

2017-2018 SFA PTO
Tuesday, April 17, 2018 @8:00 AM
Meeting Agenda and Minutes

- **Opening Prayer from Principal:** Mrs. Scherer
- **Welcome:** Gretchen Hollingsworth

- **Technology Presentation:** Randie Moore
 - Students from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade presented projects/slides they had created using the Apple keynote app. The process is the same for Mac and iPad users. 3rd grade did Force and Motion projects, 4th grade created their state projects using it this year, and 5th Grade did a timeline of months at school and activities for each month. The staff has met with Apple representatives for learning.

- **Best Bites:** Amy Brenner
 - There are still open positions available for Best Bites that need to be filled so that we can continue to have this fundraiser for SFA. (Or we will have to go back to selling wrapping paper!). We need to continue this fundraiser to have money for the school's Project Lead the Way.
 - If you are interested in heading an individual committee of Best Bites (i.e. Auction, Ticket sales), please contact Amy Brenner. You will be trained by Amy and she has guides to pass on and can discuss what's involved and how much time it will take.
 - We voted on whether to have a band or a DJ at the next Best Bites event. Band won – 26-23.

- **Box Tops/Room Parent Report:** Tammy Abuelouf
 - Next Contest for Box Tops is next week – April 23-27.
 - Tammy thanked all the Room parents for their time and support this year. Rebecca Bills is taking over as Room Parent Coordinator for the next school year.

- **Chris Woods Annual Scholarship:** Gretchen Hollingsworth
 - The Woods Family have read all the applications and have chosen their top favorites.
 - PTO, Faculty and the Woods Family are reading the top contenders.
 - The applications have numbers assigned to them so the student's name is unknown for the selection process. The application was available for 5th-7th grade students.
 - The winner for a full tuition scholarship will be announced at the end of year awards ceremony.

- **Teacher's Appreciation Lunch-End of Year** Angel Martin
 - It will be on May 1, 2018.
 - The theme will be the Red Carpet, with the teachers as the stars of the show. Come help us thank the best teachers who take such good care of our children!
 - A sign up genius is available on Facebook, the SFA website, and in the Monday mailer.

- **Project Lead The Way** Gretchen for Mr. John Sweeney
 - SFA has ordered a lot of equipment for PLTW. Most of what we have received is for the

lower school "Launch" program and it is being stored in an unused classroom.

- Mrs. Botto, Mrs. Lomasney and Mr. Sweeney are all enrolled in professional development courses over the summer.
- Mrs. Lomasney will be the lead teacher for all of the K-5 Launch classes and she will teach the 6th grade Design and Engineering class as well.
- Mr. Sweeney's current classroom will be converted to the Middle School STEM room.
- Mrs. Odom's room and the room next door will become one large room for 8th grade science next year.
- As soon as the 8th graders graduate, we are going to start emptying out the closets and cabinets to make room for all of the middle school materials for PLTW.
- Best Bites funds will help pay for the teacher's ongoing training to take us to the next levels. More steps/tiers can be added for PLTW as we progress. This will set SFA as a top STEM school.
- Grants have been approved and current Best Bites funds have been used for the initial start-up.

- **Principal's Report:**

Mrs. Scherer

- **Apple Distinguished School/Technology Update:**

- . She discussed the Apple demonstration by the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. We are pushing SFA to learn 21st century technology.
- . We are changing how students learn on a daily basis, using computers to be creative, collaborative and using critical thinking. We want to stress their 'working together' skills.
- . Thanks to our parents, we will be getting new iPads or laptops for all students for next school year.
- . All teachers are Apple teachers.
- . The Apple representative encouraged us to apply for the Apple Distinguished School award.
- . Ms. Chando's 8th grade class entered the Memphis in May powerpoint presentation contest. SFA won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in the contest!

- **AdvancED Certification:**

- . We are in the process of renewing our AdvancED accreditation.
- . Please complete the parent survey found in the Monday mail by April 20th.
- . We appreciate all feedback to make continuous improvement.

- **Book Fair Update:**

Amy Palacz

- This year's Book Fair was a great success. We changed the schedule to include the Friday before and Sunday and it worked well.
- The Book Fair made \$12,000 again this year and \$600 in bonus dollars.
- Our Librarian, Mrs. Lopez, decides how to receive the earnings. She is working to build up our middle school library, so she has decided to take \$6,000 in scholastic dollars, plus the \$600 bonus dollars. (versus less \$\$ if you take it in cash). She will probably spend all of it on books.
- The students also collected \$50.00 for Pet Rescue.
- The students were able to adopt an elephant named Winnie.
- Thanks to all the parents for your support.

- **Positions to be filled:** Gretchen Hollingsworth
 - A big Thank you to Grace Ann Gore for providing food for the PTO meetings this school year. This is an open position for next school year. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position.
 - The rest of the open positions for the PTO are related to the Best Bites fundraiser: Volunteer Coordinator, Sponsor Procurement, Ticket Sales, Auction Set-Up Coordinator, Auction Donation Coordinator, and Signs and Entertainment.

- **New Position Chairs for next year:** Gretchen Hollingsworth
 - Gretchen will be back as PTO President next school year.
 - She introduced Ashley Janes, the PTO's new Vice President, who will train with Gretchen next year and become PTO President the following year. She has a daughter in 4K and her 3 year old son will be in 3 yr PT next school year.

- **Recognition/Thank you:** Gretchen Hollingsworth
 - Gretchen gave SFA key fobs made by Angel Gass to volunteers and staff who have helped her 'above and beyond' throughout the school year.
 - The PTO also gave a goodbye basket of Memphis themed items to Mrs. Scherer in gratitude for her 3 years as our principal. Thanks to Ellen Saba for putting it together and to the many parents who donated items as well.

This was the Final Meeting of the school year. Hope everyone has a safe and fun summer.

2017-2018 PTO Board:

Name	Position	Information
Gretchen Hollingsworth	President	Gretch_rn@yahoo.com
Lisa Ruoff	Secretary	Lisaruoff7@yahoo.com
Karen Heath	Financial Secretary	Karen.heath@sfawolves.org

Upcoming Volunteer Events/Needs:

Date/Time	Name	Information	Contact Information
5/1/2018	Teacher Appreciation Lunch	Helpers Needed for: chairing, decorating, serving, cleanup	Angel Martin angel.martin@trumbulllabs.com