

SCMS PTO Meeting Notes

November 13, 2023

Recorded by: Jennifer Khodush, PTO secretary

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Fundraising
 - a) Jump Start Campaign – due to the financial success of last year’s Fun Run, we are not going to do the jump start. Update: Stones Fundraiser brought in \$200.
 - b) Dining Nights – Our next dining out fundraiser is Wednesday November 15th at Chick Fil A in Woburn.4-10pm.Show flyer in person or on phone. Great percentage will come back to our PTO with every purchase. Good for dine in and carry out. We will continue to plan for 1 restaurant night per month. Great way to support our PTO and local businesses.
 - c) Paint Night – update from organizer for this event, Betty Chu Pryor. On Tuesday November 14th at 7pm Premier Paint Party to support the PTO. Tickets are \$45 pp and will be held at Evviva Tratoria. There are still spots available. Percentage will come back to our PTO. It’s a nice night out last, last year was a lot of fun and we did well. Thank you Betty!
 - d) Gift Card Program – Thank you to Kristen Demitropoulos for organizing. This fundraiser is ongoing right now and right in time for all of your holiday shopping needs! Many different gift cards to choose from and a good percentage comes back to PTO. Gift cards will be distributed via backpacks or at parent/teacher conferences. There is also a plan to sell during conferences.
 - e) Chamber Gift cards –Joe Joffee will help with this, thank you Joe! In conjunction with the selling of the Scrip gift card program, this one feature many local businesses. The selling period is in November and for 2 weeks. More details to come.
 - f) Passive Fundraising
 - Textile Bins – we received a check for \$1,469.80! The Winter months are here and it’s time to clean out those closets! Keep the donations to the textile bins coming.
 - Box Tops – ongoing fundraiser. Thank you to Meg Amp and Liz Benbow for promoting this. Now is a great time to redeem points as we holiday grocery shop. Continue to scan those receipts!
 - g) Paper Store – Redstone. Between November 20-26, purchase a \$3.99 ornament. Middle and South PTO will split \$1.00 from that purchase. Customers will also receive a 20% coupon off during that visit to use for another time.
 - h) Kendra Scott Event – this fundraiser that did very well last year. Will be online December 7th-9th and the in store shopping event will be 12/8. Store provides water, champagne- a nice night out! Great holiday shopping opportunity that can bring in good revenue.

- 3) Book Fair – discussion on who will be the vendor this year, Scholastic or Book Oasis. We had Scholastic 2 years ago and Book Oasis last year. The book fair is considered a fundraiser, and Scholastic did profit better. Parents spoke in favor of the two and there was a vote. Scholastic was chosen as this year’s vendor.
- 4) Treasurer’s Report – Jamie Wallace gave the report. Income and expenses from the start of the school year. PTO purchased snacks for the nurse’s office. \$1500 came in for a grant from last year’s field trip. PTO sponsored 2 flags (\$250) at the field of honor. Insurance has been renewed for the year and taxes are filed. Thank you Jamie! Today’s starting balance has been reported as \$48,145.13
- 5) Enrichment Report – Melanie Fiore was not present at this meeting but shared her notes with us. Mikey Fallon is booked as a school wide enrichment. He uses poetry to create a moving experience for all and has been very well received by schools, we look forward to this! Melanie has applied for a grant from the Cultural Council to help subsidize the cost. “No First Time” was presented to our 7th and 8th grade students. Staff and students gave it great reviews, kids were engaged and attentive.
- 6) Teacher/Staff Events
 - a) December breakfast – December 20th, PTO will host a breakfast for all staff. Set up will be in library at 7am.
 - b) Gift cards and raffle items – PTO will provide Mr. Sallee with donated gift cards/raffle items to be raffled off to staff members.
 - c) May teacher appreciation – luncheon to be discussed at later date.
- 7) Community
 - a) Holiday Helpers – Once again we will be taking part in the giving tree. Families can choose an item to purchase to fulfill someone’s holiday wish. Sign up genius will be created using all the requested items. PTO will also take monetary donations to buy requested items and money donations will also be used towards gift cards for the families in need, grocery gift cards and to purchase items that were not bought. Gifts can be brought to school or collected during December conferences. We have \$600 left over from last year that we will put towards Holiday Helpers.
 - b) “SOUP”er bowl – In February, there will be a food drive to benefit the Stoneham Food Pantry. Collections will be 1/29-2/8 and deliver on 2/9.
 - c) Stoneham Holiday Parade – Chamber of Commerce will put on this event again this year. Fun community event. Any interest in the middle school doing a float. More discussion to follow.
- 8) Veteran’s Day – Field of Honor – PTO sponsored 2 flags at the field of honor. Freedom level sponsors (\$250). Flags with messages to our veterans and emergency personnel were on display. It was a beautiful sight, thank you to everyone involved in the field of honor.
- 9) Field Trips – 8th Grade field trip is booked for JFK museum.
- 10) 8th Grade – exciting events to happen over the year for our graduating 8th grade class. A date was set for the first 8th grade parent meeting, on Monday January 8th.
 - a) Basketball game
 - b) Hockey game
 - c) Class photo

- d) Bump up Day to SHS
 - e) Activity Day
 - f) Ceremony/Dance
- 11) Talent Show – Ms. Donovan was present at the meeting. She will be organizing the talent show. Would be open to all students, maybe some time in the Spring. More details to come!
- 12) End of year treat – Kona truck was a big success last year! Plan is to do it again this year or come up with any other exciting ideas to celebrate the school year.
- 13) Field Day
- a) Water truck and Ritchie’s slush
- 14) Principal/Vice Principal Report – Mr. Sallee spoke about the recent assembly, No First Time. He said it was a great program and the kids enjoyed it. This Friday is Stoneham Spartan Spirit Day to celebrate the football team making it to the Super Bowl. They are looking forward to the upcoming assembly by Mikey Fallon on 1/26. He is a motivational speaker who talks about inclusivity, being kind and how to live out your dreams. Report cards will be emailed today.

Next meeting Date – January 22th at 6:30pm