

SSMS PTA Minutes  
February 28th, 2019

1. Welcome (Irma Altman) Irma thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
2. Motion to accept January minutes made by Irma. Vote to accept motion made by Marie Eckrich.
3. Treasures Report- Current balance is \$25, 270. A check from Picture Day for @\$4,300 has been deposited. This amount is not reflected in the balance.
4. Committee report-
  - a. SEP- The camp fair was held on 2/26. Committee wants to make sure that next year it is clear that the camps represented at the fair are for all students, not just those with special needs.
  - b. Apparel- Selling is going well. SMP is putting bundles together. Items are available for St. Patrick's Day. There are many options available online and at the store.
  - c. Fundraising- The committee is thinking of moving the next Adult Night Out to May instead of April. Please contact Jeanine or Larry if you would like to help organize the event. Also, not too late to make a donation the PTA. YOu can do it online or by check.
  - d. Grant Committee- Two grants are being considered. One is for \$1125 fr 8th grade classroom libraries. The other is for \$3200 for 3D printers
5. Teachers Report- (Sillechia)- Yearbook due dates are approaching. Please try to meet deadline. Contact Ms. Sieling with any questions.
6. Drugs and Alcohol Committee- On 3/21 and 3/22 the students in 8th -12th graders will be taking the Pride Survey. It is anonymous and not mandatory. You need to reply if you do not want your child to participate. On March 5th there will be a Hempstead town hall meeting/public forum about the legislation regarding the legalization of marijuana.
7. President's Report- (Irma Altman)
  - a. The school district budget has been released and is available online.
  - b. The 2019-2020 calendar has been adapted and is available on-line, as well.
  - c. PTA is looking for volunteers to help with the Teacher Appreciation. Please let Irma know if you are able to help.
  - d. 8th grade graduation signs will be sold. All proceeds will go towards the 8th grade party.
  - e. Irma has information regarding a reading/writing program being held at Hofstra. Please contact her if you would like more information.
8. Principal's Report-( Shelagh McGinn)
  - a. Thank you to the PTA for funding Challenge Day. It was once again a great experience for all. February 28th is Acceptance Day . The 6th graders watched the movie Bully, which is a documentary that teaches about acceptance of others and being compassionate.
  - b. Spring sports are coming up. All paperwork and forms needs to be completed. THE nurse has a list by her office of what students need to complete. All forms can be downloaded from the school website.
  - c. 6th grade parent orientation will be held on April 8th. 6th grade students will go to the elementary schools and visit the 5th graders and then the 5th graders will visit the middle school. During the visit there will be a club fair, 7th and 8th graders will give a tour, and there will be an info session in the auditorium. The upcoming 6th graders will visit the middle school again in August.
  - d. f you are planning on opting your child out of the state tests, please get the letter in ASAP. An accurate number of who is/is not taking the tests is necessary for planning.

- e. The Power Schools app will be down while elementary grades are entered into the system. The system can still be accessed through the website.
- 9. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Irma Altman, seconded by Marie Eckrich and Pegi Connors