

## Minutes SSMS PTA Meeting 10/20/14

Welcome – Michelle Sewell & Tish Garrett

Presentation and acceptance of the minutes will be postponed until next month's meeting

Treasurers Report: C. Belling

- Balance \$ 18,487.27

Resolutions discussion and vote – presented by D. Pandolfo

- Retentions - approved by all in attendance
- Updates - 3 abstentions and 23 approved
- 3 new resolutions – voted on separately
  - #1 – 5 opposed, 11 in favor and 5 abstain
    - Further discussion resolution #1 - health care proxy
  - #2&3 – all approved
- Overall vote of confidence for the Resolutions presented – all approve

Committee Reports:

- Modell's – A. Bender
  - \$613 raised in the fall fundraiser
  - Will also offer for the holiday season 11/26 to 12/26
- School of Rock, Rock the School Program – A. Bender
  - Will offer a free trial lesson and the PTA will receive a \$100 gift card for those who sign up for lessons
- Novemberfest –11-14-14- R.Talkin
  - Need responses
  - Baskets are needed – drop off at 25 Wachussetts or [rosemarytalkin@yahoo.com](mailto:rosemarytalkin@yahoo.com)
  - Kaseys will provide the buffet, appetizers and open bar/DJ.
  - This is our biggest fundraiser of the year- please show your support
  - Dads are welcome and encouraged to come!
- Membership – D. O'Leary
  - 845 members
  - Dads are encouraged to join
- Rec Center Dances - L. Mullen
  - First dance, Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30-10
  - Still need volunteers
- Directory – D.Ray
  - Deadline for responses has passed
  - Only for PTA members
- Curriculum: T. McCabe

- First meeting was last Thursday
- SSMS has been accepted and is in the candidacy phase of the IB Middle Years Program
- Every faculty meeting will include discussion of the MYP
- Interdisciplinary – the art of biology, the math of science
- Specific phrases are noted in each classroom
- Every student is involved
- Sharing the training and costs with Long Beach
- Wed – Board of Ed meeting 10/522 there will be a presentation with more detail about the program
- Picture Day – B. Barker
  - 10/29 and 10/30
  - Forms available
- SEP- L. Mullen & M. Pedersen
  - All for You Yoga - inclusion yoga at St. Mark's
  - Please like the SEP Facebook page
  - Garden City & ADHD social skills groups – information available
- Teachers Report
  - Mr. Flynn advised that the school will once again be offering a Take a Veteran to School Day – email [mflynn@rvcschools.org](mailto:mflynn@rvcschools.org) for more information or to sign up
  - Lost and Found – please make sure your child's name is on all their belongings
  - Still need Teacher PTA Membership
- President's Report
- Principal's Report
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC or Staycation – upcoming
  - 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades will participate in the Hollyrock Brain Challenge – wheel of fortune type game show on Wednesday
  - Golden Ticket winners will have a pizza lunch with Ms. McGinn on Friday
  - Lisa Ganz will present on behalf of the Drug and Alcohol Technology Social Media discussion by grade level the end of November
  - Halloween – everyone dresses up, however, the police have advised that anyone walking around with a backpack or misbehaving can be stopped by the police
  - NWEA exams are concluding
  - Progress reports have been distributed – if there is a problem, contact the teacher
  - 4 New clubs have been requested this year, however, 1 club has to dissolve in order for a new one to be created. It may be possible for certain clubs to merge.
  - Robotics club is booming – the school received a grant last year for this club
- Motion to adjourn – 8:25
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – D. Pandolfo