

South Side Middle School PTA Meeting March 21, 2016

Presentation and Acceptance of Minutes: Motion by accept by Maryanne Pederson; second Jackie Giacone.

Treasurer's Report: (Tish Garrett) Christina Belling is running late. Updated budget is on website.

Committee Reports:

- SEP (Maryanne Pederson) Rock for a Cause fundraiser for SEP scholarship, 3/26, 4pm, at Cannon's Blackthorne. April 4th is autism awareness district wide. SEP will sell \$1 puzzle piece ribbon with "Autism Speaks" March 30th & 31st. Ms. McGinn will get kids to sell ribbons in the lobby (start of day), auditorium (before extra help) & lunch. Mrs. Giacone will help. SEP to contact Ms. McGinn & Allison Wallace.
- Curriculum no update.
- Grant (Ms. McGinn) Bio-art application for 7th & 8th grade permanent art installation approved.
- Drug & Alcohol (Ms. McGinn) Billboard by Long Beach Rd. & Sunrise Hwy. paid by Drug & Alcohol Task Force.

President's Report:

- Nominating Committee- Christina Belling will remain as Treasurer for 3rd year. Will need to change bylaws to permit 3 year position. Have Recording Secretary, Council Delegates and Membership chairs. All SSMSPTA positions are 1year terms with option for 2nd year. Will ask elementary president's to email exiting 5th grade parents about volunteering with SSMSPTA. 6th grade orientation is a good time to recruit 6th grade parents. Need to vote of slate at May meeting so can swear in board at June meeting. Please see presidents if can volunteer for nominating committee.
- 8th Grade Ropes Course- \$30/student by March 31st. Students divided by Social Studies classes. Permission slips already sent home. Trip was done as "staycation." Is 1 day outdoor BOCES trip for teambuilding. 8th grade will have 1 day NWEA & 1day review.
- SSMS Construction (Ms. McGinn) Now fixing numerous leaks in roof. During the summer, the music and band rooms will be refurbished and made handicap accessible. Library will be redone. Brickwork will be repointed. Stair treads will be replaced. All rooms now have air conditioning. There was a leak during February break. Some rooms are still unusable. That work should be completed after this break. Auditorium will be refurbished with new carpet, curtains and paint. The chairs are already repaired.
- Dates to Note: RVC Ed Gala April 2nd, ELA assessments, April 5th-7th. Math assessments April 13th-15th. School needs opt out letters to arrange student placement. Last year greater than 70% didn't take tests. Staff appreciation luncheon is May4th. Please tell Donna Scala if you can help with drinks or dessert. Her address is in the directory. SSMS 6th grade orientation, May 11th. Don't know if selling apparel.

Teacher's Report: (Mrs. Giacone)

- Yearbook can be ordered in room 305 for \$50. . Can personalize an ad until April 15th.
- 6th grade ELA finished fable until which worked on values; is ready to publish.

Principal's Report:

- Faculty Olympics last Friday. Yellow (Ms. McGinn's team) won lip sync. Purple won some. It was great fun with hula hoops, musical chairs and 3 legged race.
- 6th grade will go to the aquarium and 7th grade will go to the Bronx Zoo.
- 8th grade events (Ms. Pascarella) 2 tickets per family for graduation will be mailed. Awards are by mail invitation only. Thursday bagel breakfast in school. 8th graders receive yearbooks & sign them at dance Thursday night. Tuesday-Thursday is campaign for SSHS government and graduation rehearsal each day. Thursday is Algebra regents. Friday is Earth Science regents. Monday is foreign language.

New Business: none

Motion to adjourn by Carrie Alfano; seconded by Sue Buckheit.

