

**2018-2019 SFA Home and School**  
**Tuesday, September 11, 2017 @8:00 AM**  
**Meeting Agenda and Minutes**

- **Opening Prayer from Principal:** Mrs. Alicia Brown
- **Welcome:** Gretchen Hollingsworth
- **Field Day Update:** Andrew Weiss
  - Field day will be on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Andrew is in charge of the lunch/snack coordination for the day.
  - Pizza will be served, gluten free crust will be available.
  - Please send sack lunch in for your child if they do not eat pizza.
  - If you can volunteer, please sign up for one or more of the lunch shifts on Field Day. – 10:30-11:30am, 11:30-12:30pm or 12:30-1:30pm.
  - Snacks and a treat on the field will also be provided.
  - Andrew and his family will be moving, so we need a replacement for this event next year. He can train you during this year's event. Time commitment is about 10 hours before the event and the day of the event.
  
- **Best Bites:** Amy Brenner
  - Please read the Wolfpack Weekly e-mails for information on the event.
  - Will be on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm in the SBA Dining Hall.
  - Raffle tickets to sell or purchase went home to each family. Check book bags or ask your child about them if you haven't seen them yet! You can get more if they are lost or you need additional ones.  
There will be a contest for sales for the lower and middle schools.
  - The raffle drawing will be at 9:30pm on October 20<sup>th</sup>. You do not have to be present to win.
  - There will be a table at Oktoberfest/School Picnic selling tickets. Please let Amy Brenner know if you can volunteer to help on the Oktoberfest/School Picnic day. She will be selling tickets after masses in October as well.  
If you can help for 1 hour or more, please sign up or let her know.
  - Please consider sending in donated items to help us with the Silent Auction during the event. (i.e. gift cards, new gift items, unused re-gifted items)  
Make sure your child's name is on it for points for homeroom.
  - Please ask Businesses and talent if they can help support our school with donations also.  
Donation forms will be available online or in the front office.
  
- **Box Tops Report/Coca Cola Tops:** Tammy Abuelouf
  - We can earn 10 cents per Coke or Coke product plastic caps. Go online and enter the code in the plastic cap for our school, then you can recycle or throw away the top. (us.coca.colacom, create an account and look for our school in the 38106 zip code)
  - Please remember to label your box tops (50 to a snack bag) with your child's name and homeroom.

- **Principal's Report:**

Mrs. Alicia Brown

- **Cafeteria Change:**

- . The school replaced MMI, who was costing \$30,000 a year to manage our Cafeteria, with our own in house SFA Café.
- . Ms. Sandra, who has been at the school 18+ years, is in charge of ordering, billing and management of the Café.
- . The Café is off to a great start and serves good affordable food.

- **The Christopher Woods Learning Center:**

- . This past year the students, school and Chris Woods Construction Co designed and built an outdoor learning space/garden area/meditation area in memory of Christopher Woods.
- . Yesterday, we had our first harvest of kale and arugula greens that will be offered on the Café salad bar.
- . Parents can take a tour of the Learning Center after the PTO meeting.

- **5 Year Accreditation Process:**

- . In the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of October, parents will receive an email link to a parent school climate survey.
- . The school would like a good response to the survey. Please tell them about the things you love at our school and the things that need to be improved.

**Technology Update:**

Antonia Corzine

- . All students received new laptops or iPads this year.
- . 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are assigned their own laptops that can go home with them. 5<sup>th</sup> grade and below use iPads that remain at the school.
- . Some of the classrooms have smartboards to teach math and some of them have 65" or 55" inch TVs with iPads. This technology has made the classroom more interactive and allows the teacher to force the kids to work on specific assignments (i.e. ALEKS)

**Securly Update:**

Vicki Torres

- . Securly allows teachers to see what is happening on the students rented laptops and helps them make smart choices.
- . Parents can sign up to get a report every week and be able to turn options off on their child's laptop ( i.e. Facebook access). There is also a Securly router you can rent for your own devices at home to control access.
- . Securly has a known issue that they are working on – parents are getting notices that their child is on Facebook or Linkin, but the students can't access it.
- . If a student's laptop is dropped or has a problem, be sure and bring it to school to resolve the problem because of the warranty. You will be assigned a loaner laptop.

**Counselor Corner:**

Brittany Foster

- . A Speaker, Leonard Sax, is coming to St. Agnes on Thursday, Oct 4 at 7:00pm to speak about Fortnite Detox for parents of 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades – boys.
- . On September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:15pm, 2-3 Counselors will be presenting a talk on Adolescents and Anxiety in Middle School in the SFA Activity Room.

**• Project Lead the Way Update:**

Elizabeth Lomasney

- Brought to the school this year for grades K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Hoping to add 4K next year to the program.
- Two 4<sup>th</sup> grade students presented their angry birds presentations that described different energies.
- She teaches K-5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes.
- This program teaches biomedical, engineering and computer science to students. It teaches them problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, communication, collaboration and perseverance.
- It teaches Real World Challenges, Hands on and Community Engagement.
- In some of the classes, they are using Sketch Up – the same software used on Fixer Upper.
- She presented some of the projects they are doing in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Thanks again for the PTO support for this project. Kids using it are becoming stronger at it.

**• Spirit Shop:**

Kristina Laiche

- Will be open this week on Thursday (before and after school) before the Jeans Day.
- The Spirit Shop link/site is updated under the Parents Tab on the SFA Website.
- After this week, they will be open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 3-4pm.
- Contact them if you'd like to make an appt to shop if you need different hours (i.e. lunch time) at [SFASpirit.shop@sfawolves.org](mailto:SFASpirit.shop@sfawolves.org)
- There are new shirts for Oktoberfest.
- The shop has moved to the portable where the used uniforms store used to be located.

**• Christopher Woods Scholarship Chairman Update:**

Gretchen Hollingsworth

- Sherri Campbell will be training with Gretchen this year to take over being the Chairperson of this scholarship.
- A big thank you to Sherri for taking over this special scholarship chairperson position.

**• Book Fair:**

Amy Palasz

- Sign ups this year can be for shorter periods of time – 30 minutes if needed.
- The fair will begin January 27, 2019 and end February 1, 2019 – before and during Catholic School's week.
- The theme for the Book Fair will be Dinosaurs.

**• Halloween Bash Update:**

Ellen Saba

- Will be held on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm in the SFA Cafe.
- Open to 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- This is a new event sponsored by the PTO. Pizza and drinks will be paid for by the PTO.
- Please sign up to help with the event or send in donations (i.e. food items, desserts).
- We're planning to charge \$10 to get in – this includes 3 items (i.e. pizza, drink, dessert)

**• Pyros Fundraiser:**

Kathleen Muck

- Will be held this Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm.

- Eat there or pick up - mention SFA at checkout.
- We get 20% of the SFA sales.
- We will be selling Best Bites raffle tickets there also.

• **Positions to be filled:**

Gretchen Hollingsworth

- The PTO needs 1-2 people to chair the end of year teacher luncheon.
- Event will be held on May 1, 2019. Gretchen will train you!
- The PTO needs a new 2019 Field Day Chairperson also. Andrew Weiss will train you!

• **Recognition/Thank you:**

Gretchen Hollingsworth

- A big shout out to Mr. Marcus Martin for taking over the refreshments at the PTO meetings this year. It was all wonderful and we appreciate it so much.

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 27, 2018.**

**2018-2019 PTO Board:**

Name	Position	Information
Gretchen Hollingsworth	President	<a href="mailto:Gretch_rn@yahoo.com">Gretch_rn@yahoo.com</a>
Ashley Janes	Vice President	<a href="mailto:ahjanes@gmail.com">ahjanes@gmail.com</a>
Lisa Ruoff	Secretary	<a href="mailto:lisaruooff7@yahoo.com">lisaruooff7@yahoo.com</a>
Tina Sosnowski	Financial Secretary	<a href="mailto:tina.sosnowski@sfawolves.org">tina.sosnowski@sfawolves.org</a>

**Upcoming Volunteer Events/Needs:**

Date/Time	Name	Information	Contact Information
10/4/2018	Field Day	Lunch helpers needed on day of the event .	Andrew Weiss <a href="mailto:Jamal4xu@gmail.com">Jamal4xu@gmail.com</a>
10/20/2018	Best Bites	Helpers Needed for: coordinator, donation, decorations, setup & cleanup, auction baskets, display and signup tables Raffle event logger needed a couple of hours 2 weeks before function	Amy Brenner <a href="mailto:Abrenner914@gmail.com">Abrenner914@gmail.com</a>
10/26/2018	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Halloween Dance	Need volunteers on day of event and supplies sent in.	Ellen Saba <a href="mailto:maebizzle@bellsouth.net">maebizzle@bellsouth.net</a>
11/27/2018	Next PTO Meeting		Gretchen Hollingsworth <a href="mailto:Gretch_rn@yahoo.com">Gretch_rn@yahoo.com</a>
1/22/2019	PTO Meeting		Gretchen Hollingsworth <a href="mailto:Gretch_rn@yahoo.com">Gretch_rn@yahoo.com</a>

1/27/2019 – 2/1/2019	Book Fair	Helpers Needed for: setup, cleanup, cashiers, etc.	Amy Palasz <a href="mailto:amoohead@earthlink.net">amoohead@earthlink.net</a>
1/27/2019	Mother/Son Event	TBD	Ellen Saba <a href="mailto:maebizzle@bellsouth.net">maebizzle@bellsouth.net</a>
2/2/2019	Father/Daughter Dance	Need help for setup & cleanup Students can use this for service hours	Ellen Saba <a href="mailto:maebizzle@bellsouth.net">maebizzle@bellsouth.net</a>
4/30/2019	Last PTO Meeting		Gretchen Hollingsworth <a href="mailto:Gretch_rn@yahoo.com">Gretch_rn@yahoo.com</a>
2018-2019	Quarterly Luncheons	TBD	Kathleen Muck <a href="mailto:Kathleen.muck@yahoo.com">Kathleen.muck@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="mailto:muckk@sbaeagles.org">muckk@sbaeagles.org</a>
5/1/2019	Teacher Appreciation Lunch	Helpers Needed for: chairing, decorating, serving, cleanup	Gretchen Hollingsworth <a href="mailto:Gretch_rn@yahoo.com">Gretch_rn@yahoo.com</a>