

PTO Meeting

Yearbook orders are due Friday, April 20



THANK YOU!

Jane Marnholtz for coordinating the Teacher Conference Meals!

Laura Heiman and Ann Hehr for coordinating the Spring Book Fair!

Katy Berglund for coordinating Sibley Movie Night!

Molly Lloyd for helping unpack, pick up, & assemble the new flexible seating!

We are looking for a new Movie Night coordinator!
Please contact Pasha Quaas if you are interested.
pkquaas@yahoo.com

Voting on the 2018-19 proposed budget and PTO officers will be held at the next meeting. Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 in the Sibley Media Center. We hope to see you there!

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**YEARBOOK
ORDERS DUE
FRIDAY APRIL 20**

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Yearbooks!

**APRIL 23-27
SPRING TRASH TO
CASH CONTEST**



**MAY 7-11
IS TEACHER
APPRECIATION
WEEK**



5th Grade Pictures!

The yearbook is filling the 5th Grade picture pages and they welcome contributions featuring this years 5th Grade Class!
Please send photos to,
sibleyelementaryyearbook@gmail.com

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: April 10, 2018

PTO Officers: Pasha Quaas - President
Molly Lloyd - Vice President
Jessica Heilman - Treasurer
Heidi Brosseau - Secretary

Others Present: Scott Sannes - Principal
3 Teachers
5 Parents/Guardians

Motion to approve the January minutes was made by Molly Lloyd. The motion was seconded by Erin Updike

School Updates from Principal Sannes:

- Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) for all Sibley 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders. An email was sent out on April 9th outlining the schedule for each of the three grade levels.
- Northfield ISD #659 K-5 will be implementing Collaborative Literacy lessons in the 2018-19 school year. Collaborative Literacy incorporates science and social studies, "helping students grow as readers, writers, and thinkers as they develop the social and emotional skills necessary to thrive." Visit collaborativeclassroom.org to learn more about this exciting new initiative!
- Staffing next year goes down to twenty-four from this year's twenty-five. There will be four classes at each grade level. Fifth grade will be the largest grade.
- Changes to the timing of spring Parent Teacher Conferences, report card distribution, and progress reports for the 2018-19 school year.
 - Earlier 2018-19 Spring Parent Teacher Conferences. January 31st and February 7th
 - Report cards will be distributed as a part of conferences. Progress reports will follow around spring break. Final report cards will go home at the end of the year.

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Sibley Elementary School PTO

Sibley PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) prides itself on its involvement in a number of areas. From organizing activities, to coordinating volunteers, to raising much-needed funds; we are a vital and integral part of the school. We welcome all parents to join the PTO. We think you will find it not only fun, but also a great way to meet other parents.



PTO and Committee Updates:

Thank you to:

- Jane Marnholtz for coordinating the Teacher Conference Meals.
- Laura Heiman and Ann Hehr for coordinating the Spring Book Fair.
- Katy Berglund for coordinating Movie Night.

Upcoming Events:

- Spring Trash to Cash Contest, coordinated by Heidi Brosseau, will be held April 23-27. The winning class receives an extra recess, to be awarded at their teachers discretion. Watch take home folders and email for the flier!
- Teacher Appreciation Week, coordinated by Stacey Sykora: May 7-11 Watch your inbox for the sign up to help!
- School Supplies Boxes, coordinated by Chris Feldman, are priced similarly to last year's. Ordering information will go home the first week of May and orders are placed online ONLY, and are due by the end of May.
- Erin Updike on yearbook: Orders went out last week and are due by April 20. Paula Bargary and Becky Malecha have taken many Fifth Grade pictures. The yearbook would welcome pictures from parents that feature this year's Fifth Grade Class for the Fifth Grade Picture pages. Please send your photo contributions to, sibleyelementaryyearbook@gmail.com

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New Family Packets:

Theresa Bauman is creating New Family Packets that outline the events and traditions that are a part of the Sibley experience! New Family Packets will include information such as: What is Beyond Words? How to order a Sibley T-shirts. What are School Supply Boxes?

Walk-a-thon Funds Update from Pasha Quaas:

- The pies in Principal Sannes' face were a big hit with kids at the assembly.
- More than 100 boxes of flexible seating and come to Sibley! All have been unpacked, assembled, labeled, and delivered to teachers.
 - Many teachers are using their grade-level funds from the Walk-a-thon to purchase additional flexible seats.
 - Thank you to Molly Lloyd for helping unpack, pick up, and assemble!
- The coding robots purchased for Celebrate Math Week have been enjoyed.
- BrainPop, funds for Beyond Words, and grade-level funds have also been distributed.

Changing the Walk-a-thon to a Read-a-thon, Pasha Quaas:

- The Sibley Walk-a-thon is 12-15 years old and it has "walked" its course.
- The Read-a-thon will be two weeks long.
 - The first week will focus on the coin drive.
 - The second week will focus on friend and family donations.
- The Read-a-thon...
 - will have grade level reading goals.
 - will happen the first two weeks of November.
 - will not compete with conferences, homecoming, back to school shopping, or testing, and will wrap up and be put to bed before the holidays.
 - script will be available for students to use/practice with, and for parents to share on social media.
 - will continue to be Sibley's single main fundraiser.
 - will aim to have a large, family friendly event that the entire school will be invited to attend outside of school hours in celebration of the Read-a-thon.

PTO Officer Update from Pasha Quaas:

- Molly Lloyd's term as Vice-President is up this year, and she has agreed to stay on for another 2-year term, beginning the 2018-19 school year.
- Jessica Heilman's term as Treasurer is up this year. Brian McGonegal has offered to fill this role.
- Voting will take place at our next meeting, Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 in the Sibley Media Center.

Open discussion about Sibley PTO fundraisers, and the budget.

- The Walk-a-thon was originally introduced as a way to procure the funds necessary to purchase larger ticket items, ie. playground equipment, smart boards, flexible seating, etc.
- Community support of schools has changed. Target no longer donates a percentage of Red Card purchases to the school of the card holder's choice. That used to be around \$5,000 annually for Sibley.
- Does Amazon Smile make up for the loss of Target?
 - No, the percentage that goes to Sibley is so small, and the number of people that use a Smile Account in Sibley's name when shopping Amazon have not been great enough to compensate.
- Funds raised by the Read-a-thon would allow the PTO to continue supporting the Sibley experience, covering the costs that the corporate support from Target was providing.
- Traditionally, Walk-a-thon funds have been reserved for larger ticket items.
- Walk-a-thon funds purchase BrainPop each year. This is something our teachers ask for and use. Learn more at, <https://www.brainpop.com/>
- As funding and support from our community have evolved, so too must the formula we use to cover our expenditures.
- Fundraising opportunities to consider:
 - Culver's night with teacher involvement.
 - Just Food Round Up at the Co-op. - Only available every other year.
 - Could families and local businesses sponsor specific items that teachers are asking for?
 - Kid drop in during the holiday shopping season.

Budget questions to consider for the May 8th Vote:

- Is it time to pool PTO funds?
- Is it time to consider a second fundraiser?
- Should PTO continue to offer free childcare for parents attending the meetings?
- Should PTO continue to offer grade level funding?

Treasurers Report from Jessica Heilman:

Financial Snapshot	1/9/18
Current Cash Balance	\$23,467.09
Less Reserves	\$1,020.82
Less Yearbook Payment	\$2,000.00
Proposed Available for Expenditures	\$20,446.27