**MINUTES Seventh District Elementary PTA**

                                                                                                        May 9, 2023 | 6:00 PM

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**In Attendance**

**Attendees**: Jessica Armacost, Miriam Barnhart, Kallista Boeckmann, Heather Denmyer, Britt Fischer, Michelle Milam, Karen Skelley, Maura Simms, Sonia Talbott

**Call To Order**: Maura Simms – 6:03pm

**Approval of Minutes:** Michelle and Sonia approved the 4/11/23 minutes

**Board**: Maura Simms, President; Karen Skelley & Jessica Armacost, Vice-Presidents; Emily Fogle & Britt Fischer Secretaries; Brooke Folmer, Treasurer

**Principal’s Report (Heather Denmyer)**

* Testing season is going well. Duftler and Horton are great at making it stress-free for the student to minimize any anxiety and big schedule changes.
* All field trips are scheduled except for 1st grade. The 1st grade is having a special Biography timeline event on 5/19 that parents can attend.
* Teachers have been enjoying Teacher Appreciation Week events this week hosted by the PTA.
* On 5/16 all the 5th graders will have their art work displayed at the Hereford Library. Mrs. Goodman is hosting the reception. She makes it a goal to have every student’s art work displayed somewhere at least once or twice per year.
* 4th grade will go to Camp Puh’tok next week for their field trip
* 5/23 is the Spring Concert in the afternoon for 7DE students and in the evening for families to attend.
* 5/24 is K-2nd grade Sports Day for the primary grades and 5/25 is 3rd through 5th grades. Mrs. Schattall organized parent volunteers for both days.
* 5/19 is a half school day for everyone
* 6/8 is the 5th grade farewell (and Mrs. Denmyer’s 38th wedding anniversary!)
* The Pathfinders for Autism event went well and had some attendance. Next year Neil will return and present to the whole school instead of just grades 3 – 5
* 1/20 was the school’s state inspection and much work has been done on school grounds such as new concrete, upgrades to internal mechanics and various safety measure improvements.

**Treasurer’s Report (Maura on behalf of Brooke Folmer)**

* 1 new member this month and some corporate donations
* Family Night Out, Kindergarten Roundup, Moms are the Sweetest, all have been completed or are in process
* Teachers must put in their Teacher Reimbursement Requests by 6/1 so that we can present their checks, get them cashed and resolve by the end of the fiscal year on 6/30.
* Plant Sale wrap up yielded $571 profit which is the biggest plant sale yet. Emily did a great job organizing and offering pick up at Moms are the Sweetest event.
* Family Day Out net $8,900 (even without the dedicated 5th grade proceeds). Last year net $10,000 which did include a donation from Big Truck versus this year we just asked for the space. Still a successful event considering the poor weather.

**New Business and Updates (Maura Simms)**

* Board Nomination voting took place from 5-6pm prior to the meeting. Jessica and Sonia motioned to close the nominations. Jessica (outgoing) and Karen (unopposed) tallied the votes. Jessica voted for unanimous and Miriam 2nd the vote. All in favor “yes”. New board is Maura Simms, President; Karen Skelley & Michelle Milam, Vice-Presidents; Britt Fischer & Emily Fogle Secretaries; Kallista Boeckmann, Treasurer. All in favor to shred the nominations “Yes”.

**Miscellaneous and Upcoming Events**

* Rec Council – Maura for Rob: Their last meeting is the 1st week of June. They’re still accepting nominations for a secretary and treasurer. LEGO Club with Katie Harrison is wrapping up soon, which was a great success. Tae Kwon Do is happening, and soccer registration opens 6/9
* Sports Day
* Pies for Pathfinders – there will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place to put a pie in a teacher’s face based on which class raises the most money. The teachers participating will be on an approved list so no one need participate if they don’t choose so. Money starts being collected 5/24 and runs through 6/1 Pie Day. This is the kindergarten field trip in the morning but they will be back for the afternoon to participate in Pies. Neil from Pathfinders will be there as well to participate and collect the donations.
* We need to make a list of local businesses and vendors who can contribute to our events for next year. Example Bull House Winery – a 7DE mom can be our liaison there and they’re interested in maybe doing a yoga night with Kristy Barker and wine/charcuterie board and/or with Lori Goodman hosting a paint night. We know Stonebridge usually funds back to school teacher lunch. We can collaborate with many other businesses next year if we compile a list.
* Miriam suggested a fundraiser similar to her son’s preschool at Christ Lutheran. They sell tickets to a basket or cooler of fun. It’s all done online and very easy. Their school net $12,000 in donations last year from this one event! Miriam will research more and we could possibly advertise it at The Farmyard’s events and The Fall Fest.
* Mr. Rouse wants to organize a teacher soccer game and Mrs. Denmyer will be the referee. This could be a community event or created as a fundraiser. To be held in the fall, possibly the same day as the Fall Fest. Possibly with parents vs. teachers. Could do a game board, football (soccer) pool, or 50/50 type of raffle. Perhaps invite Kona or Gil Ice and get donations back. Could do it at the end of a school day versus a weekend to ensure more teacher participation. Perhaps different teachers have to wear different costumes while playing ball if they get enough donations.
* No official June PTA meeting but there will be a transfer of officers.
* Monday 5/8 through Friday 5/12 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Maura and Nicole Smith organized breakfast on Monday, Snack Stop on Wednesday, Thank You Thursday and catered lunch with desserts on Friday. Nicole Smith also organized giving each teacher a succulent plant as a gift, along with a ticket for a raffle to close out the week on Friday.
* Miriam inquired about process for bringing new clubs to school or Rec Council. Advised we’re always looking for new ideas. Email Rob Eligson for Rec ideas which are easier to launch. School clubs have more rules around starting new ones. Suggestion to look at other local PTAs, schools and Rec Councils clubs to see what we might want at 7DE. Miriam suggested a circus club.

**2023-2024 Committee Needs (Maura Simms)**

* Craft Fair – Emily will continue to organize and run with help. Sonia has a new suggested vendor to add that she will share with Emily
* Desserts with Dad and Moms are the Sweetest – Britt will organize and run with help.
* Sweetheart Dance – Becky Burrs and Sonia Talbott will organize and run with help.
* Room Parent Coordinator – Nicole Smith will continue
* Fall Fest – Nicole Smith will continue but Sonia will co-coordinate to shadow her
* Family Day Out – Looking for someone to take this over. Maura can if needed, but it is suggested that someone co-coordinate with her to learn the event
* Spirit Wear – Maura will continue
* Yearbook – Maura will continue
* Spirit Night Coordinator – Looking for someone to organize monthly spirit nights with local businesses
* Book Fair – Maura and Emily will continue
* Teacher Appreciation events – Nicole Smith will continue
* Talent Show – if we want to have one, we will need a coordinator

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.