

South Side PTA Meeting Minutes
October 9th, 2018

1. Welcome- Irma Altman and Christine Kufta- Thank you to all in attendance. Please take a minute to look at the 2018 proposed PTA Resolutions that will be voted on during the meeting.
2. Vote to accept September 2018 meeting minutes- Motion made by Irma, seconded by Karen Glyn and Trisha Ganley.
3. Treasure's Report- Current balance is \$ 15, 948.30. That amount does not reflect fundraising money that has come in. Membership, apparel and Dave and Buster's monies in included. There is an 8th grade dance reimbursement that is included as well.
4. Vote on Resolutions- Irma and Christine shared resolution #1- raising the minimum sales age of tobacco and other nicotine delivery systems to 21. All in favor.
 - Retention are matters that are already in place. Needed to be voted on in order to retain them. All retentions, block 1-6, 7-14 and 15-20 were voted on and unanimously approved.
 - All updates were unanimously approved.
5. Vote of Confidence- Irma Altman- This vote gives the representative who attends the national PTA conference the ability to vote. All in favor.
6. Committee Updates-
 - Fundraising- Larry Maier and Justine Aranki- The fundraising goal for the year is \$12,000. The campaign kicked off last week. All families received a mailing with a hand written note. \$6000 has been raised so far. The committee will continue to work on the effort throughout the year. There will be three Parent Night's Out held during the year in an effort to raise money and build community. The first will be held on October 26th and George Matrin. The cost is \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door.
 - SEP Report- Kelly Lynch and Kristen Glynn- Dr. Lehy presented last month. Parents of SEP students want more options. Parents are not happy with the IB for all approach. They are hoping to have SEP and General Ed parents work together to meet the needs of all. All are encouraged to attend future meeting and presentations and to get involved in the discussion. Additional issues that are being brought up are 0 period related services and what is the future for the RISE class students as they enter Middle School.
 - Apparel- Jen Demos- About \$3,800 was sold at back to school night. The new designs have been very well liked. Visit shopssms.com to buy online.
 - Curriculum- Lou Medeiros- IB curriculum writing took place over the summer. Looking at the IB requirements and the Next Generation State Standards. There will be changes for the 11th grade IB English program going forward. Preparation will begin in 9th grade. 3-8 Grade State Exam results are out. About 50% of the students took the tests. While participation and performance has increased overall, there was a drop in both among South Side 7th and 8th graders there was a drop in participation and performance. The NWEA results did not mirror that trend; there was no drop in performance. The district has opted out of computer based testing for the state test. They will participate in computer based field tests. There will be a new Global History Regent's exam. This is the last year for the transitional exam. The new test will focus on enduring issues that will be looked at throughout the year. SSHS has been named a Blue Ribbon School District.

- Drug and Alcohol- The health and wellness Fair took place on October 20th. The focus was on making good choices. On November 27th Stephan Hill will speak. He will tell his inspiration recovery story. There will be incentives for students to attend this worthwhile event.
7. Teacher's Report- Caitlyn Keogh-
 - Mr. Flynn- November 9th is bring veteran to school day. Anyone who has served in times of peace or combat is welcomed. Contact mflynn@rvcschools.org for more information or questions.
 - Mr. Balsch- The Action and Service Club provides students the opportunity to engage in community service that has a positive impact on our community. The next meeting will be on 10/16.
 - The librarian has asked that all IPADS come to school fully charged.
 - History Club- The club will be involved in Trick or Vote. They are asking that all students encourage their parents and other adults they know to vote. They will also be having a Halloween candy collection to send unwanted candy to troops overseas.
 - Mrs. Mortyl wanted to thank all involved for the wonderful back to school breakfast. It was very much appreciated.
 8. President's Report- Irma Altman and Christine Kufta- Lana Glass has sent an email on behalf of the RVC Youth Council asking for a middle school parent volunteer to attend and participate in meetings and events. There are currently 530 PTA member. There is still time to join. All families, not just members will be included in the directory this year. AIM has booked Camfel Productions, Franklin Institute Physics Assembly and Five Voices of the Holocaust.
 9. Principal's Report- Shelagh McGinn- There have been a number of safety drills this year, including a lockdown and shelter in place. The local police have been visiting the school. They are becoming familiar with the floor plan so that they know the school layout. On December 12th there will be an emergency response drill for the teachers. The campus will be closed and an active shooter drill will take place.
 10. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Irma Altman. Seconded by Caitlyn Keogh and Janine Aranki.