

2017-2018 SFA Home and School
Tuesday, November 28, 2017 @8:00 AM
Meeting Agenda and Minutes

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

- **Project Lead the Way:** John Sweeney
 - The money raised from the Best Bites event this year will help the school add the Project Lead the Way for our students. This project will revolutionize our school with STEM and we will be the only Catholic elementary/middle school that offers it. This project is offered in some of the public and Catholic High Schools already.
 - Mr. Sweeney showed us a video of the project. You can also go their website at pltw.org for more information. Students will learn that there is more than one way to solve problems, that it's okay to fail and keep trying. This project will be offered during their STEM specials classes.
Teachers will have 3-4 days training at UT Chattanooga.
There will be 4 modules per grade and service components too. This will help the students on ACT scores and other test scores in Math/Computer Science and Engineering.

- **Best Bites:** Amy Brenner
 - Gretchen thanked Amy for successfully leading the Best Bites Fundraiser again this year.
 - If anyone gave a donation and still needs a tax form, they are in the main office.
 - Amy thanked everyone for supporting the fundraiser. We raised \$44,477.36.
 - The majority of the money raised will go to adding Project Lead the Way to our school.
 - We need a chair for next year's event or if you want to head a portion of it, please contact Gretchen or Amy Brenner. You will be trained by Amy and she has a binder guide to pass on.
 - St. Nick Day is next Tuesday and she needs 3 more helpers to distribute treats/gifts to the students.

- **Box Tops Report:** Tammy Abuelouf
 - October collection: \$736 in box tops, \$323 in labels for education.
 - Next Contest is the 2nd week in December.
 - The contest in December is the last time we can submit labels for education.

- **Father/Daughter Dance Update:** Ellen Saba
 - Will be held on February 3, 2018.
 - Winter Wonderland Theme
 - They are working on invitations.

- **Chris Woods Annual Scholarship:** Gretchen Hollingsworth
 - PTO, Faculty and Woods Family are working on this scholarship application.
 - It will be awarded to a 5th, 6th or 7th grader who embodies the spirit and love for living

life to the fullest as Chris Woods did.

- Requirements and specifics will be given to eligible students during second semester.
- The full tuition scholarship will be awarded in May 2018 to the winning student for the following school year.
- There will be a plaque in the front office with the winner's name on it each year.
- Please contact Gretchen if you need more information about it.

- **Principal's Report:**

Mrs. Scherer

- Mrs. Scherer said she was so thankful for the PTO and what we do for the school and how much we contribute to it.

- **Marketing Update:**

Tonya Stark

- . Today is the #IGiveCatholic National campaign day until midnight.
- . You can donate at www.IGiveCatholic.org ; choose Diocese of Memphis, then Click on St Francis of Assisi Church.
- . Proceeds will help more kids get a Catholic Education.
- . Updates will be on Facebook throughout the day.
- . Donations are tax-deductable.

- **Technology Corner:**

- . The secure parent portal is available now for \$50 per family. Parents will be able to set controls, see history, create reports and receive alerts on bullying, etc...
- . Mrs. Farlar will send out forms about the portal if you are interested.
- . Jarrad Weirich and Ms Kiernan gave us a demonstration of the interactive pads/ smartboards that they are using in Ms. Kiernan's 5th grade PLUS class. They want to give the students more interactive lessons and get feedback from students on the information learned – if they have understood it and want to move on to the next lesson.
- . These lessons can also be put on schoology for students who have been out sick or if a student needs to review the material again.

- **SFA Uniform Update:**

- . 200 parents responded to the uniform survey.
- . 2/3's of the responders wanted to change uniform vendors.
- . SFA still has a contract with Parkers for another year, but we will probably get a new Vendor in the next year.
- . There will be small changes to the uniform, but old ones will be given a 2 yr grandfather window to still be worn to school.

- **Book Fair:**

Amy Palacz

- Will be held January 26-February 2, 2018.
- The Book Fair will be open on Sunday, January 28th for PRE students.
- Volunteers can earn house points for their middle school students.
- This is a great opportunity for service hours for SBA students during the open house.
- A sign up genius will be sent out before the event or contact Amy if you can help.

- **Used Uniform Sale Report:**

Kristina Laiche

- They now have a Used Uniform shop in one of the portables by the baseball fields.
- It will be open one day a month, the first Monday of the month from 3-5pm.

- December 4th will be the first opening. You can purchase or drop off donations at this time.

- **Mother/Son event:** Gretchen Hollingsworth

 - See Gretchen for ideas for event.
 - Scott Beatty will chair the event.

- **Teacher's Appreciation Lunch** Gretchen Hollingsworth

 - Angel Martin is going to co-chair the luncheon and be in charge of decorating for the event.
 - Jennifer Bougeois will be cooking for the event again.

- **Positions to be filled:** Gretchen Hollingsworth

 - The PTO needs a new PTO President for next school year – Gretchen will train you thoroughly!
 - Also, PTO needs a new Best Bites Chair for next year – Amy Brenner will train you!

- **Recognition/Thank you:** Gretchen Hollingsworth

 - A big Thank you to Grace Ann Gore for taking over the refreshments at the PTO meetings this year. The food and mimosas were all wonderful today.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, January 23, 2017.

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
1/23/2018	PTO Meeting		Gretchen Hollingsworth Gretch_rn@yahoo.com
1/26/2018 – 2/2/2018	Book Fair	Helpers Needed for: setup, cleanup, cashiers, etc.	Amy Palasz amoohead@earthlink.net
1/28/2018	Mother/Son Event	TBD	Scott Beatty
2/3/2018	Father/Daughter Dance	Need help for setup & cleanup Students can use this for service hours	Ellen Saba maebizzle@bellsouth.net
4/17/2018	Last PTO Meeting		Gretchen Hollingsworth Gretch_rn@yahoo.com
2017-2018	Quarterly	TBD	Kathleen Muck

	Luncheons		Kathleen.muck@yahoo.com or muckk@sbaeagles.org
5/1/2018	Teacher Appreciation Lunch	Helpers Needed for: chairing, decorating, serving, cleanup	Gretchen Hollingsworth Gretch_rn@yahoo.com