

Stone Lake Elementary PTO Board Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2014

The September meeting of the Stone Lake PTO was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Lisa Mehl.

Attendance: Jessica Trudell, Yvette Sack, JoAnna Cline, Linda Trujillo, Erica Davis, Jasmine Gonzalez, Dreena Freeman, Jennifer Ferraiuolo, Christine Fisher-Fernandez, Jennifer McMahan, Jill Batiansila, Marcelina Torrence, Anjali Sharma, Kristen Beckner, Angela Moore, and Lisa Mehl.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes for the August 12, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Jennifer Ferraiuolo and seconded by JoAnna Cline.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- JoAnna Cline reported the following: 1) Coupon Book sales for C & D Tracks were \$5,180.00. The school will receive 50% of sales. 2) The expense for Box Tops is for postage. 3) A check from Drewski's for the 2014 ICS was received late for the amount of \$283.50. 4) PTO purchased a banner for Dr. Grewal for \$105.79.
- JoAnna Cline reported that Yvette Sack asked her to have the Red Ribbon monies increased. JoAnna Cline motioned to increase Red Ribbon Event budget to \$300 to cover this year's expenses. This was approved on a motion by JoAnna Cline and seconded by Jennifer Ferraiuolo.

The treasurer's report for the August budget was approved on a motion by Jennifer Ferraiuolo and seconded by Jessica Trudell.

**Reports:**

**A: Change to "General" Meeting**

- Lisa Mehl reported that there was some confusion about who was able to attend meetings as they were referenced as "Board Meetings." Some parents weren't clear if they were able to attend or if it was just board members. Going forward, each meeting will be referred to as a "PTO General Meeting."

**B: Notification of Amendment to PTO Bylaws**

- Lisa Mehl announced that next month's meeting there will be amendments to the bylaws proposed for approval.

**C: PTO Newsletter Distribution**

- Jessica Trudell reported that PTO Newsletters will be distributed this year in three ways. 1) By sending hard copies home with students. 2) A school wide e-mail attachment will be sent out via Mr. Beard. 3) It will be posted on the school's website as well as on the PTO website.

**D: Yearbook Update**

- Erica Davis reported that 38 yearbooks have been sold. She is still in need of A, C, and D track parent representatives to take photos of events throughout the year. She has concerns that not enough photos will be submitted. She asked teacher representatives to help get the word out. She also expressed concerns that the "flashback" section may not work due to lack of submissions. She asked permission from Mrs. Freeman to take photos during recess. Concerns were discussed regarding the District's Opt Out Policy. It is important that this policy is followed.

**E: Membership Drive and Contest**

- Jessica Trudell reported that PTO is currently at \$4,007.00 with current membership funds. PTO would like to reach the goal of \$5,000.00. She asked teacher representatives to help. She thought that B Track would likely help with the last \$1,000.00 needed since they have been off track. The class that turns in the most membership forms will win a prize grab. Class counts are being monitored via "gumball machines" on the MP Room bulletin board. The contest ends October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**F: New Sound System**

- Lisa Mehl reported that PTO purchased a new portable sound system and thanked Mr. Gonzalez for his help and support with the purchase. The system was used on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in the quad to test it out. Positive feedback was received, along with requests to use the system. Lisa Mehl and Mr. Gonzalez will schedule training on the system in the near future. Skip's Music will allow PTO to test the system and do any returns or upgrades if needed in the near future.

## Upcoming Events:

### A: Spirit Wear

- Jasmine Gonzalez reported that our sales for spirit wear have been a success. She thanked everyone for their patience with updated the design and getting the orders filled. We had over 300 orders. The vendor will have those orders ready on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. She is hoping to have orders sorted and ready for distribution on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a promotional sale for B Track the first week they are back in school. There will be a site sale on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> in front of the library after school from 2:15 – 3:00p.m.

### B: Watch DOGS Spaghetti Dinner

- Dreena Freeman reported that Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> will be the official launch of the Watch D.O.G.S. program with a spaghetti dinner provided by the Lion's Club. She is asking dads involved in the program last year to come and give testimonial speeches. The dinner is from 5:30 - 7:00pm in the MP room. A new focus for this year will be to have dads mentoring students while on campus. They will also be asked to help in classrooms and assist with lunch and recess duties.

### C: Restaurant Night

- Lisa Mehl reported our next Restaurant Night will be at the Old Spaghetti Factory on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Jessica Trudell reported that Mike's Diner raised \$200, and they donated an additional \$100 for a total of \$300. A big thank you to all the parents and teachers for their support.

### D: Walk to School Day

- Dreena Freeman reported that International Walk and Bike to School Day is Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Our school has been chosen as a focus school for this event. We are partnering with the City of Elk Grove and will have the Mayor of Elk Grove joining us, along with the Elk Grove Police Department and the Franklin High School Marching Band. There will also be news coverage. There will be four meeting points around the neighborhood, free give-a-ways, and an assembly to begin the school day. Flyers will be going home soon. This may be a Spirit Wear Day also.

### E: Book Fair

- Jennifer Ferraiuolo reported that Book Fair will be October 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> in room K3. There will be a teacher preview day the Friday before, Moms and Muffins on Tuesday, Dudes and Doughnuts on Wednesday, and Family Night on Thursday. She will be asking for volunteers to sign up for one-hour shifts using Sing-Up Genius. The Book Fair will be open daily from 2:30 – 7:00p.m. On Thursday it will be open until 8:00pm. They made \$11,000.00 last year and hope to exceed that this year. There is a library donation fundraiser again this year. The class with the most envelopes turned in will win the contest to tape Mr. Beard to the wall and toss water balloons at him.

### F: Bags/Scarf Fundraiser

- Lisa Mehl reported that we are interested in doing a Bag/Scarf Fundraiser, but need feedback as to appropriate dates so that we don't overwhelm parents.
- Coupon Book delivery for C & D track will be Wednesday, September 10, 2014.

## Principal's Report

Dreena Freeman reported that Mrs. Gutierrez has not received an estimate of the cost for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip. It may be as much as \$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00 for two to three charter buses. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will contribute \$1,000.00 towards this cost and is asking PTO to cover the remaining amount. This is a three day/two night field trip in March 2015 to the Alliance Redwoods in Occidental, CA. 98 students are needed to attend in order to hold the reservation. A deposit is due in December. Concerns were brought up that some students may not be able to afford this trip. PTO does have \$1,000.00 budgeted for K-6 scholarships. Suggestions for fundraising for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team included cookie dough, See's Candies, and possibly the bags/scarf Fundraiser. Other suggestions included payment plan options and starting fundraising in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Erica Davis suggested that this year be the kick-off year with PTO supplying what has been requested. Next year PTO could support by providing half the cost of the buses. The following year the grade level teams would support supplying the buses fully through fundraising efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on a motion by JoAnna Cline and seconded by Angela Moore.