

SSMS PTA Minutes

November 29th 2018

1. Welcome- Irma Altman and Christine Kufta welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.
2. Vote to accept minutes- Motion made by Irma Altman, seconded by Emma Travers and Maria Yarris. .
3. Treasurer's Report- Faith Varley- \$13,000 has come in from fundraising. Membership is just shy of their budget. There is a check out from last year's 8th grade dance for \$1000.
4. Vaping Presentations-Ruthanne McCormack spoke about issues with vaping. Kids are starting vaping at a young age. If you see a child with one, take it away. The JUUL looks like a USB device. There is as much nicotine in one vaping cartridge as in a pack of cigarettes. Kids are often doing 2 at a time. They get a rush from it. Marijuana can be inserted, along with other substance and chemicals. Easy to hide because of its small size. It can be charge on the computer or in the wall. It can have a variety of negative health effects, including sexual dysfunction. There is a link between vaping and the use of other substance use. Children are attracted to the flavors. Products can be bought online. All are encouraged to speak with their children about the issue.
5. Mrs. Southwick: Masese Community Project- Masese is a village in Uganda. The women there make jewelry and other accessories out of newspaper and magazines. In Masese the only school option is private school which is costly. A few groups SSMS students are working to raise money to help send students to high school. Mrs. Southwick is looking to help/ideas to spread the word regarding the different projects that the students are working on.
6. Teacher's Report- Caitlyn Keogh- Ms. Carzon wanted to share that \$2, 145 was raised by the students for UNICEF curing Halloween. This is a very impressive amount. Thanks to all who participated. Additionally, the art department hopes that all are enjoying the Keith Haring inspired art work that is being displayed throughout the building.
7. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Irma Altman. Seconded by Caitlyn Keogh and Emma Travers.