

March 16, 2023 | Schalm ASK PTO Meeting Minutes  
Meeting conducted in-person and live-streamed on Facebook

**Attendees (14):** Andrea Hodges, Bianca Sines, Andrea Hanson, Nicole Bye, Nicole, Amy Cooper, Dana Kratt, Sarah Smith, Alicia Stanko, Daniel Ewald, Rachael Elias, Salisa Savel, Heather Todero, Lynsey Riggs

**Call to Order:** 6:32pm

**President's Report by Salisa Savel**

- In February, the PTO Presidents met with Mr. Shell and toured the new middle school. They discussed self-care efforts for the staff and how we can support them.
- PTO needs a closet at the new elementary school.
- We're 1 week from carnival! Auction baskets were made this week and they look great.
- Push the volunteer signup on Facebook - we could use more volunteers to keep games open all night.
- Tomorrow is the last day for pre-sale wristbands and bonus tickets.

**Secretary's Report by Lynsey Riggs**

Review of January 2023 minutes. Motion to approve by Andrea Hodges, seconded by Sarah Smith. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report by Heather Todero**

January/February Budget Report. Motion to approve by Andrea Hodges, seconded by Andrea Hanson. Motion approved.

**School Board Report by Daniel Ewald**

- The last board meeting included lots of discussion on construction and bond updates and approval of schedule changes for MS and HS testing dates.
- There's a Community Forum about the 2023 Bond Proposal on Thursday, March 23rd at 7pm in the middle school media center.

**Principal's Report by Bianca Sines**

- Thank you for the overwhelming support for the Verners. Mrs. Verner is back this week and doing very well.
- Meeting every 2 weeks for elementary school design with reps from each area in the school. Need all new playground equipment. Next up, furniture. Mrs. Sines will email the designer about PTO storage.
- Watch for a late spring community meeting for elementary parents to learn more about the transition process to the new school location.
- Spring break is coming soon! M-Step starts April 10th. Please send chromebooks back 3rd - 5th grade for testing.
- Mrs. Sines and Mrs. McDonald will rotate attending PTO meetings and events.
- March is Reading Month is going really well! Ashley Jones and her team have done a great job. The kids are so excited about penny wars and watching the vine grow. Thank you for your support! Lots of guest authors coming into classrooms next week.

- The Literacy curriculum committee is ready to make a decision and is hoping to adopt a new comprehensive program for grades TK - 5th to start in the fall pending board approval.

#### **Staff Report by**

- Recess is muddy and wet. Please send an extra set of clothes to keep at school.

#### **Committee Reports/New business**

- **Book Fair - Rachael Elias/Heather Hoffman** - next book fair is the end of April - BOGO
- **Assemblies** - Ann Arbor Hands On May 19th
- **Carnival Auction - Alicia Stanko** - Auction winners will receive a text message and announcement over the PA
- **Carnival Admissions & Games - Andrea Hanson**
- **Carnival Kitchen - Sarah Smith** - 200 pieces of pizza - feed volunteers at 3pm; Clawson Nutrition wants to come and bring teas.
- **Carnival Volunteers - Kim Zarnick** - Ask friends and family, MS & HS students to volunteer.
- **Dine to Donate - Chelsea Jager** - \$225 at Bigby in February to be split with Kenwood.
- **Staff Appreciation - Rachael Elias** - Restock the lounge after Spring Break, 1st week in May is teacher appreciation week, leftovers from Carnival to the lounge
- **Fun Run - Amy Cooper** - May 12th; provide water bottles; \$250 fee; gift for each student who registers?; Kickoff 2 weeks prior
- **Spirit Wear - Salisa Savel** - 132 items to deliver tomorrow; 4th grade shirts are being redone
- **Scholarship - Salisa Savel** - We offer two \$500 scholarships to CHS graduates who attended Schalm. Applications will open 1st week of April through April 30th. Winner announced at Honors Night.

#### **Open Discussion**

- April is PTO board nominations month. If you are considering joining the PTO board, please contact a current board member.

#### **Reminders by Salisa Savel**

- Carnival March 24th
- Next meeting is Thursday, April 27th

#### **Door prize**

- Amy Cooper (in-person) and Jen Tucker (Facebook)

**Meeting adjourned: 7:12pm**