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# SEIS PTO Meeting – 9/11/2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM in the library by PTO President Mary Maccarelli.

Attendees included: Stacey Alexander, Lynne Davis, Nicole Filak, Tina Griffith, Liz Grohal, Mary Maccarelli, Kim Nalls, Lisa Schreiber, Sarah Shumate, Kim Stephenson, Marisa Webster, Joy Koloski, Mr. Horton, Nicole Golden, and Jen Davidson

## Reports

**Secretary Report (Liz Grohal):** The September newsletter was sent. Any submissions for the October newsletter are due Sept 21<sup>st</sup>.

**President's Report (Mary Maccarelli):** Mary discussed the handouts available: bylaws, general PTO info regarding policies, procedures, & PTO closet access. Many thanks for those who helped on Back to School Night. All minutes & newsletters will be posted on SEDS SEIS website. PTO has a school email address: [seispto@sesd.k12.pa.us](mailto:seispto@sesd.k12.pa.us). If you have any questions, a quicker response will be to email Mary directly at [mscarbo@hotmail.com](mailto:mscarbo@hotmail.com). A Remind has been established to provide updates too. Volunteers are needed for the Race for Education on Oct 24th. Regarding Race for Education, Mary clarified that money is accepted without having it be mailed in.

**Vice President's Report (Kim Nalls):** Kim will be using Facebook to post PTO information. This is a private account, so individuals must request to join SEIS PTO.

**Treasurer's Report (Laura Nagel – not present):** Kim Nalls, Secretary, reported books are still with the accountant, but the PTO bank balance as of July 31 is \$13,327.87. Heather, former treasurer, filed taxes and the accountant billed \$75 for his services in auditing the books. He is willing to provide the services again next year. Jen Economas commented that a Bookfair check, which was less than \$2,000, was deposited on July 20th. \*\*\* **CORRECTION: The PTO check written to Scholastic, in the amount of \$2,884.57, had been processed. This was not a deposit \*\*\*.** Mary Maccarelli initiated a vote to pass the proposed budget. Marissa Webster motioned to pass the proposed budget and Nicole Filak 2nd the motion. Budget vote passed. Mary also reviewed the reimbursement policy for purchases made on behalf of PTO.

**Principal's Report (Mr. Horton):** Mr. Horton reported that Back to School night attendance was low; possibly due to the early time/date. A Safety Forum will be given by the district and ALICE training will begin for students next week. Evacuation drill will happen this week and in Oct there will be an earthquake drill. Other drills during the year include medical response drills, monthly fire drills and a severe weather drill. Golden Rams, which is a positive behavior reward system, will utilize the book Wonder to teach lessons about respect & kindness. This will happen throughout the first half of the school year. In the second half of the year the students will be involved in clubs. There will be a Kindness Assembly on Oct 5 and students will receive shirts. There will also be a Fall Festival on Oct 26.

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In December, the movie Wonder will be viewed and the school may show the movie the Greatest Showman that supports diversity later in the year.

There was a question concerning the rumor about sharing a school nurse between buildings and Kim Nalls gave a suggestion to write letters to the board with any concerns.

**Teacher Liaison (Nicole Golden):** The Summer Reading Challenge Reward will be on Sept 13 and six volunteers are needed. Nicole Golden can help with the Nov conference dinner for the teachers when food is delivered.

**Hospitality Report (Nicole Filak):** Back to School food for the teachers went well and was appreciated. Nicole is considering having Kimmy's Café cater the November conference meal for staff.

**School store Report (Megan Smith/Kristen Perzanowski – no present):** No report. November school store dates will be announced in the future.

**Fundraising Report (Tara Wilson - not present):** The labels for Race for Education went out and help will be needed the week of Sept 24th. We will not be selling Kidz Stuff books this year as other local schools are already doing so. If there is an interest in a Mixed Bag Fundraiser in the future, a volunteer would be needed to lead.

**No Cost Fundraising & Spirit Nights Report (Lindsay Miller / Jessica Tompkins – not present):** No cost fundraising refers to Boxtops for Education and A+ Giant Rewards. Possible pizza spirit night at Kimmie's Café. For every pizza they sell, they donate back \$2 to school.

**Patriot Program Report (Angi Freitag/Shirley Coughenour/Mary Maccarelli):** A future meeting is TBD.

**Scholastic Book Fair Report (Jen Economas/Chrissy Price):** Jen reported that the Scholastic Book Fair will be set up Oct 11 and will be open for both visitation days, Oct 12 & 19, and the pack up is on the 19th. There will be a Sign-up Genius established and a Remind will be sent. Jen is learning how to manage the Scholastic dollars and the librarian will receive \$500 in scholastic dollars. \$5 scholastic dollar coupons will go to each of the 76 students who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. It was decided to not give Scholastic dollars to Book Fair volunteers (as has been done in the past), but use them for the school/students. Nicole Golden will remind teachers to create wish lists.

**Holiday Shop Report (Kim Nalls/Laura Cooper):** Holiday shop is scheduled for the week of Dec 3rd. A sign-up will be sent out closer to the date.

**6th Grade Party Report:** Chairperson is needed to organize and seek donations for this fun end of the year event.

**New Business:** Lisa Schrieber introduced the idea of a Me and My Guy Dance at SEIS that has been very positive, successful & well attended at Stewartstown. The dance is for girls and a significant adult male in their life (not a male peer). The intent of the event is to bolster self-confidence and self-worth for girls of SEIS through a fun and engaging experience. Mr. Horton shared concerns that it may exclude some students due to home situations. Discussion included exploring options to alleviate this concern as well as consider an event to include all students, or a separate event for the boys if there would be a separate event for girls. Lisa will reach out to the school guidance counselors for input.

Kim Nalls discussed the Kids on the Run program and its' huge success at Delta. She shared this information with Mr. Horton previously and Kim recommends a teacher take the lead with parent support as needed. Kim/Mr. Horton will reach out to staff to support this great opportunity. This program promotes sportsmanship and healthy lifestyle. Teachers involved at Delta are willing to share their knowledge to assist with getting it rolling at SEIS.

Meeting Adjourned at 7ish. Next meeting Tue Oct 9, 2018 in the library.

Submitted by Liz Grohal, PTO Secretary