

PTO Meeting



JANUARY 8 PTO MEETING GUEST SPEAKER: SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST MICHELLE FLANNERY

Join us Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm in the Sibley Media Center where our guest speaker, Michelle Flannery, will speak about mental health and children. Save the date and pass it on! Childcare will be provided.

Sibley PTO Read-A-Thon and Family Fun Night at the Dundas Dome: We had a great turnout for our first Sibley Family Fun Night! What a great way to celebrate our one annual fundraiser, the Read-A-Thon! Thank you to all the businesses that sponsored and supported the Read-A-Thon and this fun, community building event!

WE REACHED OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL – PRINCIPAL SANNES GETS SLIMED!



Thursday, January 31
1:15 pm at the all-school
assembly!

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Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: November 13, 2018

PTO Officers: Pasha Quaas - President
 Molly Lloyd - Vice President
 Brian McGonegal - Treasurer
 Heidi Brosseau - Secretary

Others Present: 3 Teachers/Parents
 4 Parents/Guardians

School Updates from Principal Sannes:

- Thank you for voting last week! After the passing of the bond referendum we are already moving forward as a district. It's looking like a design firm will hopefully be selected by winter break. If all goes as planned all the new areas will be ready for the start of the 200-21 school year.
- We had a great turnout for our veterans day lunch put on our student council today. I believe we had almost 20 Veterans show up.
- Winter Sings will occur December 13th and 14th and 17th and 18th. I'll get a schedule out in my Friday update.
- Conferences went well. We have had 5 hours scheduled each night and we are cutting that back to four hours, so we may have to look at rescheduling a few conferences for January 31st and February 7th. If you recall from last year, we chose to move the second conferences up so there wasn't such a gap between conference sessions. .

PTO and Committee Updates:

Thank you to:

- All the families who provided meals for staff during conferences, and worked at the fall book fair!
- Jane Marnholtz for coordinating the Staff Conference Meals.
- Caitlyn Hakes and Holly Schoenbauer for coordinating the Book Fair.
- Heidi Brosseau for coordinating the Fall Trash to Cash contest.
- The Facebook campaign successfully increased our Facebook followers. Laura Celander Cruz won the drawing. Her child's teacher, Laura McManus, won the \$50 for classroom supplies!

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.



- The Fall Trash to Cash Contest
 - Went well. The teachers liked the labeled, reusable bags they were given to collect their trash in this time.
 - \$1,158.10 in box tops have been sent in, and approximately \$500 in Milk Moola.
 - Heidi will try to have a total on Family Fare's Direct Your Dollars for the January meeting.
 - The Book Fair was a success. Scholastic Dollars pay for Book Flix, and support our Media Center. You can learn more about Book Flix here, <http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/bookflix/#/>
 - Sibley T-Shirt order forms were due by Friday, 11/16.
 - Read-A-Thon: 'Where the Wild Things Are'
 - Thanks to the Kindergarten teachers for the fun skit at the assembly!
 - Family fun night at the Dundas Dome had a great turnout! - Heidi will deliver thank you notes to the businesses that sponsored the Night at the Dundas Dome and include thanks to all of the sponsors and supporters in the minutes.
 - Coin Drive - Well received and helpful to the bottom line. Prizes were awarded to one class for each coin level. A wagon that stayed at the school was helpful during collection was helpful and didn't bother the teachers.
 - Feedback so far on the new fundraiser:
 - Clarify the start and end dates for tracking minutes read.
 - Resend the parent packet, receipt, and online payments info in an email from the office.
 - Teachers may be willing to incorporate an additional "thing" to do.
 - There should be an official kick off event.
- Suggestions:
- Reading in the hall.

- Teachers dress as book characters.
- Teachers would like it if there were a way to track the \$'s a bit more as they come in. So that everyone has a better idea of where we are at during the event.
- The funds will be spent on the following:
 - School-wide BrainPop subscription (\$2500) You can learn more about BrainPop here, <https://www.brainpop.com/>
 - Funding for Beyond Words and Celebrate Math Week (\$400 each)
 - New basketballs, soccer balls, etc. for Recess Carts (\$500)
 - Bringing in a Native American guest musician/teacher (\$300) - This will likely repeat every 6 years.
 - STEAM activities & materials.
- Teacher Wish List will go up the week after Thanksgiving. (By December 1st)
- The fifth grade yearbook cover contest entries were due after Thanksgiving Break.

Looking Ahead:

- January speaker ideas.
 - Raising financially fiscal kids.
 - The importance of sleep & children's development.
 - Post an inquiry on Facebook.
 - Consider a different/fun meeting location and provide childcare.

Financial Update: Brian McGonegal

Financial Snapshot	11/6/18
Current Cash Balance	\$17,939.82
Less Reserves	\$11,625.00
Proposed Available for Expenditures	\$6,314.82

READ-A-THON COIN DRIVE PRIZES & VOLUNTEERS...



Next Sibley PTO Meeting: January 8, 2019

6:30-7:30 in the Sibley Media Center
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