

2018-2019 SFA Home and School
Tuesday, November 27, 2018 @8:00 AM
Meeting Agenda and Minutes

- **Opening Prayer from Principal:** Mrs. Alicia Brown
- **Welcome:** Gretchen Hollingsworth
- **The David Cervetti Animal Rescue Club:** Animal Rescue Club
 - The Club was created in 2016 to honor David Cervetti who died in a car accident.
 - David attended SFA and SBA and wanted to become a Veterinarian.
 - He was the son of Diane Robertson.
 - The Club is selling Holiday Houndbags for Christmas for \$10 each.
 - The Houndbags are for female or male dogs and for small, medium and large dogs.
 - Information on purchasing Houndbags was sent home with the students.
 - With the funds from the club, they have adopted a Buffalo in Shelby Farms and Turtles at the Turtle Hospital in Florida and helped many other animals.

- **Best Bites:** Amy Brenner
 - Amy thanked everyone for their time, money, attendance and donations to make this year's Best Bites the best one yet.
 - The event raised \$50,000.
 - The money raised will be used to provide safe play structures for the ECC and younger students at the school and to continue Project Lead the Way for all grades and enhance it to include the 4K students.
 - Next year's event will be co-chaired by Kathleen Muck and Sara Covey.
 - A Big Thank you to Amy Brenner for leading this event for the last 3 years!

- **Box Tops Report/Coca Cola Tops:** Gretchen Hollingsworth for Tammy A.
 - We've earned \$267 so far with Box Tops this year.
 - The next contest will be in December.
 - Remember to save your coke bottle tops and enter them online or drop them off at the school in the box top robot. Information on entry can be found in the Wolfpack Weekly email.

- **Principal's Report:** Mrs. Alicia Brown
 - **Diocese Accreditation:**
 - . In April a team will be visiting schools in our Diocese to grade them and get accreditation. We get graded as a group instead of individual schools in the Diocese.
 - . We expect to be one of the schools visited and Mrs. Brown will be reaching out to parents in January to help the school welcome the visiting team.
 - . Over the last 5 years the school has added 1 to 1 tablets/laptops and it has worked on developing writing skills with the students.
 - . The team looks at our school vision which is 'Put the Lord first'.

 - **Pajama Day – wear a pair, bring a pair:** Christine Rosengarten
 - . Pajama day will be on December 6, 2018 (also St. Nick Day)

- . This will be the 10th anniversary of doing pajama day at SFA.
 - . We were awarded by the Porter Leath home in 2010 for this program.
 - . We are pushing for **1000** PJ donations this year for our 10th anniversary.
 - . We are reaching out to the students, teachers and St. Francis Church community.
 - . Mrs. Brown has offered incentive to reach our goal – The students can have an out of uniform day the Monday after Christmas break if we reach our goal.
 - . The school will get the News crews to cover this program again this year.
 - . Please purchase new pajamas for 2-14 year olds for donation.
 - . The donations go to Catholic Charities – gifts for God’s children program.
 - . Gently used children’s book will be collected at this time also.
 - . Gently used coats for kids will be collected starting on December 1st.
- **Giving Tuesday:**
 - . Today is giving Tuesday. You can make a donation to SFA on the school page or Facebook page. Facebook will match every donation made today.
- **Marketing Update:** Lisa Jones
 - . The school wants parent involvement for their social media Ambassador Board. If you sign up for it, she will send you an email that a Facebook post is coming out that day. You will just need to Like, Comment and Share the post. If you’d like to join the Ambassador Board, please send an email to lisa.jones@sfawolves.org.
 - . Another way you can help the school is to put a parent review on the school website or Facebook page. People considering our school like to read parent reviews about SFA.
 - . She also reminded us of the parent referral program at SFA. If someone you refer books a school tour with Susan Fetz, you will receive a \$50 wolfbucks card of your choosing. If the family enrolls into the school, you will have the \$250 registration fee paid for you.
- **Technology Update:** Vicki Torres
 - . The teachers are continuing training to learn how to protect their laptops and computers from spam emails.
 - . The glitches with the student laptops are under control now.
 - . If you have any questions/issues with security, securly or your student’s devices, please send an email to vicki.torres@sfawolves.org.
- **Benchmarking Report:** Stephanie Jones
 - . Students are screened 3 times a year – in the fall, winter and spring, but these reports are not sent home to the parents.
 - . The school does early screening in Kindergarten to check if the students have the skills needed for literacy. If needed, the students get 1 on 1 or 3 on 1 additional instruction.
 - . The school also uses benchmarking to check if the students are making predicted progress during the school year.
 - . Ms. Jones showed us a chart example of First Grade reading risk analysis benchmarking.
- **Counselor Corner:** Antonia Corzine for Brittany Foster
 - . The school has created a Timberwolves Tidal Wave Club aka Kindness club.
 - . The club is open to 5-8th grade students.
 - . Club members meet once a month and have activities and service projects geared towards

the younger students.

- . Ms. Foster will also talk to the younger students about anti-bullying.
- . Students can still sign up for the club – there is a small FACTs fee if they join.
- . The next meeting will be on December 11th after school.
- . Service hours earned with the club can count towards school required service hours.

• **Lost and Found/Uniform Donation:**

- Lost and Found is overflowing and all items will be donated if they haven't been picked up before Christmas break. Please take anything that will fit your student!
- There will be a drive at the end of the year for donating older used uniforms.

• **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 Summary:**

Ellen Saba

- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped this event be successful and fun.
- There was a 40% increase in profits this year.
- Ellen has led this event for the last 3 years and is asking for a new volunteer for next year.

• **Father/Daughter Dance:**

Ellen Saba

- The event will be on February 2, 2019.
- It will have a red carpet theme and there will be an award for the best themed outfit for the dance.
- Katie Strausser will co-chair with Ellen this year and will take over the event for next year.

• **Mother/Son Event:**

Gretchen Hollingsworth

- The event will be on January 27, 2019.
- Scott Beatty is leading this event. It will be at Pump it Up and is called Jump and Sip.
- The Dads will be there to assist and the Moms will be given 2 tickets for wine. Dinner will be served also. Older and younger kids will be separated by rooms.

• **End of the Year Teacher Luncheon Update:**

Gretchen Hollingsworth

- The event will be on May 1, 2019.
- It will be catered by Abbey's with additional desserts by Ms. Sandy (SFA Café).
- It will have a Paris theme. Send Gretchen an email if you'd like to sign up for the event before the sign up genius goes out.

• **Reminders:**

Gretchen Hollingsworth

- The Christmas program will be on December 14, 2018.
- St. Nick Day will be on December 6, 2018. Amy Brenner will contact you if you signed up to help or contact her if you'd like to help that morning after drop off.
- The teacher's luncheon scheduled for this Thursday still needs items sent in/signed up for – please check out the sign up genius and send something in for our wonderful teachers.

- **Recognition/Thank you:** Gretchen Hollingsworth
 - A big shout out to Angel and Marcus Martin for taking over the refreshments at the PTO meetings this year. It was all wonderful and we appreciate it so much.

Merry Christmas and Happy Advent!

Next Meeting is Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

2018-2019 PTO Board:

Name	Position	Information
Gretchen Hollingsworth	President	Gretch_rn@yahoo.com
Ashley Janes	Vice President	ahjanes@gmail.com
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Tina Sosnowski	Financial Secretary	tina.sosnowski@sfawolves.org

Upcoming Volunteer Events/Needs:

Date/Time	Name	Information	Contact Information
1/22/2019	PTO Meeting		Gretchen Hollingsworth Gretch_rn@yahoo.com
1/27/2019 – 2/1/2019	Book Fair	Helpers Needed for: setup, cleanup, cashiers, etc.	Amy Palasz amoohead@earthlink.net
1/27/2019	Mother/Son Event	Jump and Sip (Pump it Up)	Ellen Saba maebizzle@bellsouth.net
2/2/2019	Father/Daughter Dance	Need help for setup & cleanup Students can use this for service hours	Ellen Saba maebizzle@bellsouth.net
4/30/2019	Last PTO Meeting		Gretchen Hollingsworth Gretch_rn@yahoo.com
2018-2019	Quarterly Luncheons	TBD	Kathleen Muck Kathleen.muck@yahoo.com or muckk@sbaeagles.org
5/1/2019	Teacher Appreciation Lunch	Helpers Needed for: chairing, decorating, serving, cleanup	Gretchen Hollingsworth Gretch_rn@yahoo.com