

Socastee Middle School PTO March 2024 Meeting Minutes Monday March 4, 2024 5:30pm-7:30pm at SMS

- Attendance:

Rhona Williams, President
Lisa Melchione, Principal
Ashley Stathos, Secretary
Cori Lamb, Vice President
Anna Quilter, Treasurer
Sharon Cushman, Vice Principal
Amy Hill, 6th grade teacher representative
Jesse Leon, 7th grade teacher representative
Josh Williams
Tiffany Roderick
Stacye Herriott
Lauren Griffin

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

- Principal/ Administration Report
 - Update on Nominee Slate from Nominations and Elections Committee
 - Per Bylaws, March 4, 2024 is the last date to nominate for elections.
 - Lisa reported that there are two nominees for President, VP, Treasurer and no nominees for Secretary; nominations committee will meet 3/5; ballot out on Friday 3/8 after confirming interest with nominees; ballot will close 3/22
 - Statewide tornado drill 3/6; iReady will be next week with MAP following week after; 8th graders will choose high school electives on 3/22, meetings with Mr. Urbaniak on 3/15, teachers will choose their core class recommendations for 8th graders; on 3/7 SHS will present elective options to 8th graders; NHD Regional competition at CCU is on Friday 3/8; 3/27 vaping night at 6:00 with Horry County police department representative and Dr. Mencken will talk about medical issues that come from vaping; Frozen 3/21-24; they will also do a dress rehearsal/school performance for Lakewood elementary on 3/18
- President/ Vice President Report: (Rhona/ Cori)
 - Current members on email list: 130
 - Updates from old business:

- [Copy of updated PTO Bylaws from Feb. meeting](#). Bylaws have also been updated on the PTO website.
 - Request for hotel for MATHCOUNTS State Competition: vote held with board on 2/22/24 regarding request for hotel reimbursement for club sponsor. 10 votes of no, 3 no response. Majority opposed to adding reimbursement for a hotel to the PTO Operating Budget.
 - Archery has received club t-shirts, amount included in line item for operating budget. Sweet Tees used as the apparel vendor.
 - 5th Grade Parent/ Student Night: TBD, Ashley Rhodes will let us know
 - 8th Grade Dance Date: Wednesday May 1, 2024. (Info provided by Ms. Wood.)
 - Pi Day for Math Department: 3/14/24, \$140.00 expected for Moon Pies and Oatmeal Cream Pies; Sharon Cushman will provide number of students
- Fundraising:
- Student Council Goodwill Fill the Truck Day: small turn out, earned \$318.00. Vote taken to allow Student Council to keep 100% of funds instead of splitting the funds. Vote passed. No update from Smoothie King yet. Check will come in mail next week to us and we will process and send all of funds to Student Council
 - Feedback: move date to January next time, keeping other school's dates in mind when planning. Use more signs on the road and robocall from admin.
 - SHSAA Braves for Others Raffle Tickets: no tickets purchased for the winter sports season. Will continue offering for spring sports season.
 - Options for spring PTO fundraiser:
 - Dollar days (PJ day) - to go toward field day, the sooner the better - board voted and approved
 - Also talked about Krispy Kreme or Better World/Boon Supply or Duck Donuts
 - [Boon Supply Spring Online Sale](#), up to 50% back, includes Yankee Candle. Agreed to table this for now.
 - Per Lisa: Stella's homemade ice cream contest with area schools to design an ice cream flavor to be featured and the winner for the top three flavors \$1250, \$750, \$500; celebrity scooper — Board voted to approve entering this contest (two locations, MI and Conway)
 - Warriors for Paws will do a collection drive 4/15-19

- Treasurer Report: (Provided by Anna)
 - [March Financial Report](#)
 - [Current Operating Budget](#)
 - February financials pretty cut and dry; expenses higher than income because of donation to basketball; we should end year with \$6K; request for clubs to claim funds by May 1, Anna will work with Ms. Bell to communicate with teachers; \$5K is what we usually roll over, the only summer expense this year will be t-shirts for 6th graders, the extra we will give to the school
- Secretary Report: (Provided by Ashley)
 - Review of [February Minutes](#)
 - Call for a vote to approve minutes. First motion Anna, second Cori, motion carries to approve
- Pretzel Committee Report: (Provided by Juliet and Lyndsay)
 - [Pretzel Sale Calendar to date.](#)
 - [Pretzel Punch Card Sales to date.](#)
 - March Dates: 6,13,20,27
 - April Dates: 10,17,24 (Last Sales Date)
 - 10 Punch cards discontinued as of March 1, 2024. The 5 Punch card will be discontinued on 3/13/24.
- Concessions Committee Report: (Provided by Melody and Christina)
 - [Updated Concessions Report](#)
 - Spring Dance: \$1139.00 gross
 - [Drama Performance Concessions Volunteer Sign Up](#)
 - Performance dates: March 21-24; tickets are live
 - Sign Up has been sent to Ms. Patel for Drama parents and will be provided in the weekly newsletter.
- Spirit Wear Committee Report: (Provided by Rebecca and Danielle)
 - [Current Inventory](#) - down to one Medium Adult hoodie in stock
 - Will continue to sell online through the PTO website.
- Hospitality Committee Report: (Provided by Tiffany and Melissa)
 - 3/19/24 is MAP Reading/ 03/12/24 iReady: plan to provide snack stations for teachers when proctoring tests. Using canned drinks from staff refrigerator.
 - February Staff Appreciation: Gift bag w/ t-shirt provided, Texas Roadhouse gift certificates and snack/drink cart for all on 2/16/24.
 - National School Counselors Week (2/5/24-2/9/24)
 - SC School Bus Drivers Week (2/12/24-2/16/24)
 - National School Resource Officer Day (2/15/24)
 - April Staff Appreciation: TBD

- International School Librarian Day 4/4/24
 - School Secretary Day 4/24/24
 - May Staff Appreciation: TBD
 - National School Principal Day 5/1/24
 - School Lunch Hero Day 5/3/24
 - Teacher Appreciation Week: 5/6/24-5/10/24
 - Texas Roadhouse Luncheon (free), prefer a Monday or Wednesday, can't be during bike week (5/10-5/19). — will do Monday 5/6/24
 - Nothing Bundt Cakes (quote provided at last meeting), suggested to be used for Friday.
 - Will create Direct Donation for Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - Candy cart after testing that week (Thursday)
 - Teachers love the yogurt parfait day
 - Amy Hill and Jesse Leon requested water bar to add flavors to water like another school has done recently (The water lady on Tik Tok)
 - \$974.56 left in budget for 65 teachers and staff; plus there will be money from direct donations
 - National School Nurse Day 5/8/24
- Spirit Nights Report: (Provided by Lauren)
 - SMS Marco's Night: 3/14/24 *Last one for the 23-24 school year, 15% back.
 - April: TGIFriday's at MI and MB locations, 20% back: 4/11/24
 - May:
 - Mellow Mushroom 5/8/24 (20% donation back)
 - Wonderworks 5/31/24 \$15 tickets, \$5 back per ticket/ planning to include another location at Broadway. Will look into adding Rita's that night as well.
- PTO Website/ Social Media Report: (Provided by Josh)
 - [March Social Media Calendar](#)
 - Website updated as of 3/3/24.
 - Will record videos of how to create website so the next person will know how to use it
 - Annual renewal completed and account updated.
- Teacher Reps: no report

Adjourned 6:33pm