

SMS PTSO MINUTES – 12 OCTOBER 2016

Attendance

Gina Holbrook – need list

Gina welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Administration – Mrs. Dorn (Principal), Ms. Hefner (AP), Mrs. Loos (AP)

Mrs. Dorn reviewed a one-page handout titled *August/September Panther Points of Pride* which listed 22 accomplishments at SMS in August and September. Points included recognition of SMS as an A+ school, receipt of the Platinum level White Glove Award, successful completion of Back-to-School days, student recognitions, and Mrs. Justine Jackson being named Literacy Teacher of the Year for the state of Florida! Pawsome accomplishments already in the books at SMS this year!

Ms. Hefner reviewed the annual School Improvement Plan (SIP) as required by the state. The good news is that SMS is already performing at a very high level, with most areas well over 80% proficiency! As a result, most goals are set at 2% improvement for the next year and the SIP outlines the steps SMS will take to get there.

Mrs. Dorn announced that a plan is in the works for a community event to raise funds for a capitol project at SMS. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

Students

Gina welcomed the newly selected Student Reps to their first meeting. They briefly introduced themselves and the following items were discussed:

1. Dress code changes: the students provided feedback on the dress code for this year and how they felt it was working. Comments included: the code is not uniformly enforced; it is difficult to find clothing that meets the requirements; the issue of jeggings/leggings was raised. The administration reiterated their reasons for the code and the process for enforcement, and stated that they appreciated feedback and wanted to continue to make it a code that works for everyone.
2. Keva Day or Similar: Anna asked if we could consider hosting a Keva Day at SMS. Liz Lukowsky promised to speak to Mrs. Dorn about it.
3. Vending: Amber provided research regarding a company (HUMAN) that provides nutritious snacks and drinks to schools in a vending format. The feasibility of vending was

discussed, including whether FNS would allow items to be sold outside the cafeteria. The issue requires additional research.

4. Panther Run Posters: student reps will pick up posters and materials this week at the front desk. Melissa provided information that was to be included on the poster and each student rep was asked to make 2-3 posters. Posters will be returned to the front desk by Friday, October 21st. They will hang throughout the campus.

President's Report

Minutes from the September meeting were presented for approval. Lona Voigt made a motion to approve, Cher Palmer seconded, the minutes were approved by majority.

Gina announced that Marianne F. has resigned from her position as PTSO Secretary. Due to work requirements, she can no longer attend monthly meetings. In addition, she will no longer be able to manage sweatshirt sales and the Secret Santa committee. She will be missed!

Open Positions: PTSO Secretary, Sweatshirt Sales Coordinator, Secret Santa Coordinator
Please contact Gina if you are interested.

Welcome to ***Elizabeth Boyers from Kona Ice***, who is in attendance to learn more about SMS and how Kona Ice can better partner with us. Kona Ice was a business partner last year and contributed proceeds from ice sales at the SMS Family Dinner in January 2015. They plan to participate again this year!

Committee Reports

Vice President – Lisa Russo No Report.

Secretary - Gina Holbrook Please sign in.

Treasurer – Wendy Natherson Reviewed the Treasurer Report. A motion was made by Lisa Russo to approve the report, seconded by Melissa Tomasso, approved by majority.

Parliamentarian – Melissa Tomasso No Report.

Volunteer Coordinator – Cher Palmer Reviewed current volunteer needs:

Picture Day, October 13th

Panther Run Volunteers, November 4th Sign up goes out this week; still need donations (candy, gift cards)

Thanksgiving Pies, Nov 22nd Sign Up goes out 2 weeks prior

Box Tops – Julie Brum/Candace McLeod

Please sort Box Tops by grade when turning in. The next submission is November 1st.

Business Partners – Liz Lukowsky

We are up to over 25 business partners. Please visit the PTSO website for a list of partners and patronize them when you can! Liz has started hanging the new metal signs in the car line and entryway. So far feedback has been positive! Please forward contact information for businesses that make donations to your events so Liz can add them to the BP list and send them a thank you!

Panther Run – Melissa Tomasso

Panther Run envelopes are being stuffed during the meeting and will be mailed home the week of October 24th.

Panther Run Kick-Off is Friday, October 28th during lunch periods. Volunteers are needed to help pass out candy to the students.

Panther Run Sponsorship is complete and shirts are ordered. They will be sorted and delivered to classes on Nov 2nd; volunteers are needed.

Spirit Week is Oct 31 – Nov 3, themes are managed by administration

Panther Run is Nov 4th all day; volunteers are needed!

Renaissance – Gina Holbrook (for Edita Besain)

May Renaissance Celebration is May 12th; DJ is booked

We have received donations of school supplies from Target; Edita is working with admin to distribute.

Staff Appreciation – Lon Voigt

Staff Appreciation Luncheon is May 4th. Lona is looking for theme ideas. Past themes included flowers, beach, shells.

Lona plans to use gift cards for teacher gifts again next year. She wants to make it as uniform in value as possible.

She wants to use First Watch again for catering.

Yearbooks – Cher Palmer No Report.

Sweatshirts – OPEN Need a chairperson. In the interim, students can purchase sweatshirts at the front desk.

6th Grade Social – Gina Holbrook

Ticket Sales have been fantastic! The event had to be postponed due to Hurricane Matthew. The new date is Friday, October 14th.

8th Grade Dance – Melissa Tomasso

Melissa is looking for a new venue since the Chelsea Center is no longer available for rental. Suggestions were made for the following locations: The Devyn, Music Compound, Suncoast Community Church, Girl Scout Council, Polo Grill – Lakewood Ranch. Melissa will check out these locations and report back next month.

Secret Santa – OPEN Need a chairperson

Old Business

Agenda Books – Liz Lukowsky will work with Business Partners to secure sponsor(s) for next year's agenda books. Target time to report back: 3Q.

New Business

Secretary Position needs to be filled. Please contact Gina if you are interested.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, November 9, 2016 9:15am in Room 110.