

Minutes of Board Meeting
Sarasota Middle School
Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Those in Attendance: Julie Brum, Nancy Sit, Melissa Tomasso, Gina Holbrook, Janel Dorn, Stacey Loos, Cher Palmer, Alex, Liebel, Kate Hefner, Denise Cinelli, Aleks Holbrook, Anna Lazzara, Lona Voigt, Lail Hazan, Lisa Russo, Michael Russo and Liz Lukowsky.

Approval of minutes from the meeting on March 12, 2017: Melissa Tomasso motioned to approve and Lisa Russo moved to second the motion.

Meeting opened with a Big Brother Big Sister Presentation by Thomas Luster and Shelley Vandussen. This program is available for students from the ages of 6-18 years old. There are more than 350 chapters in the county and their goal is to improve kids lives by providing a positive role model. They are looking for additional volunteers and are in hopes of being able to fill 133 matches. Handouts were given with more information about the program and posted on the SMS website.

Students

No business to report

President's Report

There are PTSO openings for the 2017-2018 school year still available to fill.

Principal's Report

Kate Hefner gave an update on the Popcornopolis fundraiser that started on Monday, April 10th. Orders are due to come in the week of May 17th and volunteers are being requested to help with the distribution. Principal Dorn added the funds raised will go toward off setting the costs associated with various competitions, TSA being a main focus.

Stacey Loos addressed the revisions of the SMS Dress Code for the 2017-2018 school year. A hand out was distributed outlining the details. Revisions have been discussed and made by staff, PTSO and students. Some of the main points were: clothing that is too tight is not be worn, no blankets, no headphones or ear-buds to be worn around the neck and the length of bottom garments were among some of the items discussed.

End of year activities were discussed.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

Panther Prowl 5K: A lot of discussion on details for the Panther Prowl. Shirts are due to arrive on 4/19/17, sizes for volunteers were verified. All runners will have a timed bib, packet stuffing and distribution was discussed. SMS student will be asked to sing the Star Spangled Banner at the beginning of the race. Cher Palmer is coordinating with Stacey Loos to be sure slots are covered and volunteers know where to go upon arrival.

8th Grade Dance: Volunteers will be needed to help with decorations. Invitations, permission slip and pick-up procedure to go out soon.

Box Tops: Box Tops are still being collected because some expire June 1st.

Business Partners

Panther Prowl 5K:

Coordinating food for the race. Gecko's is donating bottled water. Also, discussed coupons/info to go in the race pick-up packet.

Staff Appreciation: \$25 restaurant gift cards are being collected for Staff Appreciation. Sign Up Genius to go out requesting cards and dessert donations from families. First Watch will cater the lunch.

Staff Birthdays: 6 birthdays this month.

8th Grade Dance: Dance will be held on May 19th at The Devyn. Sign Up Genius will be sent for food and water donations.

Next PTSO Meeting: May 10, 2017