

SMS PTSO MINUTES - 24 AUGUST 2016

Attendance

Gina Holbrook, Lisa Russo, Marianne Ferrier, Julie Brum, Liz Lukowsky, Edita Beasain, Cher Palmer, Maureen Pflug, Lael Hazan, Wendy Natherson, Traci Doughty, Leorah Solomon, Rose Monaghan, Deidra Dempsey, Nathan Dempsey, Marta Pulawski, Randee Bohlman, Nicole Wolf, Candice McLeod, Nicole Jensen, Ame Ehil, Stephanie Donnelly, Kim Klunder, Heidi Scholten, Barbara Darcey.

Minutes

Minutes of the March meeting were approved by Gina Holbrook and seconded by Lisa Russo.

Administration - Mrs Dorn – Principal.

Mrs Dorn introduced herself to the group and informed everyone of her education background. She emphasized that she has an open door policy and welcomes any questions and/or concerns. She asked PTSO to consider helping with a new lunch account system for students who do not purchase lunch for financial or family personal reasons. This will be discussed by the group. Mrs Dorn answered a few general questions and excused herself to attend another meeting.

President's Report

Gina introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Committee Reports

Vice-President – Lisa Russo. Lisa informed the group that she is also the PTSO SAC representative. The SAC committee met recently and Lisa gave an informative synopsis of the meeting. The key points were that tutoring is now offered in the media center from an SMS teacher each morning from 8.15am for students who require help with homework. Math tutoring is also available. A Grammar

program will be introduced. It was noted that SMS exceeded in state exam results. Lisa encouraged any PTSO parent to join SAC. If you are interested please contact Lisa.

Secretary – Marianne Ferrier. All attendees are reflected in the Minutes.

Treasurer – Wendy Natherson. Wendy distributed her report and explained each line item in the proposed budget. Liz Lukowsky put forward a Motion to approve the budget for the 2016/17 school year. Lisa Russo seconded this Motion. All were in agreement.

Volunteer Coordinator – Cher Palmer. Cher encouraged all members to check Sign Up Genius for all volunteer opportunities. The PE Department is looking for volunteers to sell lockers and uniforms on 31st August. Please check Sign Up Genius for time slots. All volunteers must be registered to volunteer.

Website Coordinator – Traci Doughty. Traci asked that any updates for the website be sent to her at tracidoughty@comcast.net.

Box Tops – Julie Brum/Candice McLeod. Box tops can be handed into the front office, to first period teachers or to Julie and Candice at PTSO meetings. There will be a grade competition each quarter. The grade that hands in the most box tops will receive a treat.

Renaissance. We are looking for a volunteer to head this important Committee. Please contact Gina if you are interested or would like more information.

Business Partners – Liz Lukowsky. Liz explained the various ways business partners can donate to the school such as being a team sponsor for academic teams, sports teams and/or clubs; be a Panther Run sponsor or have a metal sign in the car line area. If \$1,000 or more is donated businesses will get a car line sign and their name on the Panther Run event sign. Please contact Liz if you know of any business that may be interested in donating. She can be reached at smsbusinesspartners@yahoo.com.

Yearbooks – Cher Palmer. Cher reported that Yearbooks can be ordered up until March 24th 2017. Forms can be picked up from the front office or orders can be made online. Yearbooks are \$40.

Staff Birthdays – Cher Palmer. Cher has distributed a birthday bag of treats to staff members whose birthdays are in August and September. She had an example of the goodie bag to show to PTSO.

Sweatshirts – Marianne Ferrier. Sweatshirts and Tervis Tumblers can be purchased from the front office throughout the school year until supplies last. Both are \$20.

Open House Dinner – Fabiola Beckman. A dinner is provided for all staff at Open House. Donations will be needed. Please check Sign Up Genius. Open House is September 8th.

6th Grade Social – Tiffany Mercier. Tiffany has kindly offered to organize the 6th Grade Social. Check Sign Up Genius for volunteer opportunities.

Old Business

Gina informed the group that PTSO had previously agreed to raise funds for a PE pavilion. There will be more information on this project at the next meeting. She added that the PE Department had requested funds for PE equipment. Again this will be discussed at the September meeting.

New Business

Sally Hritz, School Counselor is looking for a volunteer support and funding parent for the National Junior Honor Society. If you would like to help please contact Sally.

Gina readdressed Mrs Dorn's request for help from PTSO for lunches for under privileged students. There was a lengthy discussion on what options were available and how PTSO could contribute. It was decided that PTSO give a donation to cover the first month of school and a more detailed discussion and decision be made after that. Lisa Russa put forward a Motion that PTSO donate a

start fund of \$250 but more investigation and discussion has to be made at a later date. Gina Holbrook seconded this Motion. All were in favor.

Next PTSO Meeting

14th September, 9.15am.