

SSMS PTA MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2017

S. McGinn- Ten minute tour of 7th & 8th grade Language Arts classrooms.

Motion to Accept January 17, 2017 Minutes: Made by Sue Quilty; seconded by Liz Stack.

Treasurer's Report: (K. Garrett) \$34,006.26 was balance. Wrote 3 checks in February; two were cashed. Current balance is \$30,921.27. Still need to pay AIM.

Committee Updates:

Winter Fundraiser: (J. Lindner) March 8th at Dark Horse, 6:30-9:30, \$45 at door includes food, music, open bar. Will have 50/50 and raffle.

Drug & Alcohol Committee: (M. Eckrich) Matt Felice is at SSHS March 21st for "Supporting Teens and Making Healthy Choices." RVC Rec Center is hosting Town Hall to combat substance abuse March 28th. Narcan conflict tonight. Will try to do another Narcan training in the Fall.

Red & Blue: (A. Bender) May watch for free in SSHS auditorium Friday and Saturday night. Post Prom committee selling snacks. Post Prom raises money for Senior Class's after prom party which is a "safe place" to go.

St. Baldrick's: (A. Bender) Not school related. Fundraises for all childhood cancers. Is a bake sale and event. Can shave head or donate ponytail. Mr. Wiesenberg is MC. Looking for ways to increase teacher participation and want to make a school event. School will recognize participating students. Takes place March 25th, 1-5, right after St. Patrick's parade. Pre-registration is the key to fundraising. Alicia and Mary are doing special craft area for sick and hospitalized children. Bake sale honors RVC family, Mary Ruchalski. Need baking donations. Live music and cash bar. Need marchers for parade.

SEP: (K. Lynch) SSHS camp fair 7-9. Coffee and share is March 1st SSHS. Sign up for RVC Challenger League on website. Autism Awareness is April 3rd, details to follow.

Teachers Report: (C. Keogh) 8th grade ELA presentation is during a double block. G. Lucero from the Hagedorn Foundation will speak. His brother was killed a couple of years ago. Holocaust survivors will also speak. Send Acceptance Day speaker suggestions of Mrs. Wasserman.

Hand in physical, interval and concussion test forms early for Spring sports due to volume. Be aware of dates. Concussion testing is 3/22, 23 & 27, 3:15-4:15. May also get a physical in the nurse's office March 22nd.

6th grade ELA arranged for kids to get RVC library card. done with baby pictures for the yearbook. The ad deadline is April 15. All's online. Teacher aids also receive the teacher discount.

Presidents' Report: Please submit nominations to the nominating committee. See Emma, Marie or Cindy with questions. Education forum if February 28, 7:30-9. Can email questions early to rvcptacouncil@gmail.com. Will be broadcasted on the Education channel at a later date. The robotics club is attending NYS championship Saturday. SSHS will offer coding next year. Check calendar for Spring concert schedule. Marie's collecting gently used concert clothing.

New Business: (C. Vaupel) Email principal or guidance counselor early if opting out of NYS tests. 8th grade math will not be administered because they take regents. Liz Mullen left some form letters.

Principal's Report: (S. McGinn) Board of Education decided Honor Society is based on 2nd-4th quarters of 6th grade, 1st-3rd quarters of 7th grade with a 92.5 average and essay application. Can't run the school if take entire grade to DC. Portfolio idea discarded because the Board was worried that greater than 150 kids would qualify. Cost now greater than \$700 per student. Price varies based on number of people in a room. Demerit system may lead to expulsion from Honor Society. Some kids drop out after trip. School mails letters with information. Be mindful this is a hot topic when using social media. Challenge Day was fabulous. Students will present it at March 8th BOE meeting. February 14th is Acceptance

Day for 6th grade. Will show the movie "Bully". Ms. LaSorsa and Ms. Carrow organized lesson plans. End of the year movie will be "Bully Effect" which is a follow up to "Bully" two years later. Director was a SSMS student. It was shown on Anderson Cooper 360. Next "Because I Said I Would" meeting is March 6th, 6:30-8:30 at the Rec Center.

Motion to Adjourn: Kara Spinelli seconded by Alana Bender.