

School of Technology and Arts I
Steering Committee Minutes
October 6th, 2020

Officers:

President: Doris Faucheux (P)

Vice President:

Secretary: Amanda Jackson (A)

Treasurer: Kerrie Moore (A)

Principal: Ben Burns (P)

Fundraising: Erika Cedergren (A)

Teachers: Maria Henry (P) and Mike Lawrence (P)

Yearbook: Ashley Patros-Kader (P) and Leah Lachman (P)

District Wide Parent Rep: Dawn Wacek (P)

Volunteer Coordinator:

Community Building: Dawn Wacek (P) and Fran Wangu (P)

Technology: Renee Stowell (P)

Also in Attendance - Jenna Sampson, Emily Sustar, Vanessa Pickar

1. Review and Approve September Minutes.
 - a. Approved by Dawn. Seconded by Fran
2. Next Meeting - Election Day - Nov. 3rd
3. Community Building
 - a. Park dates are variable for the Blended crowd. There was a big crowd one week. The CRVA group consists of the same people every week.
 - b. The Ferguson's Trip was a success. There were lots of SOTA I families and lots of other families. It was good for students to see their classmates in real life.
 - c. Doris will check with John Robinson about getting the directory put into a shareable digital format and send it to Mr. Burns to be emailed out.
4. Fundraising
 - a. \$200 from Make A Difference Monday @ La Crosse Distilling Co.
 - b. Erika will be creating an Equal Exchange order form to send out to families. She will have it done early next week.
 - c. Scrip.
 - i. Date for Scrip push is set for the week of November 9th. Lots of great ideas were discussed. Dawn brought up that Renee's post about shopping at Target anyways, with or without the Scrip cards, seemed useful. There could be posts about shopping for Christmas anyways. Mr. Burns suggested the possibility of buying Scrip cards to give out as an

incentive for signing up and buying cards. Fran suggested that instructions should be emailed out. Mr. Burns is willing to do this. Mrs. Henry said that it might work to just have Scrip cards on hand for people to just pick up. She also brought up that it might be useful to design something on Canva to put in an email. Emily Sustar said she used the paper form and liked ordering from that. So, we could still try to Google Form.

5. Budget

- a. Kerrie sent a check to Lifetouch for \$1704.34. She dated the check in August so it would count towards last fiscal year. Our current checking account balance is \$4538.12.

6. Yearbook Update

- a. We are still under contract with Lifetouch. Leah and Ashley will be using creative means to get pictures of students this year. Doris will send their email (sota1yearbook@yahoo.com) out in the next Newsletter.

7. Teacher Report

- a. Mike spoke highly of the blended set-up. There are challenges with keeping the students engaged and getting their assignments turned in. Maria said CRVA is starting to feel manageable. They are going to be adding in small group times. She and the other CRVA teachers are working to put together standards to send out to families so they know what the students should know at the end of the year.

8. Principal Report

- a. Mr. Burns has been working to put together an open mic, but has only gotten 2 entries. He might have to just do it a couple of times this year. T
- b. he last family night (Bingo) was a success. The next family night will be held on October 29th at 5:30. It will be a costume party along with other games. Dawn is going to send him an email with some ideas.
- c. At the School Board Meeting last night, they were given the final stamp-of-approval for the expansion project. As of right now, it is significantly under budget. The ground-breaking will be Oct. 19th.
- d. Based on feedback from parents, he is looking to move "Specials" to an earlier time. He is also working to rearrange office hours so that specials teachers are available when students are out of class.

