

School of Technology and Arts I
Steering Committee Minutes
Jan. 4th, 2022

Present: Doris Fauchoux, Amanda Jackson, Renee Stowell, Jenna Sampson, Principal Burns, Terri Amann, Ashley Patros, Anna Jordan, Emily Sustar, Meagan Ronsman

1. Motion to Approve November Minutes-Motion to Approve by Amanda, 2nd by Jenna-passes unanimously
2. Service Opportunities: Coat drive, other ideas for service/needs. Did the Afghan refugee drive. Not sure of current needs. Food pantry is doing pretty well. Money donations for food pantry can be given to the school office. Ben will think about other opportunities.
3. District-Wide Parent Rep. - Meagan Ronsman has offered to be the DWPR. Motion by Jenna to approve, 2nd by Renee, motion passes unanimously.
4. Upcoming Events
 - a. Chipotle Night - Tuesday January 25, 2022 4pm-8pm guessing 33% percent of proceeds donated
 - b. Java Vino Parents Night Out - Feb. 18th- in the past have had silent auctions and other things. Erika suggested a show up and % of food/drink go to SOTA. Can do in-person or drive up.
 - c. Scrip - Mar. 3rd-10th
 - d. Earth Day T-Shirts - April 22nd, Ashley wondering if we need to do it. Questions about actual profit with cost. Looking at the budget. Could just offer SOTA shirts for sale. Likely can do the art auction and informance this year which should help us. Will pass on this, this year.
 - e. Driftless Skincare Pop-Up Shop - Now owned by the Larsons (Larsons General) Do for either Valentines or Mother's Day. Plan for Mother's Day, send out form/google form to order. Jenna will chat with Mary to confirm details.
 - f. Bike Rodeo - May 19th (Plant sell and face painting)- Would like to use for fundraising, keep it at Lueth Bike Park, concerns over COVID and Face painting, maybe do temporary tattoos or hand paintings, keep the focus on fun this year
 - g. Logger's Night - Summertime- Erika will get a date. In May pledge to so many tickets, they ask parents/grandparents to purchase tickets. Steering Committee will purchase and sell to those who committed.
 - h. Parent/Teacher Conferences -
 - i. SOTA T-Shirts- Will look into the ability to order new shirts not as a fundraiser. Games People Play did the last order. Ms. Anna will run with putting together a new order.
 - j. La Crosse Center- Looking for people to sell concessions etc. will pay hourly rate per volunteer/hour. Easy fundraiser could earn \$500-\$1000 in one day, Amanda send Doris contact info.
5. Review of past events

- a. All-Glazed Up- Still waiting on results. Maybe getting the word out more. Mondays are hard, was also right after Thanksgiving.
 - b. Equal Exchange - Made a little money, have a large amount left over, only selling to school community. Have tea, coffee and hot cocoa left. Post to SOTA-Parents group, can paypal, check or cash, last resort can venmo to Doris, Renee will send screenshots to Doris.
 - c. Scrip-Rebate of \$465, almost double from October.
6. Bylaws- Doris is going to go through them and text Jenna and Amanda to set up a meeting. Goal to have done by end of SOTA school year.
7. Teacher Report- Excited to be back and have snow. Kindergarten/2nd Grade going to library on field trip. K1 Fairy Tales unit, 2nd/3rd biography unit. Dance ensemble started today. 4th/5th going to Polytechnic to view their presentations.
8. Principal Report- COVID evolves, school has changed their guidance based on the CDC only for adults as to the reduction to 5 days. Not sure if they will take that guidance down to the kids. Will at some point may differentiate more between vaccinated and unvaccinated. Sub shortage ongoing. If you have ever considered subbing, reach out to office, can get you the paperwork. No talk of moving school virtual, no benchmark to move entire district virtual, could have a school on school basis if a significant number of positives. **Long Range Facility Survey**- Most buildings only 70-80% full (Hamilton/SOTA exception), waste of resources with shrinking enrollments, considering various options, broad support for doing something, could be efficiencies in staffing and offer more opportunities, possibility of combining the high schools, possibility of reducing elementary schools, likely not to impact SOTA. Boundaries haven't changed in the early 90's, they were trying to achieve more racial and socio-economic balance, but the way it was done created bussing issues. Older classes are a little low but not to the point of concern for losing a teacher/section.