

SMS PTSO MINUTES, NOVEMBER 9, 2016

Attendance

Aleks Holbrook, Anna Lazzara, Julia Wood, Elizabeth Boyers, Sharon Moloney, Edita Beasain, Leorah Solomon, Liz Lukowsky, Gina Holbrook, Lisa Russo, Janel Dorn, Stacey Loos, Michael Russo, Amber Baylis, Candice McLeod, Julie Brum, Denise Cinelli, Kate Hefner, Lael Hazan, and Lona Voigt.

9:22 - Meeting was called to order. Lisa Russo moved to approve the October 12, 2016 minutes, motion was seconded.

Administration

Mrs. Dorn (Principal), Ms. Loos (AP) and Mrs. Hefner (AP)

Mrs. Dorn thanked everyone for a fun, successful Panther Run. Then discussion of a possible canopy purchase for next school year.

A thank you card was given to the PTSO Board for sponsoring Lori White's "Leaving a Legacy" event. A total of 5 SMS staff members were able to attend and they enjoyed the evening.

The past 5-year discipline history was shared by Mrs. Dorn. Reports were distributed. PIR (Panther Intervention Reports) were discussed and how they are being used to help students. The reflection sheet being used in ISR (In School Restriction) by the students and scored by Sandra Perea was discussed. The goal is to support, learn a lesson and strive for best behavior.

A form for requesting funds was also discussed, looking to develop a template for PTSO to share with teachers.

Mr. Parker is working on SMS promotional signage.

Kate Hefner is working on more information for SMS handout, newsletter, etc. Mentioned snosites.com as a popular resource. Diane Lai can gather quotes for print option.

Stacey Loos is working closely with Lisa Russo on an Outdoor Pavilion. A handout that was distributed outlined the "Dream Wish List" for this project and Stacey reviewed some of the highlights such as: ability to hold 500 people, hurricane rated, 2 water fountains, ADA accessible restrooms, 2 full basketball courts and 6 basketball hoops, multi-media capabilities, etc.

PTSO will fundraise through in-kind donations, community sponsorships and other fundraisers such as a 5K running event.

Word from Lisa Russo - Vice President

The Panther Prowl 5K will be held April 8, 2017. It will include a Kids Mile and Stroller Heat. The 5K will be held between Sarasota Middle School and Ashton Elementary School. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. The fundraising goal is 400 runners.

The 2017-2018 school calendar is being discussed and will go to the Sarasota County Board for approval soon. There are 3 different proposed calendars. They are looking to have an earlier start date next school year (August 14th, 2017) mainly so the high school students can complete their final exams before the Winter Break. Lisa will gladly share the letter supporting the earlier start date, just ask her for it. You can go to the Sarasota County website to make comments.

Mrs. Hazan inquired about a Speech Debate Club which would be different from the Speech class. Mr. Schimek is looking into sponsorships. Looking to Brookside/Pine View for development.

Mrs. Hazan also inquired about a newsletter/blog, more information is being gathered on this. Amber Baylis volunteered for student council support on this. Kate Hefner will address this later in the meeting.

Students

Amber Baylis mentioned students request for vending machines with healthy options. This might be an issue with direct competition in the cafeteria. Principal Dorn mentioned she could ask staff from Food and Nutrition to attend the next meeting to address. Also, mention of a salad bar option, however, this would require additional staff/volunteers.

A concern of students eating outside not having enough time to eat once called to the food line was discussed. Ms. Loos did mention the students eating outside are to go first every Friday. She will be keeping a close eye on this situation. She also mentioned that stanchions were added to decrease reported theft problem in the cafeteria. Students just have to get used to these and pay attention to help the lines move faster.

A ConnectEd will be going out about the Five Guys fundraiser on 11/15/17. 25% of sales will go back to the student council toward the dance on 2/10/17.

Additional ideas were mentioned as future fundraisers, such as a school calendar, popcorn sales, flower bulbs, etc. The students were advised to pick one to focus on for this school year. It was mentioned that AMC will donate popcorn for free.

Almost \$300 was raised for the Pink Out with pink pumpkin sales. A Publix gift

card was purchased and given to a SMS mother, who is battling cancer right now, and her family.

Presidents Report

Open Positions: Secretary is still open.

Next PTSO meeting will be in January.

Book Fair is coming up in January.

Committee Reports

Box Top competition - \$574.10 was earned during the October drive. 8th grade is in the lead. There will be another drive in December. Winning grade level will earn a sweet treat in April.

Renaissance will be held on Tuesday, November 15th.

Still looking for an Open House Dinner chairperson for next school year.

6th Grade Social was enjoyed by the students.

Looking for a Chairperson to handle sweatshirts.

Next PTSO meeting is Jan 11, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 110.