

Switzer Elementary PTO Meeting  
December 12, 2023  
Media Center

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by Chavonn Hussey, President

Attendance:

- Board Members: Chavonn Hussey, Lisa Perry, Sara Ashton, Ralph Perry, Larry Johnson
- Staff: Chantel Baydoun
- Parents: Danielle Efthemiou, Melissa Hamann, Aleecia Giorlando, Dennis Smith, Jeanette Morris

### **President's Report--Chavonn**

- January's PTO may be moved because it's so quick after we return to school. Stay tuned. (ultimately it was not.)
- Re: November meeting: Apologized for making people feel rushed when discussing their topics or that their time was not valued
- Teacher's requesting funds from the PTO is not the same as their annual allotment reimbursement. But as always check with Mr. Palmer first before doing so.

### **Secretary-Sara**

- Review meeting minutes from the November meeting. Aleecia Giorlando motioned to accept the November minutes, Chavonn Hussey seconded the motion. Passed at 6:05pm

### **Treasurer Report – Larry Johnson and Ralph Perry**

- Paid the annual Brain Pop Subscription of \$3,000 out of the Principal Fund
- Pancakes with Santa closed with a surplus of \$392
- Teacher allocations are starting to roll in
- Kroger (quarterly) check came in
- \$56,000 in unallocated funds
  - Fund Run Check was moved to EMarket account so it's collecting monthly interest

### **Vice President's Report – Lisa Johnson**

- Santa Land
  - We need more volunteers 12/13 and 12/14 mornings otherwise going very well.
- Pancakes with Santa (reported on by Melissa Hamann)
  - Went very well and received a lot of excitement and thank you's from parents.
  - Santa was kind and wonderful with the kids.
  - We will be looking to have the same Santa and Chris Cakes return next year.
- Skate Night
  - January 8<sup>th</sup> at the New Rink
- Mother Son Bowling (reported on by Aleecia Giorlando)
  - Forms will be sent home soon but not due until after break.
  - February 2
  - \$15/person and \$9 for non-bowlers
- Meijer Grant (reported on by Danielle Efthemiou)
  - Applied for a grant from Meijer and received a \$400 gift card to be used for the coffee cart.

## Ms. Baydoun—Media Center Request

- As a recap from the September 2023 Meeting, one of the many things that Fund Run money was going towards was updating the Media Center books and integrating technology.
- Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success and Ms. Baydoun opted to take rewards in Scholastic Dollars because then she received 50% of Sales.
  - Ordered 3,000 in library bound books, launchers and robots.
- Goals to Advance Technology for the Media Center and Classrooms
  - Microbits-can be plugged into laptops and tablets
    - \$30/each (older kids)
  - STEM Building Kits
    - \$80/each (mid age kids)
  - Sphero Robots
    - \$1,500 for an eight pack (Y5-1<sup>st</sup>)
    - Offers a three-year warranty
  - 3D printer (\$1500)
  - Root Lite Class Pack \$780 for six
  - Root Magnetic \$250
  - Makey Makey STEM Pack \$700

## Principal's Report (reported by Ms. Baydoun)

- Mrs. W has arranged to bring in author Jonathan Rand on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Forms to order books were sent home last week.
- The third/sixth grade choir concert went well and Ms. Ross would like to report she raised half the money she needed for the choir shirts.
- Pancakes with Santa was a hit
- Balls and other playground toys were delivered to the classrooms last week. Thank you to the PTO. Look for a picture of the items on the PTO Facebook page.

## Open Discussion

- The Teacher's Favorite Things List (to buy them holiday cheer or any other time of the year has been posted on the PTO Facebook page). Teachers email Lisa Johnson (switzervp@gmail.com) to update your list.
  - Information needed: Favorite Candy/Snack/Drink/Restaurant/Places to Shop
- Circling Back to Ms. Baydoun
  - Lisa Johnson motioned to provide \$10,000 to Ms. Baydoun to get her started on her media center requests. Danielle Efthemiou seconded the request. All in were in favor. None opposed.
- Daddy Daughter Dance in on March 15<sup>th</sup> at Shelby Gardens

Meeting adjourned 7:06 pm

Meeting minutes taken by Sara Ashton, Secretary

**Next Meeting: January 4, 2024 @ 6:00pm in the Switzer Media Center**

Chantel Baydoun motioned to accept the December meeting minutes; Amber Hartley seconded the motion. Passed at 6:04pm on January 4, 2024.

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