

Minutes of the Meeting

Type of Meeting: SALT BROOK PTA Meeting
Date: October 20, 2021 (In person and Zoom)
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
In Attendance: Mrs. Drexinger, PTA board members and parents of Salt Brook School.

1. **Call to order and flag salute**
2. **Approval of Minutes- September 2021 Meeting:** Approved without any objections or corrections.
3. **Principals Report:** Principal report is attached below.
4. **Teachers Representative:** No teachers representative
5. **Presidents message / Announcements**
 - a) **Presidents Message:** *(Diana Ettinger) – Nothing to report*
 - b) **Treasurer Report:** *(Ana Roth) Report for September 2021.*
 - (i) *Main account - \$15,500*
 - (ii) *Chess club- \$500*
 - (iii) *Concessions sales - \$373*
 - (iv) *Back to school night sales - \$256*
 - (v) *Family donation- \$100*
 - (vi) *Family fun night (Spent)-2800 it will go upto \$3000*
 - (vii) *\$285 car magnets*
 - (viii) *Open house - \$156*
 - (ix) *Back to school breakfast - \$66, Annual fee - \$55*
 - (x) *6th grade account - \$1865 for pasta feast, making \$2200, additional class dues*
 - c) **Correspondence Report:** *(Urmi Mukerjee) No communications*
 - d) **Committee Reports:**
 - i) **6th Grade events:** *(Kathy Walsh)*
 - (1) *We had to cancel the pins event because of the weather*
 - (2) *Pasta feast was a great event.*
 - (3) *Halloween Haunt is Friday 29th. We need volunteers for the events.*
 - ii) **Book Fair:** *(Kathy Walsh)*
 - (1) *Book fair will be open on 9th, 10th and 11th*
 - (2) *Parents can come in to the school and shop, Wednesday 10th between 6-8*
 - (3) *We need volunteers to lay the books.*
 - (4) *A portion of the money raised comes back to the PTA and also scholastic dollars. We provide a lot of books to the school through this.*
 - iii) **Movie Night:** *(Kori Markel)*
 - (1) *Movie night is Friday October 29th*
 - (2) *Bring chairs and blankets and watch the movie "Adams Family"*

- (3) Tickets are \$10 for the whole family with free pop corns*
- (4) We need volunteers for the event and also take over the event.*
- iv) Spring Fundraiser:*
 - (1) Biggest PTA fundraiser for the year*
 - (2) Event is scheduled for late March, might consider moving it to late April or early May to accommodate us outside*
- v) Spirit Wear:*
 - (1) Sale will be in November leading up to the holidays.*

PTA MEETING
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CHARACTER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- New Theme Announced - Rise Up!
- Hot Air Balloon Assembly
- Beginning to incorporate this overarching theme into our daily activities. We will have new monthly themes that correspond and support the overarching theme.
- As parents, you can assist us by reinforcing this message at home.
 - Reinforce the terms of **perseverance, courage, and confidence**.
 - Work with your family to look for the “Good News” rather than negativity
 - Submit your families “Good News” on this [Family/Student RISE UP submission form](#). Forms on the SB website - sidebar. All “Good News” submitted will be either announced in the morning announcements or posted on our “RISE UP” hallway display.

ASSESSMENTS -

- Start Strong Assessment - Grades 4 - 6
 - Went Well!
 - Waiting for data from the State.
 - Parent reports will be received. Our Director of Curriculum, Richter will inform parents when those reports are available and will explain how to interpret the results.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS –

- Sign-ups were sent home on Tuesday
- All clubs will be in-person this year
- Club Offerings
 - Art Club - Grs. 3 - 4
 - STEM Clubs- Grades 1 - 6
 - Multicultural Club Grs 1 - 4
 - SWAG - Students with Attitudes of Greatness - Gr. 6
 - Broadcasters - Grade 6
 - SWAT (Students Willing to Assist with Technology) - Grs. 5 and 6
- We will try our best to ensure that all who wish to participate can. However, in order to keep the club participant size conducive to learning we may not be able to accommodate all. A “wait list” will be made for all students who were not able to participate

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER EVENTS –

- Thank you to all who were able to contribute to our Halloween Costume Drive

- RED RIBBON WEEK, October 25 - 29 - The theme is "Whole Body Wellness" and will include daily wellness related activities. Food Drive all week long!
 - Mindful Monday - Focused on Social & Emotional Health
 - Tasty Tuesday - Focused on Healthy Nutrition
 - Wellness Wednesday Focused on Healthy Choices
 - Thoughtful Thursday Focused on Social Health & Positive Relationships
 - Fitness Friday Focused on Physical Health
- Halloween Dress-up Day and Parade, October 29th
- Family Movie Night, October 29th
- Parent- Teacher Conferences: Grades 1 - 6 (Kdg. in December)
- American Education Week - No visitations permitted this year
 - Beginner Band Night, November 9th
 - Book Fair
 - PTA Meeting, November 10th
- School Picture Retakes, November 10th
- Thanksgiving Recess, November 24th 12:30 p.m. - November 26th

HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION -

- **When do I keep my child home from school? A child should be kept at home for the following:**
 - A fever in the past 24 hours.
 - Vomiting, especially when accompanied by other flu-like symptoms, in the past 24 hours.
 - “Colds” with nasal drainage that is yellow, green, or copious in amount.
 - Frequent to seemingly continuous coughing.
 - Sore throats that persist for more than 2 days or accompanied by a headache or stomach ache, especially if the child has had strep throat in the past. Please contact your doctor to see if a "strep test" is advised.
 - Conjunctivitis (“pink eye”) until prescribed medication has been administered.
 - Pediculosis (head lice) until treatment is given and all nits have been removed.

SUBS NEEDED –

- Please consider!
- If you are unsure if this is for you, observation time can be scheduled!

Open Forum

Question: Do the subs have to be available for the full day or can they do a half-day?

Answer by Mrs. Drexinger: Subs can do half day. The schedule is very flexible.

Question: For the clubs this year, in the past you had to rank preference of the clubs and as and everyone was guaranteed to get one. How does it work this year?

Answer by Mrs. Drexinger: This year we are trying to accommodate everybody.

Question: Do you get an email when you register for the STEM club?

Answer by Mrs. Drexinger: You will get an email from the advisors with the dates. Some of the clubs are year-long clubs – SWAT/ SWAG but the students in lower grades lose interest and so the clubs have been shortened to keep the interest levels up.