

**Starside Elementary PTA**  
**November 1, 2022 | 6pm**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**PTA Board Members:** Kim Manson (President), Caroline Friday (VP), Chelsea Cole (Treasurer), Kelsey Zabel (Secretary)

**Starside Elementary Leadership:** Jan Hicks (Principal), McKenzie Mispagal

Kim opened the meeting and held introductions for all in attendance. Kelsey, asked for review of the September meeting minutes. There was no review or discussion and there was a motion for approval.

**Principal's Report** - Jan, reported on Halloween parties, they all seemed to go well. Parents in attendance provided feedback that there was not much party time by the time the students went first to the Admin building for their parade and were tired by the time they got back to school for the portion of the parade and classroom parties. Jan also discussed Walk a Thon and shared it was a great day!

**Treasurer Report** – Chelsea provided an updated budget including Walk a Thon numbers for what students raised as well as corporate donations. WAT had more expenses than were budgeted for this year. The prizes for WAT student fundraisers were more expensive than expected which is the main reason why the expenses are over budget. Chelsea also shared that the Starside Support budget item had some expenses since the last meeting including new playground balls, a gift card for administration and a new Step and Repeat banner for the school and PTA to share.

**Committee Reports** – Caroline Friday, shared that Spirit Wear went well and earned over \$600 in a kick back to the PTA. The Skate Party also earned over \$200.

Corporate Donations earned more than \$12,000 this year which was over the expected budget. There was discussion around companies that are small businesses that will be leaving when their Starside student moves to middle school as well as some companies that did not donate to Starside this year but have in years past. The Corporate Donation Committee Chairs (Kelly Hawkins and Courtney Lewis) were going to follow-up with the 232 Foundation specifically to better understand how they recruit for business contributions to ensure that we are not “over asking” our local businesses as well as ensure they are directly supporting Starside. This all due to one business in particular providing feedback they were donating to the Foundation instead of Starside PTA directly.

The Staff Appreciation meal held on September 28<sup>th</sup> went well and the teachers/staff loved it.

Room parent feedback and Halloween Party feedback was held during the Principal's report.

Winter Spirit Wear has moved from November 11 due date to a TBD in later winter. This is in hopes of incorporating and including some new kindergarten parents.

Restaurant Night is being held on December 6<sup>th</sup> and sponsored by Chris' Cakes. He will be serving chili and cinnamon rolls for \$6. The owner is a grandparent of a Starside Student.

The winter movie will be held on December 20. Room parents and classroom teachers coordinate each party and is handled individually.

**Other Business** – Discussion was held on feedback from the bookfair. There are just not enough \$5 books for all 450+ Starside students during bookfair. Several ideas were discussed but the one favored

the most was to create/share a “Scholastic Book Club” for the library where the PTA can either purchase 1-3 books for each grade that way and the library will earn the scholastic points similar to that of book club but will have more control over which books are available and offered with teacher input.

The Board, Jan and Michelle Brown (SIS) attended the 232 Foundation Breakfast fundraiser in October. It was a nice event where the Board was able to connect with 2 other PTA/PTO’s in the district and had the opportunity to listen to a Q&A with the Superintendent, Frank Harwood.

Kim shared due diligence she completed on PTA vs. PTO discussions. Ultimately, she recommended to change nothing as the time, effort and expense of changing to a PTO removes some of our liability protection and considering we only have around 40 members each year the expense submitted to the state and national PTA is not concerning. All are welcome at our meetings and to participate and volunteer with in the school regardless of PTA membership.

Chelsea shared her research on PayPal vs. Venmo as we have had several parents ask to Venmo recently. Venmo just recently changed their policies for 5013c’s like the Starside PTA and is actually cheaper than the fees we are paying with PayPal currently. The Board will move forward with adding a Venmo feature because the QR code provides such an easy fundraising opportunity.

The Thanksgiving Staff treat this year (November 22) will be cookies by a parent of Starside students (Kayla Greene) as well as Sonic drinks. The Board received feedback in the past year that Sonic drinks are preferred over the coffee cart used in years past.

Also, Staff Holiday Gifts are going to be \$10 Amazon gift cards instead of \$5 local business gift cards. It is simpler and easier for staff that were having trouble spending their GC’s last year due to business hours.

A social event was held at El Patron following this meeting.

Meeting minutes by Kelsey Zabel, Secretary.

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