

## Southern Bluffs PTO Meeting Minutes

December 16th, 2019

**Meeting called to order** at 6:35 pm by Kathy Hasburgh

**Attendees:** Kathy Hasburgh, Lisa Schreiner, Stephanie Umberger, Katie Marquart, Alex Powell, Jaclyn Osley, Ashlee Severson

Facebook Attendees: Amanda Witzke

**Secretary's Report** – The November minutes were emailed to those present at the meeting

**Treasurer's Report** – **Walt Smanski:** Postponed till January

**Principal's Report** – **Lisa Schreiner:** We just crossed over 5000 bobcat bucks that students have earned. Friday morning, we will be having a secret celebration. The class picture date is on January 30<sup>th</sup>. We will need helpers on that day, someone to be Bluffs and someone to walk the classes. It will be a designated class color day. We also have an artist in residence, January 28-30<sup>th</sup>. The artist will work 3 days to teach Folk Dancing. We will have a dinner (5:30pm) and dance (6-7pm) afterwards on Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup>. We have the Cool Cats Cocoa and game night coming up on January 16<sup>th</sup>. We will wrap up this week with a sing along on Friday. The whole school will be together at 2pm in the gym and families are welcome to join us. We will sit as a school and sing some tunes. We start off the New Year with a very short week, school resumes Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Old Business:

**Kwik Trip Scrip:** We sold quite a few at Holiday Fair.

**T-shirts:** There is a box in the closet; we have extras if you would like one.

### New Business

#### **Fundraising Opportunities:**

**Skate Night at High Rollers:** We still haven't gotten a check from last year. Kathy spoke with the owner several months ago and will follow-up again.

**Cool Cats January Event:** The PTO will pick up cookies and cocoa and talk to Roger to make sure he has a plan for the night. We need to make sure that people know to bring their own games with them. We discussed having a donation box of games for this night in the future - quick fun games.

**Put in Cups** – Fence Decoration: We just wrapped up our food drive and collected 450-500 boxes of Mac and Cheese. The students are leaning towards a paw print or Bluff's head with Bobcat Pride lettering for fence decoration. They came up with a few of their own ideas such as RRS (Respectful, Responsible, Safe).

**Swings:** Alex met with the city and they recommended Gerber Leisure. The city has been successful and has received good quality equipment from them. This proposal is not an exact measurement, it has been estimated through Google Earth. Vision - the track on the north playground would extend towards the school/the blacktop area. One of our focuses is to add handicap accessible swings. The cheapest way is to extend the path from the existing track through the playground area. We would stop the track at the blue surface (pour and place surface fill). The reason we would have that is to get the wheelchairs to the play area. We need to have it to be safe and accessible. We discussed different options but decided the best would be two different banks of swings with the path dividing it. This will provide inclusion and keep friends together. 2020 pricing is \$38,000 for Gerber Leisure to do everything (excavation, pour and play, sidewalk, equipment etc.). Essentially with the things we can control, we can lower it to approximately to 16K, but a lot of things would need to be done as a community such as prep and install. The area will need to be excavated. The pour and play surface will be professionally done as well as the asphalt. The asphalt quote is not included. We can possibly talk to the city to get wood chips at a limited cost. The 3<sup>rd</sup> page shows the safety zone for ground cover. The wood chip area is a big area, due to the jump zone radius. There is some fundraising we can do. We can also look at it as a community build. We discussed an Amie L. Mathy foundation grant, but we needed to wait until we had a bid. We can go ahead and submit the grant, and if it is not filled, we can take it to the Mathy Brothers' directly. We discussed whether two bucket swings are enough. The

school will have 3 after installation. We discussed installing benches and having families sponsor a bench to make it more of a destination for the community. Festival uses plastic bags to make benches (7000 plastic bags per bench). There was a discussion about getting multiple bids. It should be easier because the legwork is already done. Doing multiple bids makes sense and shows the community that we have done our due diligence. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade has been writing persuasion letters to Mrs. Schreiner. One of the students shared his/her desire for swings. The manufacturer would send detailed installation instructions. There was a great question (from FB Live) are there any insurance liabilities that we need to be worried about. No, we don't think so. Hintgen is doing their installation right now and it is a community build. The buildings and grounds will provide some labor and oversight. We can always add more banks of swings down the road if we want. Thank you to Alex for doing the hard work on the bids. The quote is good for all of 2020.

**Teacher Fund Requests:** We discussed the teacher giving tree at the holiday fair. Many ornaments looked like they had been taken. Mrs. Schreiner verified that the specialists had ornaments too. We discussed making it more visible at the Holiday Fair and possibly setting it up in the school after Thanksgiving. Kidland seemed like it was successful, and the volunteers are much appreciated. Kidland sold out of dad items. If anyone wants to do the purchases for children, we would be happy to give some guidance. Heather will still do the mom buying and Kathy the dad buying. We had to steal bags from the Kidland to give to the bake sale. We need to save bags and bring them in for next year. We need plastic bags (or shopping baskets) for Kidland, because the kids struggle to carry their presents. We wrapped in tissue because we ran out of brown sandwich sized bags. The stickers and bows did not stick to the bags. We needed to staple them. We buy the wrapping supplies from Sam's Club in bulk. We need to provide more training for Kidland wrappers. Any leftovers from the bake sale? – NO. There was a good variety at the table and the puppy chow went fast. The popcorn with the chocolate drizzle was very good. Mrs. Schreiner would like to have teacher experiences in each raffle. She understands it is about fundraising, but it gives everyone a chance and makes teacher experiences accessible to all of the students.

We had 13 Silent Auction baskets on Facebook. The bidding closes at Thursday 11:59 pm on Thursday. The office will be open Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> before 2:30 for basket pick-up

**Ski Day** – January 31<sup>st</sup> (early release day). Heather will be sending out a flyer when school resumes.

**DWP Report** –

**Open Discussion**

Any questions, concerns, ideas please email [sbluffspto@outlook.com](mailto:sbluffspto@outlook.com)  
Motion to adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at @ 7:10pm

Next Meeting is February 10, 2020 @ 6:30pm. (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)

Respectfully Submitted By: Kristin Damstra