**MINUTES**

**Seventh District Elementary PTA**

                                                                                                        January 10, 2023 | 6:00 PM

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**In Attendance**

Jessica Armacost, Becky Burrs, Heather Denmyer, Jennifer Duftler, Rob Elligson, Britt Fischer, Emily Fogle, Brooke Folmer, Travis Knox, Michelle Milam, Karen Skelley, Maura Simms, Sonia Talbot

**Call To Order**: Maura Simms – 6:07pm

**Approval of Minutes:** Brooke moved to approve the minutes from 12/13; Jessica seconded

**Board**

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

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

* Email coming soon offering a limited number of covid test kids (2 in a box), first come/served.
* Safety drills are coming soon, previously known as A.L.I.C.E. drills. There is a Professional Study day on 1/23 and on 1/24 the safety drill will run. The name was changed to reduce inflammatory language and be more developmentally appropriate for students and staff alike. Reminder that 7DE does not participate in “counter” measures during these drills.
* MAP testing is coming up
* Workout Day is coming up on Friday 1/27
* Katelyn Blevins is the 7DE nomination for Teacher of the Year – should change the marquis notification to showcase her

**Treasurer’s Report (Brooke Folmer)**

* We are trying to use Member Hub / cash / check more than PayPal now.
* Completed items: DoughRun, January teacher, Partition purchase, scholarship, listening stations, Robotics Club, Art Club.
* Motion to file the budget for review/approval, first by Jessica, second by Michelle.

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

* Spirit Nights –Jessica Armacost: Chik-fil-A Spirit Night in Shrewsbury 2/6, Sportsman Hall Roller Rink event will be on Sunday 1/15/2023 from 1-7pm. PTA receives $4 back from every rental/ticket, Mo’s Taco Box event on 3/21
* Sweetheart Dance – Sonia and Becky: Sonia secured the DJ which will also have lights. Date is still 2/10, time is 6:30-9pm. Sonia is checking with middle schoolers who want to help volunteer. Maura advised ticket sales will be done through Member Hub and she can export a list of attendees to be verified at the door. Regular tickets can also be purchased at the door. Maura will add the QR code to the flyer for advertising/purchasing. Snacks for the dance don’t have to be from the approved snack list but do need to be commercially made and we should be considerate abut gluten-free and nut allergies. The cafeteria holds 300 people, with the gym as well the capacity is at least 600. Whatever supplies we need can be purchased through Amazon or wherever and we can submit for reimbursement. The craft will likely be scratch-off stars and something else so students have two options. Maura will submit a permit request through Baltimore County for the dance.
* Camp Invention – Michelle Milam: Camp is 8/7-8/11, instructors needed to run parts of camp. Michelle will email a flyer to Mrs. Denmyer to share with teachers to advertise the need. Camp Invention teachers would get a paid stipend and two kids to attend for free. Michelle’s flyer will have bullet points about what the teachers would need to do for camp. This is also great for high schoolers for service hours, 40 hour credit. The camp goal is 100 students. The minimum is 20 students and 5 instructors. Regarding a scholarship to attend Camp Invention, Michelle will contact Gretchen.
* Travis Knox, 7DE’s librarian and tech liaison, advised teachers are getting new computers and panels. His ask is for staff to get new stylus/digital pens to use with new technology as ELMO and other devices are becoming obsolete. Timeframe is between February and May, price ranges $40-$100, number of teachers/pens needed estimated 17-25. Travis will research price and quantity need further and report back for the February PTA meeting. Mr. Knox and Mrs. Denmyer will address this at the 1/23 Professional Development Day as well.
* Yearbook sale is coming up $35 cost same as last year. Doesn’t yield a large profit but that is ok, as the fifth grade advertisements do yield a bigger profit. Those ads are due by 2/15. There were 86 yearbook cover artwork submissions this year. Kudos to Lori Goodman for encouraging students to draw and submit, and for teaching the kids how to draw (Bubba) a deer.

**Miscellaneous**

* Rec Council – Rob Elligson: Basketball is wrapping up, LEGO Club is starting 2nd Friday of the month in June, Hersheypark tickets are coming, T-ball is in March/April for age 4+

**Committee Reports / Upcoming Events**

Upcoming Events

* Sportsman’s Hall Spirit Day 1/15/2023
* Chick Fil-A Spirit Night 2/6/2023
* February PTA Meeting 2/7/2023
* Sweetheart Dance 2/10/2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm. Jessica motioned to adjourn, and Rob seconded the motion.