

2017-2018 SFA Home and School
Tuesday, September 19, 2017 @8:00 AM
Meeting Agenda and Minutes

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

- **Field Day Update:** Andrew Weiss
 - Field day will be on Wednesday, October 4th
 - The day will start with a school mass.
 - Coach D is handling the school activities which will be around 10am-1pm.
 - Signup genius for volunteering will go out this week.
 - Dominos pizza will be served, gluten free crust will be available.
 - Please send sack lunch in for your child if they do not eat pizza.
 - Cookies, drinks and a treat on the field will also be provided.

- **Best Bites:** Amy Brenner
 - Please read the entire Monday mails for information on the event.
 - Will be on Saturday, October 14th from 7-10pm.
 - Event t-shirt is available for purchase for \$10 from Karen Heath.
 - Next year's t-shirt will feature chosen student's artwork.
 - The raffle drawing will be at 9:30pm on October 14th. You do not have to be present to win.
 - Raffle tickets will be sold until 9:00pm on October 14th. Please sell as many raffle tickets as possible.
 - There will be a table at Oktoberfest selling tickets. Please let Amy Brenner know if you can volunteer to help over the Oktoberfest weekend.
 - Please consider sending in donated items to help us with the Silent Auction during the event. (i.e. gift cards, new gift items) Make sure your child's name is on it for points for house/homeroom.
 - Please ask Businesses and talent if they can help support our school with donations also.

- **Marketing Update:** Lisa Jones and Tonya Stark
 - We are getting the word out in our area that SFA is a great school.
 - Please vote for SFA for Best Private Elementary and Middle School, Best Preschool and Best Parent's Day Out Program for Memphis Parent Family Choice Award 2017. Go to: memphisparent.com/awards, Sept 1-30, 2017.
 - SFA has Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. Postings are put on all sites.

- **Financial Report:** Karen Heath
 - We had enough money from last year's Best Bites fundraiser to pay for new lockers in the Middle School.

- **Box Tops Report:** Tammy Abuelouf

 - Collected \$1800 last year
 - Next Contest is Oct 23-27.
 - Winners will get Malco movie tickets.

- **Father/Daughter Dance Update:** Gretchen for Ellen Saba

 - Will be held on February 3, 2018.
 - Winter Wonderland Theme
 - If interested in helping during the event, please contact Gretchen Hollingsworth or Ellen Saba

- **Chris Woods Annual Scholarship:** Gretchen Hollingsworth

 - PTO, Faculty and Woods Family starting this in May 2018.
 - 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 scholarship of \$2000 will be awarded in May 2018 to the winning student to go towards the following school year's tuition.
 - There will be a plaque in the front office with the winner's name on it each year.
 - Please talk to Gretchen if you can help with this scholarship also.

- **Principal's Report:** Mrs. Scherer

 - **Technology Corner:**
 - . SFA's new IT Director, Jarrad Weirich, discussed the new program for web filtering, securly, that protects school laptops used at school and home.
 - . This program controls access, captures search history, creates reports, audits emails/chats for bullying, profanity and self harm.
 - . A parent portal will be available in the future for \$50 per family. Parents will be able to create reports and receive alerts on bullying, etc...
 - **ITBS Update:**
 - . Mrs. Scherer said that we are still considered a blue ribbon school. Schools that have won in recent years are not given priority when re-applying again for this award.
 - . She has compared our latest ITBS scores against the blue-ribbon standards and we are still well above those scores on almost all grades/categories.
 - **Middle School Renovations Update:**
 - . Parents can take a tour of the Middle School after the meeting.
 - . The school has new lockers and new murals on the stairwells.
 - . Improvements will continue to be made as funding allows.

- **Oktoberfest:** Gretchen Hollingsworth

 - Will be held on Sept 29th and Sept 30th.
 - This is a great opportunity for service hours for students.
 - See website: sfaoktoberfest.org for more information.

- **Quarterly Teacher Luncheon:** Gretchen for Kathleen Muck

 - Today is the first teacher's luncheon for the school year.
 - Contact Gretchen Hollingsworth to be added to the list for signing up to bring

food for future luncheons.

- Thank you to Kathleen Muck for heading up the teacher luncheons this year.

- **Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Lunch Duty Openings:** Holly Dunehew for Molly Opferman
 - Need helper/volunteers for these grades for lunch duty. Please contact Molly or Holly.
- **Used Uniform Sale Report:** Kristina Laiche
 - A big Thank you to Kristina Laiche and Erica Dugger for heading up the sale this year.
 - Thanks for all who helped this past summer to make the sale successful.
 - There will probably be a small sale soon before the uniform changes for fall/winter.
 - They are considering moving the summer sale to June since there were so many problems with Parkers this year.
- **Positions to be filled:** Gretchen Hollingsworth
 - The PTO needs 2 people to chair the end of year teacher luncheon.
 - Event will be held on May 1, 2018.
- **Recognition/Thank you:** Gretchen Hollingsworth
 - A big Thank you to Grace Ann Gore for taking over the refreshments at the PTO meetings this year. It was all wonderful.
 - And a big Thank you to Angel Gass of Sprinkled Sweet Boutique for providing many of the fun shirts for the raffle giveaways at the meetings and for the new SFA PTO shirts she created this year.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 28, 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
10/4/2017	Field Day	Sign up genius out this week	Andrew Weiss Jamal4xu@gmail.com
10/2017	Box Tops	Winners will get Malco Movie tickets	Tammy Abuelouf Tammyjo519@bellsouth.net
10/14/2017	Best Bites	Helpers Needed for: coordinator, donation, decorations, setup & cleanup,	Amy Brenner Abrenner914@gmail.com

		auction baskets, display and signup tables Raffle event logger needed a couple of hours 2 weeks before function	
11/28/2017	Next PTO Meeting		Gretchen Hollingsworth Gretch_rn@yahoo.com
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 amohead@earthlink.net
1/28/2018	Mother/Son Event	TBD	
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 Luncheons	TBD	Kathleen Muck 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