

Sauk Trail PTO Agenda

Date	02/09/2021
Time Keeper	Allison LaTarte
Members Present	
Start and End Time	6:30-7:45
Location	zoom

Working Agreements

- Stay School Focused—Always working toward the best interest of the school
- Share the Workload
- Be Open-Minded to Other Ideas
- Start and End on Time
- Have an Agenda
- Be a Positive Member—Balanced listening and sharing
- Maintain an Inclusive Environment

Agenda Item	Time	Background Notes/Information	Discussions/Decisions
Introductions	5 min		
Hybrid Schooling update	30 min	Chris Dahlk	<p>Thank you to the PTO for the waterbottles, gifts & emojis. Really added to the excitement. Also, thank you parents for your patience. There has been information overload but all worth it to see the kids back in the building.</p> <p>Drop off & pick up are running smoother already this week</p> <p>FAQ slide</p> <p>How do encores work? Only travel to gym, other encores come to the classroom. Encore teachers have a cart & laptop so they can connect to smartboards in each class.</p> <p>How do recess rotations work? There are 4 zones for each playground. Students stay in that zone all week. Each class has its own supply bag.</p> <p>Group or partner work? Most is independent but they can converse with classmates nearby. Some upper grades do some more partner work with those in class or home.</p> <p>How can we support teachers? Remain patient as we learn how to make this process</p>

			<p>work best.</p> <p>How are ipads & chromebooks used? Used for tech. Also, upper grades tend to use more for their work.</p> <p>Are there paras in the classroom? They assist in kindergarten & with special needs. They work with 6 foot distancing when possible. Limit how many are in a class at one time.</p> <p>What is known about live hybrid instruction? Teachers are experimenting with the technology and learning. Next week, they will begin to add more live meetings.</p> <p>Day in the life questions: How do you start the day? We have a soft start, giving students a chance to eat, play at discovery centers, journal or read. Works pretty well but its slow. How do you call the students to order? Watched the video instructions again with the children</p> <p>Picture of 2 classrooms: Big thank you to Mr. Ian for setting up the rooms & resetting up the rooms multiple times as plans & restrictions changed. He did a great job! Gym now has big taped squares 6 ft apart so they are distanced correctly.</p>
Treasurer's Report	5 min	Allison LaTarte	<p>Balances as of January 31, 2021</p> <p>Checking \$2,730.10</p> <p>Money Market \$14,146.41</p> <p>Expenses since November 30</p> <p>Return to School \$1,569.60</p> <p>Insurance \$255</p> <p>Total \$1,824.60</p> <p>Deposits since November 30</p> <p>Return to School \$566.80</p> <p>Misc \$64.75</p> <p>Upcoming Expenses ????????</p>
Farm to Table Update		Molly Schwebach	<p>Some of her UW students have offered to help put together some videos with various topics on health and nutrition. Wondered how they can interact with the community without interacting? Videos! Example: One about dairy, one about drinking clean water.</p>

			<p>Goal is to do 4 videos. These can be shown sometime over zoom during the day or at lunch. Maybe a Mystery Doug style. Looking for kid volunteers to</p>
Welcome Back Update	10 min	Cecilie Ballard and Tami Shaw Water Bottles, Donations, and more	<p>Tami showed pictures of the decorated doors, water bottles for teachers & students. Explained self care bingo and the prizes. Signs were put All prizes for bingo were donated. \$566 in cash was also donated by parents to cover costs and use for anything needed for the rest of the year.</p>
Spring Planning	10 min	Spring Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation, School Supplies, Exec Board Positions, Website	<p>Our PTO meets every other month, so there is only one more meeting for the year (in April). Book Fair, Tami & Chris think it will be another virtual book fair. Stay tuned for links and information. Will move it to mid May (instead of last week of school) since it is online & end of the year is weird this year. Teacher appreciation week (1st week in May): last meeting recipe book idea was brought up. Food has been a staple in the past and we can't do that this year. We could bring in food if its individually wrapped. Amy: Maybe we tap the community for crafters & see if they could make gifts for teachers. Karen (the interpreter) Movie theme, goody basket, popcorn, a movie credit for Netflix or a streaming service. Could we rent a theatre? Ben: ask teachers what cause is meaningful to them & do some sort of fundraiser or donation for them. Maybe organize the gifts by grade level or something to streamline the number of charities we are giving to. Maybe an ice cream day, chocolate shop has a mobile ice cream cart, Kona Ice? Maybe a painting party, if Wed are still planning days, maybe we could even do it during the day. Executive Board Positions for next year: will need a secretary & either a treasurer or VP. Tami & Cecilie will stand as co-presidents one more year since it's a crazy time to try to bring in someone new. Ben is also leaving and takes care of our</p>

			<p>website. It's a pretty easy job (the program is simple) but he will happily train a new person.</p> <p>Some talk has begun about what to do for the 4th graders. 4th grade party is not a PTO sponsored event but PTO does pay for t-shirts & a dj. 4th grade parents pay for the rest.</p>
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Parking Lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ben brought up Girls on the Run. It is going to happen this spring. He will get the information out. It will probably fill up fast because there are only 12 spots this year.●
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