

**South Side Middle School PTA Meeting November 16, 2015**

1. **Welcome**
2. **Discussion & Approvals of 10/16/15 Minutes** Motion to accept Sue Oshry, seconded by Carrie Allene. Page 2/40.
3. **Financial Report:** Christine Belling-Balzano is \$48,995.33. \$80 membership deposit. \$1514 appeal deposit. Paid \$735 BVCPFA, \$155 mailings, \$675 to St. Agnes fundraiser rental, \$75 fundraiser DJ.
4. **Thank you** to Rosemary Talbot & Diane Reardon for fundraiser. (b) Barbara Barker for picture day. See Barbara Rivie read email about rentals.
5. **Committee Reports**
  - a) **Reflections:** Cindy & Emma Twente received higher profile judges. They announced the "Let Your Imagination Fly" theme will be sent home next week. A broad arts competition at school, county & state levels. Entries due 12/11/15. Please encourage participation.
  - b) **Health & Safety:** Kathleen Murray BVIC Coalition for South received a \$25,000 federal grant to prevent substance abuse. Five nurses training 131913 to conduct mental health screenings. Four out of 9 health screenings at BVIC were done with success. There were 60 students with prescription medications.
  - c) **SEP:** Lee Mallon- Dr. Gordon Wood is the director's new behavior management and transition consultant. Inclusive schools week is 12/7-12/11/15. The theme is "Sharing Our Gifts".
  - d) **Initiatives:** Tala Caputo- Committee as a team of students & parents. Students are unhappy with change in chicken & cookies. Students are unable to read lunch checks because of the menu board's location. Students dislike using the card for lunch but purchasing snacks separately. District may allow card to purchase snacks with parental consent. Students liked the homeless chicken wings.
  - e) **Membership:** Kathleen Murray- Currently 443 members. Contact Nina for cards or questions.
  - f) **Careerlink:** Kathleen Murray- prepared for Melissa McGowan to report.
  - g) **AIM:** Mrs. Commans- Thudon will conduct an anti-bullying presentation. Presented last year. "History of Magic" will be presented after the ELA 4/7/16.
6. **ELA Fundraising Report:** No December meeting, therefore next report will be 1/28/16.
7. **Bookend Report:** Ms. Gleason- Reflections (see information under committee reports). The Home & Career Skills Club is donating markers for conversion to clean fuel. Social Studies classes and Mr. Flynn had Take a Veteran to School Day. Students were well behaved. Veterans' messages resonated with some students. Students writing thank you notes to veterans. The Spelling Bee is ongoing with final being held 12/9/15. Ms. Lee works with the yearbooks which may be ordered at yearbookdirector.com. Yearbooks are \$50 each.
8. **Fundraising Report:** Ms. McGinn- Thank you to Mrs. Piccardi & Ms. Commans for covering while she was out. Summer ACE is up for discussion since summer renovations from the bond include the music room, band room, library & auditorium. Board of Education will discuss bond renovations at the 11/18/15 meeting. Wednesday night Elevator is required, school is not getting a new one. Rearranged classrooms for those who needed the elevator while it was broken. School Paper had a new director. "Stand For Parents" was performed Friday & Saturday. Many teachers went to the play and from the SHMSP's fundraiser. Minutes were assigned & chosen for the 8th grade community service project. Repeat cash withdrawal today. Grade changes will not be reflected until next report card. Call Guidelines if you're action Procedures or to request a paper copy. Principals met with Board of Education to discuss the Washington DC trip. Can't logistically or financially cost to greater than \$600 per student for 7 days) send entire 8th grade because need at least 30 teachers to chaperone. No decision reached. Sign up after meeting to volunteer for Washington DC trip committee. MVP certification wait date pending, may possibly be March. Principal will present at January Board of Education meeting. Could's book Challenge Day this year due to tight scheduling. Focusing more on Book's Challenge and related daily activities throughout the year. There should be consistency across the board in 8th grade math. Contact teacher with questions. Principal will talk to teachers regarding que planning.
9. **New Business:** Alison Bonds- Model's carpet fundraiser is ongoing through 12/4/15. John O'Shea- roof work will begin in summer. Library will be able to accommodate 2 classes with approximately 50 people. The expectation is to turn the library into a school hub. Will bring soundings to the next meeting. Exploratory 7 is using new camera. Wood-shop has workspace to code and then send to a 3D printer. There are 4 3D printers. Other section is coding for moving robots. Max did a 3d model in white mouse. There's a number from fireworks they'll make and wood-shop that can be used for more space. Debbie Pankallo- talk to Larissa Belle for when school play will be shown on school channel.