

Called to Order: 6:31 PM

Attendees: 17

Board Members in Attendance: Megan Pugh, Jamie Church, Ashley Jester, Renee West, Angelica Kennedy, Jassi Jansen, and Janie McKelvey

Member Attendance: Greg and Janet Bentham, Adiam Hagos, Kristin Howard, Stasia, Sarah Love, Kisha Mastin, Nkiru Okammor, Judah Greunke, Kim Bondy

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: Approved by Megan Pughapproved; Seconded by Cecile Rock

- I. **Welcome:** Introductions of all in attendance
- II. **Fun Run Update:** About half of the \$10,000 raised from this event went directly back to the teachers. Funds earned per grade level were divided between teachers within that grade level. These funds are in addition to the \$200 yearly funds educators receive from the PTO.
- III. **Dine to Donate:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021. Aubree's Pizzeria in Ypsilanti off Whittaker Rd. will be giving 20% of bill back to South Arbor PTO. They will honor this for dine-in, take-out, or delivery all day long.
- IV. **Conference Dinners:** PTO providing boxed lunches for all teachers. Jimmy Johns will be delivered on Wednesday and Life is Sweet on Thursday. Donations still accepted.
- V. **2021-2022 PTO Board Elections:** Elections will be held virtually this year. With all Board members staying on through COVID year, all positions are up for election. Not being in-person has posed a challenge to recruit any potential interest in serving. Looking to PTO members to consider their interest or potential recommendations for this service.
- VI. **Open Floor:**
 - 2022 Auction: PTO is planning on continuing the annual spring auction next year. Depending on what the school year looks like, the plan is to still auction off school discounts/events and parking passes.
 - Bottle Fillers: Each hallway (and gym) now have a bottle filler on the drinking fountains. Students may refill their water bottles throughout the day. Drinking fountain water is not filtered water, but the water is tested frequently.
 - Bleacher Update: Bleachers are in! These new stands add more rows, railing, and handicap accessibility. New bleachers more than double the seating occupancy in the gym. With the added capacity, new electrical, door, and fire extinguisher were needed to comply with regulations.
 - Schooling Update: Bondy provided more information surrounding this year's school year. Virtual classes and hybrid classes were evenly split, about 400 in each learning model. With the return to in-person 5 days a week, 470 students will be returning to full capacity. Hybrid and virtual teachers will be shifting students in current classes to make class size more manageable and smaller. Class size varies by grade level depending on how many students per grade level will be returning to in-person.
 - Vaccine Update: South Arbor staggered teacher vaccinations for a variety of reasons. This was in large part to keep a decent number of staff available during the more difficult second round

of the vaccine. Most teachers have received their first vaccination, and some are now beginning to receive the second.

- PTO Presence: It has been brought to attention that many South Arbor families are not aware of what the PTO does for the school and students. This year has been exceptionally hard without the face-to-face interaction. It was recommended to include a PTO flyer in the new student packet families receive. Messages coming from teachers or given directly to students seem to work best. Facebook is a great option to post videos and photos to gain traction and awareness instantly.

Adjourned: 7:52 PM