

Sharon Elementary School - PTO Meeting  
October. 7, 2021, 6:30 PM

The meeting was (still) via Zoom

**Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Holly Cathcart, Angie Carpenter-Henderson, Erica Aftowski, Stephanie Gergely Davis, Jessica Keep, Nicole Antal, Keenan Haley (left early), Briana Paronto.

1. Call to Order

Holly called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

2. Budget address and/or from Keenan Haley and/or Jamie Kinnarney

- Discussed the funding request from Ms. Libby to make sure there was no money in the budget before discussing. Keenan shared that specials only have \$200 and teachers \$500 for spending per school year.
- We shared our plans to have a celebration and asked permission to use the school around Halloween night. Keenan was receptive.

3. Approve Minutes of August 2021

Approve Minutes of September 2021

Tabled until next meeting

4. Old Business:

a. Fundraising options: coin drop

We will continue discussing, it seemed more complicated than anticipated because of the State roads. We ran into liability concerns. Will keep exploring in the future.

b. Apparel fundraiser

Great success. We raised \$755. Angie shared that we should discuss ordering items next year for inventory for people who forgot to order, or to have at fundraising events. Hats and bottles? We need to discuss that option before the store closes next year so she can give an answer to Grand Stand Apparel in a timely fashion. The order will be in in about 2 weeks. Angie will coordinate on her own, ask others to help if it's a lot of orders to be delivered.

5. New Business:

a. Funding request from Ms. Libby

We discussed the funding request for a drying rack for the art room. Everyone was in favor of having such an item. Nicole mentioned the possibility of a supply

list for the closed Rochester High School. Keenan was still at the meeting and he didn't remember that list. Keenan left the meeting. We continued discussing how to support teachers. Holly made a motion for approving the purchase of the drying rack chosen by Ms. Libby (around \$515 + shipping) to support all students' learning, after Nicole contacts Jamie Kinnarney. Angie seconded. Motion carried. Nicole will contact Jamie Kinnarney to get a hold of the inventory at the old Rochester High School, in hope of finding a drying rack. In a timely manner. We will move forward with buying new if it takes too long.

Nicole made the suggestion that as a PTO, we might want to go to the School Board Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 12 as a group and speak in unison. This is the start of budget season, and we might want to encourage the School Board to readjust the amount that teachers have that has been cut last year. As well as field trip money (went from \$10,000 to \$0). All in favor. Holly and Nicole will go, possibly others, Nicole will send the link.

- b. Clothes Swap  
Nicole is interested to bring the Clothes Swap in person. She wants to do it outside, she will ask Keenan if the tents will still be there in case of rain.
  - c. Halloween Preparation  
A subcommittee was formed to meet before Halloween. We brainstormed ideas. Will meet again in a week to just talk about Halloween stuff. We will approve reimbursement after, hard to tell how much we will spend as we are still in the brainstorm phase.
- 6. Funding Request from Sharon Rec  
None
  - 7. Adjourn Meeting  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.