

Minutes South Side Middle School PTA 2/24/15

- Welcome – Tish and Michelle - Meeting opened 741PM
- Presentation and acceptance of the minutes – Donna O’Leary/Cammie Harloff
- Treasurers Report - \$28,651.37 balance
 - 3 checks: NYSPTA \$180; Snacks \$140.77; Imprintables for Vinyl cutter \$4439
- Nominating committee membership vote – volunteers, Jennifer Boldis, Tracey Cheesman, Donna O’Leary, Sue Sullivan and Rosemary Talkin – approved unanimously
- 2015-2016 District School Budget
 - BOE meeting tomorrow at 730 at the high school
 - Budget proposed is under the tax cap, however, the debt servicing for the bond is not included in the tax cap
 - If budget does not pass, the district does not get to spend the previously approved bond money
 - Need voter turn out
 - Rebate checks are available if the district stays under the tax cap – many of the members in attendance have already received them for last year.
- Committee Reports:
 - Drug & Alcohol Task Force – Cammie Harloff
 - March 30th presentation – What to Know about Social Media - Strategies to Manage in a Cyberworld
 - Parents & children grades 6-9 – bring their phones!
 - Free Homework passes will be distributed to those children attending.
 - 6th grade orientation will also include a presentation on this topic
 - Grant Committee – Kathy Baxley and Deb Pandolfo
 - 2 applications received –1 approved for Mr. Lamana – Technology Teacher
 - Vinyl cutter will be purchased – approximate cost \$4,500
 - Other option was for tables for the front of the school – due to the associated costs for installation and delivery this was not approved
 - Bond updates:
 - music room, library and auditorium updates - plans are still at the state for approval, once approved work can begin – anticipate summer 2015
 - Air conditioning - plans are still at the state for approval, once approved work can begin – still unknown status – currently 7th and 8th grade LA rooms are air conditioned and 2 core rooms
 - Curriculum – Tricia McCabe
 - Paperless report cards are being discussed – login and password protected
 - Parents can opt out of paper – paper copies will still be available
 - Contact info and family profiles will be coming in the future
 - Savings on mailing costs will offset any upfront costs to setup
 - There will be an app coming as well
 - All grades in the high school will get Ipads

- Fles curriculum changing to meet the need so the incoming 8th and 9th grades
 - AIM – Motivational speaker coming – 2 upcoming events
 - By laws – expiring in April – posted on the website – no changes, staying the same. We will vote on them at the 3-18-15 meeting
 - SEP – E Mullen - Sharing night this Thursday at 730 at the High School
 - Dr. Leahy and Dr. Gadon in attendance as SEP reinvents itself, this is a good starting point.
 - MS Dances - E Mullen - needs volunteers for April 6th grade dance
 - Fundraiser update – R Talkin - \$ 14,000! Great night, thanks to all for coming out and supporting
- President's Report
- Teacher's Report – Mr. Lamana – thank you to the PTA for the Vinyl cutter – very excited
 - Year book - baby pictures need for 8th grade class due March 18th
 - Spring sports paperwork due
 - Concussion testing will be required of all students going forward, more details to follow
- Principal's Report
 - MYP process still moving along, we will apply as of Sept 1, 2015
 - Acceptance Day – bully movie for 6th graders – every lesson that day will incorporate this theme.
 - Challenge day well received by 8th graders, now need to come up with something for 7th graders
 - School challenge –give someone a compliment today that you have never complimented before.
 - Math Assessment time – Math 8 only take the regents
 - Cinderella the musical is coming for Spring
 - Centre Stage rehearsals coming up shortly
 - Discussion on the drop off in the mornings and the traffic situations especially with the snow
- Motion to adjourn – 8:59PM – C. Harloff/R. Talkin

Minutes submitted by Margaret McGuire