

SMS PTSO MINUTES - FEBRUARY 8, 2017 9:18 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Gina Holbrook, Cher Palmer, Leorah Solomon, Anna Lazzara, Aleks Holbrook, Sharon Moloney, Edita Beasain, Nancy Sit, Wendy Natherson, Janel Dorn, Alex Liebel, Amber Baylis, Julie Brum, Michael Russo, Lisa Russo, Denise Cinelli, Stacey Loos

Gina Holbrook opened with announcing the chair for the Scholastic Book Fair next year will be Nancy Sit.

Gina moved to approve the Jan. minutes, seconded by Wendy Natherson. Jan. minutes were approved.

ADMINISTRATION

Janel Dorn - Kudos for Book Fair success, along with a successful SMS Showcase evening. It was well attended and supported, as much as double from last year.

Stacey Loss - Building #1 gates have been installed. Facilities is starting at the main point of entry and security from there with gates and fences will follow.

ActivPanel Installation - 22 teacher boards are being replaced with panels, this saves cost, upgrades the technology and serves more like a television.

Registration kiosks are coming, no date yet.

Cafeteria Summer Remodel will be done in the back layout of the kitchen, upgrading the refrigerators and the freezers.

Review of umbrella pricing for outside picnic tables:

Option #1 (crank - including freight and installation)

\$4,473 for 9 umbrellas

Option #2 (manual - including freight and installation)

\$3,486 for 9 umbrellas

It was mentioned that one umbrella per table would not be necessary. Additional pricing and details are available upon request.

STUDENTS

Amber Baylis thanked the PTSO for all of their help with making the 80's BASH a huge success and an extremely fun event.

Student Council would like to work together in educating the student body to "Be Green" and know how to recycle properly, including what goes in various recycle bins. It was suggested they might even be able to do a short section about it on the morning news.

It was also suggested that we have some boxes available to place bottle caps in to collect.

SAC Update: Janel Dorn announced the A+ School Recognition Funds have been approved. The Committee of 7 met and their recommendations have been sent to the district.

Administration is busy working on Budgeting/Staffing now for the 2017-2018 school year.

SMS Points of Pride was distributed to all attendees. The SMS Summit in December was listed along with announcing Basketball session starting and Winter Band and Choir Concerts were held. In January Mrs. Lewis and Ms. Sawa were each awarded \$500 grants from Wal-Mart and the SMS January Tour welcomed over 100 guests. There were many other Points of Pride listed.

The "I love Lori" video was shown at the School Board meeting on Feb. 14th. Mr. Parker worked diligently on making the video to include clips of multiple classes showing their "I love Lori" pride. Janel Dorn mentioned that Lori White's cautious foresight was extremely beneficial as she was faced with budget cuts and able to still provide a recent 4% pay increase for staff.

The new superintendent of Sarasota County Schools is Mr. Todd Bowden and he will be sworn in on March 1, 2017.

SMS Coding class with Ms. Stancel also made an impressive presentation of the board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President - Lisa Russo

Panther Prowl Run Update:

The new date for the Panther Prowl 5K is April 22, 2017 and will start at 8:00 a.m. There will be trophies awarded for 8 different categories.

It was suggested that just tables will be set up, no canopies as permits are required for each individual canopy.

Please spread the word throughout the community, registration is available online at Active.com as well as paper registrations available that may be turned in at the front office. There will also be a Peachjar sent to market the event.

This was sent on February 17th.

The question was asked if Field Days will still take place this year. Principal Dorn did confirm this will be happening.

The first one will be Galileo West on March 10th.

Ms. Stancel's class will be having a Hoverboard building day, students will be constructing life size hover crafts in the gym all day. This is possible due to a grant Ms. Stancel applied for and was granted.

Volunteer Coordinator - Cher Palmer

A Band SignUpGenius will be created in the near future.

Box Tops - Julie Brum/Candace McLeod

Reminder - Please be sure to write the student's name and grade on the box tops being submitted so they can be recorded and counted for the correct grade. If not, the amount is divided evenly between all 3 grades.

Renaissance - Edita Besain

It was asked that we receive clarification on Renaissance - are all six courses calculated for the GPA or are just the core classes used.

Gina Holbrook will be checking on this and getting an answer.

Staff Appreciation - Lon Voigt

Luncheon - SignUpGenius to go out requesting gift cards be sent in for various restaurants. All staff will receive one gift card.

Yearbooks - Cher Palmer

The deadline for yearbooks is March 24th. Order forms are available in the front office, orders can be placed online from the Sarasota Middle School website and yearbook sales will take place every Friday morning at Parent Drop Off until the 24th.

Sweatshirts - Open

Order for SMS Sweatshirts for next year, Gina to follow up on details including color and design. Print My T's was suggested as a vendor to use.

No old business, meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 8, 2017 9:15 a.m. in Room 110.