Silver Mesa PTA Meeting Minutes

Monday February 1, 2021 12:30pm

Virtual Executive Members Present: Suzie Olson, Amy Rossmusen, Carly Maw, Ashley Backman, Alecia Falk, Kim Falkner,

Virtual PTA Members Present: Julie Fielding, Mary Ann Deem, Jennifer Stout, Elisa Apo, Jessica Walsh

Welcome: Meeting started @ 12:33pm

Pledge: opted out for virtual meeting not everyone has a flag (possibly have one to show?)

Reverence: given by Alecia Falk — Anonymous “Don’t feel bad if people remember you only when they need you. Feel privileged that you are like a candle that comes to their mind when there is darkness” This is a great reminder when we can not be gathering like were used to and can sometimes feel like we aren’t good enough.

Minutes: Suzie presented the minutes from January’s meeting, they were emailed earlier for review. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer Report: given by Debbie Norr. Bank balance as of January 31, 2021 $24,574.08 Not a lot of activity, some Masterpiece Art supplies and class reimbursements.

STEAM Night replacement options: Jill was not present but Jen told us about an idea she had if she has the budget for it, something she had in mind was an Earth week and possibly giving everyone a plant.

What will Field Day look like?: As of right now Field Day is a go. It will be held outside and will be shorter than it has in years past, rather than an all day event Jen Stout has put together a plan for after lunch until the end of the day. The kids will line up in their recess lines at Noon and Julie will gather them and lead them to where they need to be much like the opening ceremony for the Olympics. There were flags purchased for each class last year, she is going to check and see if teachers still have them most likely there will need to be a few purchased. The flags will move from station to station with their classes. Thinking the best way to keep kids hydrated without having to worry about Covid as much will be to use the large orange water jugs and small dixie cups that will need to be filled by a volunteer. Jen is going to try and get the fire truck to come and spray the kids at the beginning so that they are cooled off before they start, weather pending.

Principal Comments: Parent Teacher Conferences are at the end of the month, they will be virtual again. Teachers have been discussing the possibility of a walking field trip in may since they haven’t been able to do their regular field trips this year. They are still planning on doing a jog-a-thon this year, not sure what that will look like yet but there will not be a fundraiser associated with it this year. Still working on end of the year ideas for students.

Teacher Comments: Mrs. Deem did not have any comments. Alecia asked if she was planning on doing the virtual JA Biz Town this year and she is not because there just in not enough time with 4 day school weeks to teach the curriculum needed to be able to do it.

5th Graders What is in the works? Where can we help?: Mrs. Deem is going to meet with the rest of the 5th
Literacy Month: We will be doing a school wide 3rd-5th grade school only spelling bee, it will be the first week of March to kick off our Literacy month. The final bee has not yet been scheduled we are trying to decide what day to end for point tallying. We will be doing a March Madness them, each class will be given a college team to follow their points. Students can earn points by reading but we are adding in some lunch time activities and spelling bee winners will get points too. On the final day TBD there will be a blitz style announcement throughout the day with the Elite Eight, Final Four, and overall winners. Top classes will get and ice cream certificate or class ice cream party. Other prizes will also be awarded.

Book Fair: We will be having an in person book fair. Looking at the possibility of using the library. Students will be able to walk through and create a list for their parents as per the norm. There will be a sign up genius for parents to sign up for slots to come in and purchase books they will be requires to wear masks and gloves. Book Fair will be set up on the 12th. We will be encouraging the use of cards or the e wallet feature to help minimize risk.

Room Parents/ Valentine Parties: There will be 1 volunteer per class allowed to help the teachers with the parties. Students will not be making boxes this year the teachers want to use a bag or envelope that the students can decorate and then can be stapled shut to help avoid the students getting into it before they get it home. It will also give parents the option to quarantine said bags if they feel it necessary.

Masterpiece Art & Music. The lesson this month is music, we left off half way through lessons being taught so not everyone is on the same lesson. Going to email Chase to make sure we are all on the same lesson.

Nominating Committee: Update Kim says its going good there are only about 4 positions left to fill they have some leads that they plan on following up on.

Science Fair: Update. All five 5th graders that went to the district fair will be moving on to the regional fair.

Junior Achievement: they are not doing the in person lessons this year. We were given some options and the teachers chose to have a short 10 minutes video and an activity that will be sent to them for their class.

Calendar: PTA Day at the Capital will be virtual February 16 from 9-12, we have our Family night at Chipotle that same night from 4-8. May 5-6 is the PTA Leadership Convention which looks like it may be in person but no details yet.

Questions/Comments: Teacher Appreciation committee is working on dinners for PTC they will be ready to go by 5pm. Our kindness project coordinator is planning an outside activity for Thursdays in April. There will be a kindness station on the playground with different activities for the students. She wants to hang kindness quotes around the school, also sending home a checklist that students can complete to earn prizes. Going to reschedule the move for our fundraiser winners.

Meeting adjourned 1:25pm

Next meeting February 1, 2021 @ 12:30pm Virtual
Minutes accepted___________       Date ________________

Secretary:______________________________  ______________________________
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President:______________________________  ______________________________
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