

Silvia School PTO Meeting Minutes

October 6th, 2016

Attendees: Jean Facchiano, Kristina Delaplain, Melissa Homol, Rachel Watts-Reynolds, Shawna Lopes-Keyes, Ashlyn Patricio, Dawn Fontaine, Sonya Bullivant, Jessica Gloss, and Deanna Hayes.

Budget: Melissa helped set guidelines for the PTO budget when she came to Silvia. A printed budget will be available at our next meeting, once all the checks have cleared, so we'll know our start balance for this school year.

Halloween Party: Friday, October 21st from 6pm-8pm. We'll start the clean-up process at 7:30pm. The party will have a DJ, spooky stories, tattoos, games, and snacks. The cost is \$5 for Silvia students' immediate family. Family pictures can also be taken for \$5 each. We'll need volunteers for the snack table, tattoos station, door greeters, and for the games. It was voted by the attendees to ask parents for snack donations for this event.

Another suggestion was to have a staff Pumpkin decorating contest. Students can vote on the best pumpkin and the winning pumpkins could be handed out as prizes for the costume contest.

Book fair: Tuesday, October 11th - Friday, October 21st in the community room. Family shopping day will take place on Monday, October 17th from 2pm-4pm. A table with gently used books for .50 cents to \$1 will be available for students as well.

Yard Sale: Saturday, October 29th. Monies from items sold will go towards the updates for the student library. More details to follow.

Dinners to Donate: Our first one will be held, tentatively on Monday, October 17th, at Papa Ginos. Flyers will be distributed to students so 20% of dine in or take out orders will be donated back to our school.

Providence Bruins: Friday, November 4th, Silvia students can participate in singing the National Anthem at the game. Each student will receive a Bruins hat, popcorn, and soda. The cost is \$20 per person. Students are escorted to the locker room, brought onto the ice to sing, and escorted back to their parents. All attendees will be in the same section as to make the process run smoothly.

Holiday Children's Parade: Saturday, December 3rd at 1pm. The parade theme is "Holidays through the eyes of a child". We need to find a theme for our float this year. The PTO can suggest ideas, and then students can vote for their favorite theme. The students will help with the decorations as they're more apt to participate in the parade if they've helped out. We'll brainstorm ideas at our next meeting.

Fundraisers:

Pies are being sold now and order forms are due on Wednesday, October 12th. This is the first time in awhile we've sold pies in the fall so we're hoping for good participation from our students.

Square One: The art teacher works on a specific design for each grade. The company takes your child's artwork and the design can be placed on a variety of items to be purchased. Some items available are mugs, pillows, calendars, and aprons. They make wonderful holiday gifts for family members.

Fall River Children's Museum: We're looking to have a Silvia School night in January. Melissa will check with the museum on available dates. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

5th Grade (last year): In the past, the district paid for the buses for an educational field trip to Barney's joy. Unfortunately, buses were booked and the district no longer provided the bus fees. We have a bill for \$1,100 that needs to be paid. Melissa was able to have \$100 taken off each bus so now the bill owed is for \$700. The bill will be paid but we may look into increasing the next field trip by \$1 each student to help recoup some of the loss.

5th grade may need to look into additional fundraising ideas to help with end of the year activities and expenses.

***November PTO agenda:* Budget allotments, and holiday events: jubilee, parade, and possible parents night out.**

****OUR NEXT PTO MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER
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