendors! Spread the word. There has been a good community response to participate (alderman, fire department, police department, Optimist Club, tax preparation, realtor who donated candy and funds, direct sales and more). So far \$390 has been made from paid vendors. There will be a PTO sponsored car giving out candy this year! There will also be a spirit wear table available with new and clearance items. There will also be raffles available! Participants are not required to stay to win. On the raffle ticket participants will need to write their phone number on the ticket to claim their prize. Admission for the trunk or treat is \$2 per person for ages 3 and up, free for 2 and under. Face masks are required for vendors, volunteers, families, and all in attendance. Free face masks will be available on site at the admission tables at both entrances for those who need them. A volunteer orientation will be scheduled via zoom with time slots and duties for the volunteers. The general outline for the event will be: 4:30 the parking lot should be cleared, and vendors need to be there by 5:25. The event will be from 5:30-7:00/7:30. If you’d like to volunteer or be a sponsor, contact Amanda!
- Gift Card Fundraiser – Next due date is Friday 11/5, but you can order off the app at any time!
- Holiday Tree Ornaments – Proposed dates: Go home Wednesday 11/3, due Wednesday 11/17. Tree Lighting is Friday 12/3. The specifics of the tree decorating and how it will be done will be forthcoming. Last year a representative from each organization decorated the tree independently. The theme this year is holiday around the world.

**Treasurer Update – Jessica/Amanda**

- Profits to date:
  - Membership totals: \$110 teachers , \$166 families
  - Trunk or Treat \$390
  - Spirit wear \$1544
- Misc Outstanding Transactions
  - World’s Finest Chocolates ~ \$12,000 turned in so far

Meeting adjourned 7:08 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** November 8, 2021 via Zoom

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Minutes submitted by N. Berry, South School Secretary

## **South Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization November 2021 Meeting Minutes**

November 8, 2021, 6:00 pm virtual meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

### **Attendees:**

Kristin Jares – Principal

Amanda M. – President

Andrea Winget – Kindergarten

Mary Ellen Lally – Special Education

Stephany S. – Vice President, Membership Chair, Scholastic Book Fair Chair

Nicki B. – Secretary, Website chair

Kristi – Fundraising Chair

Danielle – Teacher Appreciation Chair, Holiday Ornament Chair

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### **Opening Remarks and Introductions – Amanda**

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### **Principal Report - Ms. Jares**

- Clubs have started! Walking, newspaper, imagine learning, study hall and more. Flyers go out for these clubs, please encourage your students to get involved!
- There were a few problems receiving picture orders this year, and South has been working with the company to get things resolved. It was a widespread problem across the district. If you need help getting your pictures, please reach out to the office.
- Students had a great time at the Halloween parties, thank you to the PTO! Any feedback from parents to improve winter parties is appreciated!
- Shield testing will begin tomorrow, November 9<sup>th</sup>, in the tile room. Seats at tables and desks will be 6 feet apart. Students will come by classroom, sit in the designated seats, remove their masks and attempt to put saliva in a test tube. Students who may be unsuccessful or have an unviable sample will receive a form letter home to notify the family. Students who are having difficulty producing a sample will be encouraged to try again next time. The next testing date is Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> after which the district will decide whether to test weekly or every other week.
- Upcoming dates to note: No school this Thursday (Veterans Day) or Friday (Professional institute day), IEP progress updates and report cards emailed out November 19<sup>th</sup>, November 22-26 is Fall break with students returning November 29. November 29 also opens winter benchmark time with K-2 taking the FastBridge assessment and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> participating in math testing.

### President Update - Amanda

- Drive N' Share – Buona Beef Update: There were \$417.37 in sales, with South receiving 20% of sales. A check will be received for \$83.47.
- Website (Nicki) – <https://southelementaryschoolpto.weebly.com/> Check the site for flyers, volunteer opportunities, and more!
- Amazon Smile Contest (Kristi) – Due Tuesday November 30<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 60 tallies/participants this round! Every reminder post brings about 5 more participants. Register for South as your volunteer organization, take a screenshot of your Amazon Smile order, and send it to Kristi to be entered into the Amazon Smile contest!
- Membership (Stephany) – Raffle winners were Mrs. Hansen for teachers and staff, and the Navarro family for South families. CONGRATULATIONS!
- World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser – **Please send in your money and any unsold chocolates asap!** There are 10 unsold boxes at this time. If you would like to sell any additional boxes please contact Amanda. Reminders (18) have been sent out to either return the chocolate or submit the fundraising money.
- Box Tops (Therese) – The classroom contests winners are 1<sup>st</sup> place – Yost, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Barnas/Sommer, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Zarembski. Teachers will have a special contest class prize, such as an extra recess, for the winning classes! The winner of the Box Tops raffle this round was the Berry Family! A new contest will begin immediately with a March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Send in your screenshots to Therese with your Box Tops submission to be entered into the next prize basket!
- Trunk or Treat – A BIG Thank you! Thank you teachers for the student experiences! The students were really excited to be able to submit raffles for them and there was a big demand for them! A big thank you for volunteering, participating or attending this event. The turnout was bigger than anticipated with the weather. We did close down a little early due to a slowdown in participation, so if in the future this event is only a trunk or treat and not an indoor event, it may be helpful to shorten the event slightly. The next event, Day of the Young Child in April, may also be able to be a similar outdoor event.
- Gift Card Fundraiser – Next due date is Friday 12/3, but you can order off the app before then. To purchase an electronic gift card, you can download the Raise Right app and purchase a gift card to use immediately! Gift cards purchased through the app can also be printed to give as a gift as well. Consider purchasing Amazon gift cards to use for your Amazon Smile orders for a double donation opportunity! If you'd like to purchase physical gift cards for the holidays, this would be a great time! Also, if you have a reloadable gift card you can use the Raise Right app to refill those as well! For any questions, contact Amanda.
- Virtual Free Movie night – Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Movie ideas include Boss Baby Family Business, ~~Space Jam: A New Legacy~~, Luka, Rya the Last Dragon
- Holiday Tree Ornaments – Due Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Students will receive a blank wooden ornament to decorate for the Des Plaines tree lighting. Students are encouraged to decorate the ornament showing what makes the holidays special and what is important to them. Ornaments will be distributed to classes tomorrow, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Strings will be attached to the ornaments after they are turned in. Des Plaines will be resuming the typical holiday celebration this year.
- Holiday Store – In lieu of the in person holiday store, there will be a virtual holiday store this year with two options. Both stores offer items \$20 and under, with a large majority at \$5 and under. Each store

offers different items. Teachers will be emailed about these this week! Volunteers needed immediately to staple the gift guide to the holiday store flyer and separated by class.

- Gifts N' Things delivered to home shopping is open now – November 23 [bit.ly/3k1ZAsG](https://bit.ly/3k1ZAsG). South receives 5% of the proceeds.
- Fun Services delivered to school and runs from November 29 – December 10 [bit.ly/307bQ4p](https://bit.ly/307bQ4p). The required password will be on the flyers sent home. South receives 25% of the proceeds. **DO NOT ORDER UNTIL NOVEMBER 29**
- Scholastic Virtual Book Fair (Stephany) – Thursday, November 18 – Wednesday, December 1. The letter will be going out to families this month. There will also be a flyer for teachers to create an e-wallet to enable families to donate to teachers. There will still be wish lists that teachers can create to share with families. South receives 25% of online sales in scholastic dollars, which will be used towards birthday books for the next school year. Online orders ship free with a \$25 order. Book fair brochures need to be folded and flyers attached. Thank you Angela for volunteering to take care of these!
- Next Drive N' Share-Chipotle in Rosemont Wednesday December 1 4:00 – 8:00 pm **MUST HAVE \$150 IN ORDERS 33% TO PTO**. Be sure to tell them the order is for the South School drive n' share!

### **WE NEED A NEW PTO PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR**

#### **Treasurer Update – Amanda**

- Profits to date:
  - Hello Donor \$124.58 (beginning of the year)
  - Gift cards – \$31.70, not including another \$150.00 in sales with an expected \$10-\$12 for South
  - Spirit wear – \$1616
  - Trunk or Treat – \$667 from the event and \$465 in vendor registration (\$1132 total profit)

Meeting adjourned 7:14 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** December 6, 2021 via Zoom

\*Please note this year all meetings will take place on Zoom\*

Minutes submitted by N. Berry, South School Secretary

## **South Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization January 2022 Meeting Minutes**

January 10, 2022, 6:00 pm virtual meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

### **Attendees:**

Kristin Jares – Principal

Amanda M. – President

Michele Threlkeld – Second Grade

Stephany S. – Vice President, Membership Chair, Scholastic Book Fair Chair

Nicki B. – Secretary, Website Chair

Kristi – Fundraising Chair

Danielle – Teacher Appreciation Chair, Holiday Ornament Chair

Therese J. – Box Tops Chair

Angela – member

Jennifer - member

### **Opening Remarks and Introductions – Amanda**

- Please update your contact info on the google sheets form below  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ozHBqTtxWslhHSb5wUgSKmHTIRm3dLH8cvSO7Y0vwWs/edit?usp=sharing>

### **Principal Report - Ms. Jares**

- Students took part in behavior stations after winter break to get back into the routine of school and expectations in the common areas. There will be additional stations as needed, such as after the current emergency days break.
- Winter MAP reports went home on January 7<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade families.
- Right before winter break we started SHIELD testing weekly on Wednesdays. Results are received on Thursdays. If a family does not receive any news, this means their child successfully tested and the sample was sent to the lab. If in the event your child tests positive, you will get a call from Ms. Jares, the nurse, or the district contact tracer. If a child is positive, they will not be tested for 90 days due to the sensitivity of the test. Families have the option to opt in or out at any time with an email or phone call to Ms. Jares.
- January 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> the district is taking emergency days due to staffing shortages caused by cases across the district. These days will be made up during the days allocated for professional development on February 18<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no remote learning or packets to complete. In person learning resumes on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ACCESS testing will take place after the break. This is a state assessment for students whose first language is not English and have not met the criteria to be released from the program. Each child will take the listening, reading, speaking and writing assessments on different days to not co-mingle groups of kids.
- Second trimester reports go home on January 21<sup>st</sup>, which was extended from this upcoming Friday. Those go home to students whose teachers may have concerns about progress.
- Kindergarten registration is coming up and correspondence will be going out from the district.

## President Update - Amanda

- Virtual Free Movie night – Boss Baby was shown. There were some technical difficulties, but it was a success!
- Holiday Tree Ornaments – Around 40 students participated. Yarn wrap ornaments completed by students in art class were also submitted by the art teacher for the tree. Proposal for next year to increase participation: ask the art teacher to complete the craft with the class and hold on to the ornaments for the trees. In past years the PTO facilitated the craft and kept the completed craft.
- Holiday Store – Gifts N’ Things and Fun Services vendors were used in lieu of the Holiday Store that is typically held at South. The vendors had staggered dates of purchase to give families options. There were \$146.25 in sales from Gifts N’ Things, earning the PTO \$14.63. There were \$27 in sales from Fun Services, earnings for the PTO will be reported. The quality of the items exceeded expectations.
- Scholastic Virtual Book Fair update (Stephany)
  - The December online book fair ran for about two weeks with sales around \$80. PTO earnings in scholastic dollars was \$18.68, bringing the current balance of scholastic dollars available to \$371.71. The combination drive-thru online book fair in the spring brought in around \$250, and the goal is to do another combination event in the spring.
  - Birthday Books – Instead of books being sent home for individual students in their birthday month, the birthday books were sent home on South School’s birthday! The \$371.71 goes towards purchasing these birthday books for the students!
  - Looking for a person to shadow Stephany for Scholastic Chair for next year! A good opportunity and low commitment role to contribute to the PTO.
  - Looking for people for the Vice President and President positions!!
- Drive N’ Share – Chipotle needed \$150 minimum in sales for the PTO to receive a contribution and it was met! PTO earned \$72.11.
- Website – Nicki <https://southelementaryschoolpto.weebly.com/> Current flyers, event information and more can be found on the website!
- Amazon Smile Contest (Kristi) – The next contest deadline is Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. After South School is linked as your charity, take a screen shot of your order and send it to Kristi to be entered into the raffle for an Amazon gift card! PTO earnings from Amazon Smiles this period: June 16<sup>th</sup> check \$61.05, September check \$93.93 (biggest yet) and December 29<sup>th</sup> check \$89.61. Our fundraising goal was \$200 in earnings from Amazon Smiles and this was achieved! The most recent Amazon Raffle will be done soon and posted on the PTO FaceBook page!
- World’s Finest Chocolate Fundraiser – Please send in your money and any unsold chocolates asap! There are still more boxes available to sell if you are interested. Other ideas to sell chocolates – check with local businesses we have a good relationship with (Charcoal, Little Angelo’s, Gigios) who might be interested in keeping a box on their counter to sell.
- Box Tops (Therese/Amanda) – Scannable Box Tops are due Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and clippable Box Tops are due Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The recent check from Box Tops was \$42.10 in PTO earnings. Fun fact – you can set a reminder to scan your receipts in the Box Tops app. You can also refer a friend to download the Box Tops app. There is a promo right now for additional Box Tops when referring a friend who scans their first receipt! The Box Tops app also shows who the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place earners are at South. The next raffle prize is a Target gift card.
- Gift card Fundraiser Update – Next due date for purchases is Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, but you can order off the app before then. When buying gift cards for PTO events, we purchase through this app! Hints to making the most out of the gift card fundraiser: use the app to get gift cards for planned larger

purchases, use for last minute gift purchases and reload gift cards that you already use. The orders for physical gift cards are placed through the PTO the first Friday of each month.

- Next Drive N' Share – McDrive Through January 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – 8:00 pm. Just mention South School PTO to qualify! Drive through, pick up, and dine in are all eligible.
- Sense-A-Tional Read-A-Thon Fundraiser (Kristi) –This fundraiser is being used for virtual field trips. The deadline is extended to January 21<sup>st</sup>. The prize opportunities for participants who turn in a reading log include: a base prize of a bookmark, a sense-a-tional prize to be announced based on minutes read and the top 3 readers in each grade will receive a blank book with space for pictures and text to create their own books! Each grade has a different reading bracket to earn prizes. We have partnered with 99pledges to provide an online platform to collect fundraiser sponsors. Currently there is \$659 in fundraiser dollars. If all of your sponsors are online, you do not need to submit a sponsor form. When you submit your form, include the tier choice of the participant.
- Virtual Family Craft Night – Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Flyers will go out when we get back from the break on the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> via email and the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> hard copy. Families can order however many crafts they would like. Options include: rain stick, paw wind chime, dream catcher, pompom catapult and wiggling snake. Each craft will be \$3 each. Order forms will be due back on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Buffer time is built in to allow students who may have to quarantine to get their crafts as well. There will be a free paper folding craft for families who order at least one of each craft as well as coloring sheets if there is down time during the event. Each craft will take about 20 minutes or less.
- Valentine's Day Pencil Grams – Due Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. The goal is to have order forms go out on the 18<sup>th</sup> and due on the 31<sup>st</sup> with delivery on February 14<sup>th</sup>. This year the class counts will be included. The PTO will write out the cards as specified on the order forms. There will be 3 basic options, and 6 specialty card options. All pencil grams come with a pencil and card. Electronic payments, cash and check are accepted.

### **WE NEED A NEW PTO PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR**

#### **Treasurer Update – Amanda**

- Profits and Expenses to date for the 2021-2022 school year:
  - Raise Right +\$67.12
  - Holiday staff and teacher lunch -\$263.16 (which included a hot dog or pizza option)
  - Party Reimbursements -\$328.41 (upcoming Valentine's Day parties and future parties outstanding)
  - Drive N Share +\$791.58
    - Includes McDonalds summer drive through of ~\$250
    - Goal to earn \$1,100 for the year
  - See also above detailed financial information throughout the minutes

#### **New Business**

- How can we support our teachers during this difficult time?
  - Show your appreciation and support (teacher/staff electronic form), create a listserv to reach out to members of the school community to complete tasks.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** February 7, 2022 via Zoom

\*Please note this year all meetings will take place on Zoom\*

Minutes submitted by N. Berry, South School Secretary

## **South Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization February 2022 Meeting Minutes**

February 7, 2022, 6:00 pm virtual meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

### **Attendees:**

Kristin Jares – Principal

Jennifer Duncan – Vision Department of D62, housed at South and a Volunteer Coordinator

Amanda M. – President

Stephany S. – Vice President, Membership Chair, Scholastic Book Fair Chair

Nicki B. – Interim Treasurer, Interim Secretary, Website Chair

Danielle – Teacher Appreciation Chair, Holiday Ornament Chair

Therese J. – Box Tops Chair

### **Opening Remarks and Introductions – Amanda**

#### **Principal Report - Ms. Jares**

- ACCESS testing is finishing up. This is a state assessment for students whose first language is not English and have not met the criteria to be released from the program. It consists of listening, speaking, reading and writing components. The last day of testing is tomorrow, followed by makeup tests.
- Registration is now open! If you have any problems please reach out to Mrs. Ruiz for assistance and she will help and connect you to any needed resources.
- Second and third grade concerts will be recorded and done virtually this year! The students have begun practicing and Ms. Abrams is working on the tech component. The goal is for the concert to be available by the next PTO meeting.
- Kindness week is next week! There is a spirit week, the Climate Committee has scheduled kindness activities in the classroom, and the PTO has contributed kindness coins to be given out by teachers to students showing kind behavior.
- The 5essentials survey is still open! Family participation is at 39%. Teachers are also offering class rewards and incentives for completion. Typically this survey would be completed during in-person conferences.
- 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) next week. This is a federal assessment and each year different schools and grades are chosen to participate. Each 4<sup>th</sup> grader will be randomly selected to take the reading OR math in the morning or afternoon. Next Thursday representatives from the organization will facilitate testing with South staff.
- Upcoming Dates: There is no school February 21<sup>st</sup> for Presidents Day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester ends March 4<sup>th</sup> and report cards go home March 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **President Update - Amanda**

- Board Update – Due to scheduling conflicts, Jessica has stepped down from treasurer and Nicki has filled the vacant position. The secretary position is now available! We are still looking for a PTO vice president and president for next year! Voting will take place once interested parties are established.
- Website – Nicki <https://southelementaryschoolpto.weebly.com/> Current flyers, event information, South School PTO news and more can be found on the website!

- Amazon Smile Contest (Kristi/Amanda) – The next contest deadline is Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Take screenshots of your orders and send them to Kristi to be eligible for an Amazon gift card! Each order screenshot is an entry into the raffle.
- Box Tops (Therese) – Scannable Box Tops are due Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and clippable Box Tops are due Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Three people have been sending in screenshots so far. The competition for classroom prizes and gift card raffle will close March 1<sup>st</sup>. An email reminder will go out to teachers next week for clippable Box Tops. The due date for teachers to submit the clippable Box Tops will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> to allow time to get them to Therese for submission. An update on who is in the running for classroom prizes will go out to Ms. Jares next week. If you are having trouble submitting Box Tops online, we can help! Send pictures of your receipt and the name of your child's teacher to the PTO and we can do it for you!
- Gift card Fundraiser Update – Next due date for purchases is Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, but you can order off the app before then. You can also reload an existing gift card, send an e-gift card to someone and print gift cards for gifts! The percentage back varies on promos offered by Raise Right. You can receive notices on the promotions when you sign up!
- Drive N' Share Update – McDrive Through update. Souths earnings were just under \$200, and McDonald's rounded it to a full \$200! Drive n' Shares give a percentage back to the South School PTO. Percentages depend on location and the requirements to participate vary, but are always outlined on the flyer!
- Sense-A-Tional Read-A-Thon Fundraiser – Last year's Glow-rious Read-A-Thon brought in more sponsors compared to this year. This year's theme is Sense-A-Tional, geared towards OT senses. Prizes include items such as fidgets and squishy toys. So far it has brought in \$1045 in sponsorships. Last year was upwards of \$3000. Most sponsors for both years contributed via the 99pledges online platform. There is still time to participate, the 99pledges website is still open! Prizes are going home this week. A blank book with room for words and illustrations is being given to each of the top readers. Every student who participated (with or without a sponsor) will receive a color your own bookmark and a base prize.
- Virtual Family Craft Night – Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. We still have some crafts you can purchase! Dreamcatchers, one rain stick, wooden snakes and a number of courtesy bear wind chimes are available. Crafts are estimated to take approximately 20 minutes each. The schedule of when the crafts will be lead on zoom is on the order form provided. Crafts will be going home next week in preparation for the event. Crafts and the list of participating families will be going to South on the 10<sup>th</sup> and then sent home by the 15<sup>th</sup>. Each craft will include instructions in the event families are unable to attend the zoom.
- Valentine's Day Pencil Grams – Can take orders still, but need them asap! There are 2 options, \$1 and \$2 options. The \$1 option are the standard sized valentine cards. The \$2 options are larger cards. The cards will be hole punched with the pencil inserted and the PTO will address each card. Any student who does not have a pencil gram purchased for them will have a pencil gram sent to them courtesy of the PTO.
- Drive N' Share – February 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunrise Grill on Touhy Ave, open to close. Sunrise Grill has donated to South multiple times for many events and this is a great way to support them! South will receive 15% in sales back. Due to parking limitations, we recommend calling ahead to place an order. Curbside is also being offered by Sunrise!
- Virtual Bingo Night – Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Order forms due on 2/22 to have time to organize orders and deliver them to South with plenty of time for those out of school to receive

supplies. \$6/book, each book has 6 boards for each game. There will be 8 games. Daubers will also be available for purchase. Students will receive prizes and can choose from a flyer of prizes. There are some teacher experience prizes available, and we will have a variety of small prizes as well. There will also be \$20 gift cards for various restaurants in the area. The PTO will try to get donated gift cards before purchasing.

**WE NEED A NEW PTO PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR**

#### **Treasurer Update – Nicki**

- Fundraisers and profit events since the last meeting:
  - Drive 'N Share - \$200 from the 1/11 McDonalds event, bringing the total to \$991.58 with a goal of \$1,100 for the school year
  - Changemaker Initiative/Stripe Funds - \$13.78 deposit on 2/3, bringing total earned this school year to \$179.58
  - Pencil Grams – Currently spent \$68.48. We had \$41 in donations, and budgeted \$50. There are \$384.16 in orders.
  - Read-A-Thon – Currently spent \$135.13, and have \$1045 in sponsorships.
  - Craft Night – Currently spent \$345.07 out of \$250 budgeted, pending returns of unneeded crafts. \$288 in craft sales.
- Expenditures updated since last meeting:
  - Classroom Parties – Currently spent \$418.15 out of the \$1,200 budgeted with Valentine's Day and End of the Year parties outstanding
  - Kindness Week - \$23.96 spent
  - Retirement Gifts and Parties – Currently spent \$73.89 out of the \$100 budgeted with cupcakes and balloons outstanding
  - Holiday Food Backpack Program - \$200 donation
- Additional Info to Follow-up On
  - There was not enough earnings for Fun Services to issue a check but a box of donations were received.

#### **New Business**

- The volunteer task sheet is being finalized. This is a sign up where families and students who need service hours have an opportunity to assist teachers with classroom tasks.
- Dr. Hertel is retiring this year. The PTO is putting together a gift for him, and are collecting donations from anyone interested in contributing to a gift card. If you would like to contribute, please send donations to Amanda by February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned 6:47 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** March 7, 2022 via Zoom

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Minutes submitted by N. Berry, South School Interim Secretary and Interim Treasurer

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Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

Attendees:

Kristin Jares – Principal

Amanda M. – President

Stephany S. – Vice President, Membership Chair, Scholastic Book Fair Chair

Nicki B. – Interim Treasurer, Website Chair

Danielle B – Teacher Appreciation Chair, Holiday Ornament Chair, Interim Secretary

Therese J. – Box Tops Chair

Cady Sommer-Teacher

Introduction

Principal Report-District updates and any new South School information

President update- Kristin Jares

Recorded the winter

Survey wrapping up

2<sup>nd</sup> trimester goal for no broken promises was hit, there will be an all-school celebration.

Report cards emailed Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2022

Spring break March 21<sup>st</sup>-25 2022.

March 28<sup>th</sup>, reviewing

State testing ELA testing April 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 Math testing April 11<sup>th</sup> 2022

- Website-Nicki <https://southelementaryschoolpto.weebly.com/> Thank you Nicki for always updating this!
- Amazon Smile Contest-Kristi update **Due Thurs 3/31 screen shots to Kristi**
- Box Tops-Therese update-1<sup>st</sup> place winner Mr. Ranard, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Mrs. Threlkeld, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Ms. Sommer. You can set up reminder apps for box top scanning

- Gift Card Fundraiser-update Next **due date is Fri 4/1**, but you can order off the app before then. You can also reload an existing gift card, send an e-gift card to someone and print gift cards for gifts! The percentage back varies on promos offered by Raise Right. You can receive notices on the promotions when you sign up!
- Drive N' Share-Sunrise Grill update \$26.30
- Virtual Family Craft Night-update 108 craft sets \$330.
- Retirement Party-update read thank you card. Dr. Hertel says Thank you!
- Next Drive N' Share-Wendy's Thurs 3/31 30% back open all day 10 am -10pm mention south school pto. Don't need to show the flyer, you can just mention it.
- Virtual Bingo Night-Thurs 3/10 at 5:30pm. 8 games we have 15 gift cards may need to buy more using the gift card app, which we will make money back. Thanks Kristi and Nicki. Steph will be there about 30 mins after school on the black top for anyone who wants to buy any cards on Wednesday
- Spring Spirit Wear Sale-Goes home Thurs 3/10 , debt, cc, check or cash. Orders due March 31<sup>st</sup>. to give time for late orders
- Need a chair for staff/teacher birthday gifts for 2022-2023 if you are interested talk to Amanda.
- Party favor type donation items a box will be in the front by the office for any donations. We will be using them for the day of the young child.

**WE NEED A NEW PTO PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR**

Next meeting will be on zoom Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

South Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization March 2022 Treasurer Update

Treasurer Update – Nicki

- \* Fundraisers and profit events since the last meeting:
- \* Drive 'N Share - \$26.30 from the 2/3 Sunrise Grill event, bringing the total to \$1017.88 with a goal of \$1,100 for the school year
- \* Amazon Smiles - \$96.98 deposited on 3/3, bringing the total earned this school year to \$280.52
- \* Changemaker Initiative - \$13.78 deposited on 3/3, bringing the total earned this school year to \$193.36
- \* Pencil Grams Final Totals – Spent \$68.48. We had \$41 in donations, and budgeted \$50. There were \$500.16 in orders, \$100 of which was a local Des Plaines community member.
- \* Read-A-Thon Final Totals – Spent \$135.13, and had a total sponsorship net of \$1013.42. (\$1045 in sponsorships: \$256 in cash/checks and \$789 via 99pledges. After fees we received a check for \$757.42 from 99pledges).
- \* Craft Night Final Totals – Spent \$236.31 out of \$250 budgeted, after the return of unneeded crafts. \$324 in craft Sales.

- \* Bingo – Currently spent \$38.17 out of \$250 budgeted. Gift card purchases for prizes are still pending. \$400 in sales and we've received \$50 in donations towards prizes.
- \* Day of the Young Child – Currently spent \$107.94 out of \$250 budgeted.
- \* Expenditures updated since last meeting:
- \* Retirement Gifts and Parties Final – Spent \$159.22. Budgeted an additional \$50 for Dr. Hertel, bringing the total amount budgeted to \$150.
- \* Birthday Books and Pencils for 2022-2033 – Currently spent \$354.01 out of \$670 budgeted. Also used \$363.53 of available Scholastic Dollars earned from book fairs.
- \* Classroom Parties – Currently spent \$458.15 out of the \$1,200 budgeted with Valentine's Day and End of the Year parties outstanding. Reminder to please submit copies of your receipts to receive reimbursements.

spring fundraiser flower bulbs order forms will go home this week. \$13 a bundle went up from \$ 10 from last year.

Bulbs for change vary in price from \$6 to \$ 35 prizes for selling 5, 10 or more. Also getting % back. □

Can order both online.