

**STANLEY SWITLIK ELEMENTARY
PTO MEETING
MARCH 10th, 2021 at 5:30 PM – VIRTUAL MEETING**

-The meeting was called to order at 6:14 PM

-We have changed our tune a little bit with the hand sanitizer fundraiser. We have been targeting local businesses that could possibly handle a donation of a bundle of 50. We have some great contributors that we have mentioned in our agenda such as The Weekly Newspaper, D'Assign Source, and Wolfe Stevens PLLC. We added some fun photos of them receiving their merchandise as well. We have also had some generous donations come in from First State Bank, Big Kahuna Water Sports, and Sam Williams has committed, so we have a handful of other patrons in the lineup.

-The sales report for March on the hand sanitizer fundraiser is as follows. Our total expense which includes the cost of the sanitizers, cost of packaging, and the flyers that we had printed to send home with the students was \$2,225.77. So far we have received in donations/purchases \$1,770.70. We are only \$455.07 from breaking even right now.

If anyone knows of any other local businesses that would contribute a \$200 donation for a bundle of 50 please let us know and we will reach out. The Weekly Newspaper was not interested in keeping the merchandise, but we can certainly resell or repurpose them. We understand that not everyone has a need for 50 hand sanitizers. Currently the PTO checking account balance is sitting at \$14,003.82.

-The next item on the agenda is the Springtime Giving Tree fundraiser. That announcement went out over the weekend. It went out through our weekly school newsletter and also was posted on social media. Liz Samess stated that she was able to donate to the 2nd and 3rd grade using the links, so they are all in working order. Those teachers did receive the merchandise, so we will keep pushing this along. If you would like to contribute in any way to a grade that is special to you, we would love to encourage this so those classroom teachers do not have to go out of pocket for any items that they need. Their requests are fairly simple in asking for pencils, Lysol wipes, or paper towels. Any dollar amount really is helpful. We will continue to put the Springtime Giving Tree flyer in the weekly newsletter.

-The next item we want to touch on is Teacher Appreciation Week that is coming up in May. We want to hit the ground running on getting sponsors and donors. We also need to work out some kinks with administration as far as how they want us to come and set up and enter and exit the school. As mentioned in the SAC meeting we can start to reach out to any businesses that may want to donate lunches or food services of some kind to be delivered to the school. Ashley Keeney made a good point in stating that these food items will

need to be individually wrapped. Any suggestions on what we are seeking would be great. In the past we had Irie Eats, Faro Blanco Lighthouse, Publix salads and subs, and Driftwood Pizza. Sweet Savannahs had a coffee stand setup and I'm sure there are many others.

It was suggested to do one or two grades worth of Teacher Appreciation lunches per day to not overwhelm our local contributing restaurants with 80 meals at once. It was discussed to possibly do a snack cart with individually packaged items that could be wheeled around to each classroom to supply the teachers with a morning or afternoon snack. We are able to take monetary donations to support these lunches or even give the teachers restaurant gift cards. The PTO will begin to organize this and coordinate a schedule with the administrators and also provide a list of vendors at the beginning of April.

-We are planning to supply snacks for FSA/ELA testing beginning in April. In the past we did coffee and breakfast one or two days and then also supplied granola bars, yogurt, and snacks for the other days.

-The PTO was able to supply 1,000 pre-sharpened pencils with preprinted motivational messages on them for April's testing. We are wishing the faculty and our students a successful testing season and would like to thank the staff for all you do.

-The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM