

**South Middle School
PTA General Board Meeting Minutes**

January 12th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Allyson Jannotta, South PTA President.

Welcome and Attendance-Allyson Jannotta

1. There were four (4) individuals, four (4) officers, two teachers, and the principal in attendance at this month's meeting. Quorum (six individuals including two officers) was met.

Administrative Reports

Secretary's Report- Mary DeMaria

1. Minutes from October's meeting were posted on Google Drive and the PTA website. A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Tracy Gerwen and seconded by Marianne Anderson. There was no discussion. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed to approve the minutes from October's meeting.
2. Correspondence- There were several thank you cards from staff regarding conference luncheon.

Treasurer's Report- Tracey Ruder

1. November and December's Treasurer Reports were distributed to those present. Reports will also be posted on Google Drive and the South PTA Website under Resources. Hard copy will be attached to minutes.
2. Mid-Year Budget Report was presented. Marianne Anderson made a motion to approve the allocation of additional \$35 into the Directory fund. Mary DeMaria seconded the motion. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.

ABC/25 Report- Mary DeMaria and (Nicole Towle)

1. ABC/25 In-School Drawing planning underway. Expect to see more information at the end of the month.

President's Report- Allyson Jannotta

1. Nominating Committee: Mary DeMaria, Catherine Olson, and Tracy Hall. Alternate Tracy Ferraro.

Principal's Report- Piper Boston

1. Ms. Boston introduced Kim Dyer. Kim Dyer is a science teacher at South as well as the Director of the Science Olympiad. Kim thanked PTA for sponsoring a mini cultural arts speaker during the Science Olympiad. Betty Trummel/Science Roadshow will be presenting at 3:00pm during the Science Olympiad as well as giving a presentation to 8th graders on tectonic plate movement. The Science Olympiad starts at 9:00am and gym will be open for hands on science activities. She also looks forward to hosting an elementary Science Olympiad in May.
2. December flew by with many assemblies and fieldtrips.
3. An email is coming regarding the next phase of Chromebooks. Information will include insurance and care, tutorial and walk-through opportunities, structured sessions on digital safety, and more. Teachers are currently learning more about the transition to Schoology and Chromebook integration. Janet Iacovelli added that chromebooks are going to significantly improve learning flexibility and implementation timelines.
4. D214 Placement process for incoming freshmen is currently underway.
5. Lorado Taft 7th Grade Parent Meeting is scheduled for February 23rd at 6:30pm. More information coming soon.
6. Administration continues to monitor and evaluate traffic patterns and student safety on and around campus. There are new cross walks in place, as well as staff presence during peak times. Pulling up in the parkway is imperative to a smooth drop-off. The majority of traffic pulls through the parkway at 7:40am, where as the parkway is mainly empty between 7:30-7:35am. The intersection of Highland and Park is especially being monitored. Parents are welcome to help supervise. Please contact the office if you would like to help.
7. Upcoming Events
 - a. Ski Club has first outing on January 13th. Ninety (90) students are signed up.
 - b. 8th Grade Ping Pong club looking to host a parent tournament on January 27th.
 - c. ABC/25 In-School Drawing coming soon.
 - d. Middle School Showdown is Friday, March 10th at Rolling Meadows High School.
 - i. Evening will support Cystic Fibrosis as well as having an information table supporting ABC/25 and drawing opportunities.

Teacher Liaison- Janet Iacovelli

1. Janet shared that the staff particularly look forward to this time of year, when kids are maturing and the period of learning has less interruptions.

Committee Reports

Works in Progress:

Yearbook- Marianne Anderson

1. Committee is currently looking at ways to ease the administrative burden, including credit card options.
 - a. Discussed ways to reach out to non-PTA members for placing orders.
 - b. Discussed ways to reach out to PTA members reminding them that they have ordered yearbooks at registration.
 - c. Considering possibility of separating out yearbook order from PTA membership at registration.

8th Grade Dance- (Andrea Burger and Jeannie Petkewicz)

1. Committee is meeting next week. All sub-committee positions have been filled.
2. Theme was shared and will be revealed to students at a later date.
3. Creating a Google sign-up for volunteers.

8th Grade Picture Day- (Jeannie Petkewicz)

1. 8th Grade graduation pictures will occur on February 14th. Pictures will include multiple sitting/standing poses. Students will be photographed in dress clothes as well as a cap and gown.

Spiritwear- (Alison McLaughlin, Jennifer Ciccone, and Kathleen Zilewicz)

1. Vendor ran out of the thumbhole shirt in the current color. A new darker color with a white logo will be offered instead.
2. Need to find out how deposit of money occurs and on what intervals.

Reflections- Lorelei Cole

1. There were five (5) entries at South. One project, a photography project from an 8th grader, advanced to the next level.
2. Considering a separate Reflections fair.

Status Reports: None

Completed Reports: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm by Allyson Jannotta, SMS PTA President.

Secretary: Mary DeMaria*

Reviewed by President on: _____ Approved by General Board on: _____

Secretary: _____

**Denotes that the original signature is provided on the hard copy of the monthly PTA minutes.*

Note: Electronic versions of minutes and much more can be found on the South PTA Website- www.southpta.org

Important Dates

- Monday, January 16- No School/Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- Saturday, January 14- Science Olympiad South Invite
- Monday, January 23- No School/Institute Day
- Friday, January 27- End of 2nd Quarter
- Friday, January 27- 8th Grade Ping Pong Club Parent Tournament
- Thursday, February 9- PTA Meeting 7:00pm
- Tuesday, February 14- 8th Grade Graduation Pictures
- Monday, February 20- No School/President's Day
- Thursday, February 23- Lorado Taft Parent Night 6:30pm
- Friday, March 3 & Saturday, March 4- Suessical Jr.
- Friday, March 10- Middle School Showdown
- Friday, March 24- No School/Conferences
- Monday, March 27 through Friday, March 31-No School/Spring Break

Resources

- District 25 Website: <http://www.sd25.org/>
- South Middle School Website: <http://www.sd25.org/south>
- South PTA Website: <https://southpta.org/>
- Illinois PTA Northwest Cook Region District 37 Website: <http://www.ilpta-d37.org/>
- Illinois PTA Website: <http://www.illinoispta.org/>
- National PTA Reflections Information: <http://www.pta.org/Reflections>