

Minutes of Board Meeting
Sarasota Middle School
Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Those in Attendance: Gina Holbrook, Liz Lukowsky, Cher Palmer, Wendy Natherson, Aleks Holbrook, Nancy Sit, Tina Asadorian, Edita Beasain, Julie Brum, Lisa Russo, Lael Hazan, Janel Dorn, Denise Cinelli, and Leorah Solomon.

Students

No business to report, students headed to class.

President's Report

PTSO to make donations for the 8th grade field trip (\$35 per), up to 5 scholarships.

Thank yous, farewells and well wishes were said to all of our PTSO members with graduating 8th graders for their time, dedication and service here at Sarasota Middle School.

The Band Concert was very nice and enjoyed by all who attended.

Principal's Report

Points of Pride – There are so many success stories to share for April and May!

- PSAT – This year was the first year PSAT's were offered at SMS. We had 150 students participate!
- Panther Prowl 5K– Our first Panther Prowl 5K was a huge success. There was even a family from Maine that participated, amazing! Approximately \$5,000 was raised. We are looking for an even better turn out next year. There was discussion of possibly doing it at a different time of the year for our 2nd Panther Prowl 5K. We had great parent involvement and it is so appreciated.
- Brooks Tracey received a \$1,000 grant for SMS having the top quote in Embracing our Differences. The student who won is in Lindsay Mark's class.
- Nina Geraldo will be advancing to Nationals for the History Fair.

Treasure's Report

PTSO will be paying for the Panther Prowl 5K timing bibs. Also, payment for the 8th grade dance D.J is being arranged.

Items that need to be renewed on an annual basis: Website which expires in August and Sign-Up Genius which expires in June.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

Yearbooks: Looking for volunteers to help with labeling and handing out yearbooks at the 8th grade signing event and breakfast. Mini goodies will be provided. Also, we need volunteers to help pass out 6th grade and 7th grade yearbooks.

Volunteer Counts: Please be sure to log into the Volunteer Counts system in the front office whenever you are volunteering so your hours are logged. Every minute counts – thank you!

Staff Birthdays: There were 9 staff birthdays this month.

Business Partners

Agenda Book: We are looking for sponsors for the 2017-2018 Agenda Books. One for the inside cover, one for the outside cover (color and card stock) and one for the inside page (black and white) by the end of the month.

Signs: Signs will be taken down over the summer.

New Volunteer Business Partner Coordinator: In search of a volunteer to fill the Volunteer Business Partner position. Looking for someone with new ideas and someone who is willing to search for new partners.

Additional Notes

Staff Appreciation: SMS teachers and staff were all very appreciative and thrilled for the luncheon and gift card as well as the volunteers who took the time to provide it.

Old Business

Umbrellas – Need to pick which umbrellas will be purchased for the café picnic tables.

Gina Holbrook and Julie Brum will be on the PTSO SMS check signing list, our PTSO treasurer position is open.

Next PTSO Meeting: August 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Media Center