

PTO Agenda

Date: October 25, 2021

Meeting number 1

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/689148539152134>: link to the SAA PTO stars

Staff- please join us! The parents who attended were FULL of energy and want more for SAA. A little effort from all can go a long way. ★

The meeting started at 5:30 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introduction to PTO

Introduction of the PTO board:

Sarah Kirk, parent chair

Elizabeth Paul, secretary

Annette Watson, Treasurer

Kristin Deree, Faculty chair

II. What is PTO and how does it work?

A. Organizing events

B. Fundraising for the school, students, or for a special purpose or expenditure

C. Rallying support for the teachers and faculty

III. Bylaws [By-laws will be made available for public viewing on the SAA site/ PTO page](#)

Bylaws are available to view and have been submitted to the SAA governing board for their approval-[Addition made to article 8: finances.](#)

[Include:"The budget will roll over from each school year. The monies are used for the organization's purpose"](#)

IV. Treasurer's report

V. Upcoming Events and ideas to support SAA and SAA staff

A. Holiday Parade

The theme of the Sarasota Christmas parade is, "Blue and silver". The parents would like to have matching shirts-designed by students via a contest. Kristin will reach out to Courtney to see if that is possible in this time frame. Parents question if we can list sponsors on the back. Parents are willing to reach out into the community and add to the school sponsors. We need to determine if there is a sponsorship letter already drafted. If not, Anabily Baretty, (Lucia's mom) will be happy to help draft a letter to find more sponsors to be approved by Dr. Kopacz. Parents would be willing to pay for adult shirts as a fundraiser students of SAA would get free shirts. Claire Mederios, who owns the Lobster Pot restaurant on Clark Road, frequently uses a t-shirt printing company. It is local. She believes she can get us a good price. Parents believe a Google doc should be sent out to families to inventory how many family members are interested in participating in the parade To get a count for the shirts as well as a head count for the parade.

Does anyone know of an SAA family that has a trailer we can use for the float? Mr. Egan reports it needs to be a minimum of 15 feet. [Kevin Mcilvaine \(Lucia's dad\) has a trailer he is willing to lend to SAA for the parade.](#)

Holiday events for the kids?

The PTO I would like to arrange a “winter wonderland breakfast with Santa. Sarah Kirk(Olivia's mom) is going to see if she can get coffee donated from Dunkin Donuts. Elizabeth (Myka Paul's mom) husband works at Publix corporate. She will inquire what the procedures are to ask for donations for cups, plates, and donuts. The PTO would like to have the breakfast on December 11th -which is a Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10:30. Parents would like to see small craft projects, a family photo booth, music, and simple games for the children to play. The parents discussed making us a fundraiser by either buying the breakfast in advance or paying for games or for family photos. If any staff would like to participate in any way- crafts, donating a santa chair, being our school Santa Claus, designing a family photo booth, etc- please contact Kristin.

Daily Movie Nights?Parents would like to do fundraising Movie Nights starting in January. They would like to have fun themes like cartoons or pajama night. There is discussion of turning the cafeteria into a concession stand as an additional fundraiser. Ideas:

*Different classrooms would show different movies like a movie theater to allow families and students to pick the movie that's best for them.

*There was also discussion on having a big inflatable screen to use either in the old Julie R. reading Garden or outside in our PE area.

These ideas will be researched on whether the school has many computers that have external drives to play DVDs or to rent or buy an inflatable screen. There's also discussion to buy a popcorn maker, as it is the general consensus the school will have many more events that will be used at.

Winter middle school dance-food/drinks/music/

The parents are very enthusiastic about hosting/ chaperoning a “holiday” middle school dance. Kim Morales (Isabella's mom) reports her son has professional DJ equipment. We advised her to talk to him about writing an estimate for his services. Kionne Thomas (Eden Brown's mom) suggested a photo booth from black and white photos. She will reach out to see if the photographer would be willing to donate her time and energy. There were several parents willing to write or talk to Chick fil A for dance donations.

Fundraising for this event was agreed upon the Middle School suggestion of a candy cart on designated Fridays. The PTO will reach out to Beta Club to see if they are willing to bag 4 pieces of candy in Ziploc bags for the sale price of \$1. Beta club will also be asked to decorate the candy cart. The PTO agrees the candy should refrain from anything with peanuts or choking hazards. The middle school students can run the candy cart fundraiser with permission from their teachers on the designated days. The PTO voted to allocate \$125 in post Halloween candy sales. The dates of the candy cart fundraiser will be determined by the Middle School staff. The fundraiser will be offered to students k through eight. Families of SAA will be notified of the fundraiser dates via email.

Any other ideas on the floor to discuss?

Parents are hoping for a Scholastic Book Fair. In years past we've had one in the spring. I made a guess that Kristie Bryan had organized that event. I will reach out to her and get more details.

VI. Closing

A. Date for the next meeting

Parents agreed to meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 in the cafeteria. If it ever comes to be we have too many parents for that room -we will meet outside.

meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.