

Switzer Elementary

PTO Meeting October

14 October 2019 / 7:00 PM / Media Center

ATTENDEES

Gloria Haddad (President), Cathy Gott (Vice President), Brady Marsh (Financial Controller), Ralph Perry (Treasurer), Britt Taylor (Secretary), Mr. Palmer, and 1 parent.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

AGENDA

Opening Remarks

Approval of September Minutes

Mr. Palmer motions, Cathy Gott seconds, motion approved.

Principal's Report

- Fundrun is now the Color Run! Great job Switzer! Still considering about putting in Gaga Ball on the playground. It needs to be in a well lit area. Mr. Palmer is considering where to place Gaga Ball on the playground. Different areas have pros on cons.
- Security Bars - Mr. Palmer had a meeting with different security and safety personale. This was to ensure that the bars would be doable. There has been more interest within the district about possibly purchasing security bars so it is Mr. Palmer's suggestion to wait and see before purchasing them.
- Laptop Purchase - We have the new laptops the PTO purchased a few years ago and also some 10 year old Macbooks. These are no longer able to run current programs and are hitting the end of their repair cycle. There has been more demand lately with only a certain amount of laptops to go around. The 3rd graders do not have ipads like the K-2nd grade. They are now using Espark this year. 6th grade also has a larger demand this

year. This new proposal for a bulk laptop purchase will not be replacing the MacBooks, but be an addition.

Financial Report

- Budget vs Actual
 - First day funds are in. We budgeted \$300 and spent \$196 so it was better than expected. Fundrun expenses are still going. Movie Night - budgeted \$800 and spent \$354. Got checks from Kroger and Amazon Smile. PTO also received a restitution check for \$10. The 6th grade fund was added.
- Allocated Funds
 - There is \$26,059 budgeted for expenses for the year.

Cathy Gott motions, Brandy Marsh seconds, approved unanimously.

Old Business

- Concluded Events
 - Skate Night at The New Rink - Thank you Tiffany McGinnis
 - Family Dinner Night - Thank you Cathy Gott

- Upcoming Events
 - Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 18th, 6pm
 - Red Ribbon Week - Mon-Fri, October 21st - 25th
 - Color Run - Friday, November 1st
 - Family Dinner Night at Guido's Premium Pizza - Tuesday, November 5th, 4-9pm

New Business

- The PTO Remind is no more. The expenses were too high. We still have the Principal's newsletters and Switzer 411. Trunk or Treat needs volunteers in every position. Need volunteers for the Fundrun.

Open Discussion

- There was a discussion and survey about Utica having later start times a while ago. Mr. Palmer has not heard anything new regarding this. The new

law regarding reading by 3rd grade: Reading must be above the 30th percentile. It has not kicked in yet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm