

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

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Allyson Jannotta, South PTA President.

**Welcome and Attendance**-Allyson Jannotta

1. Allyson introduced guest speakers Dr. Eric Olson and Jen Adams, from District 25, to discuss assessment. Notes were not taken on this portion of the meeting.
2. There were five (5) individuals, four (4) officers, a teacher liaison, 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 September'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 September's meeting.
2. Correspondence- None.

**Treasurer's Report-** Tracey Ruder

1. September Treasurer Report was 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.

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

1. Currently reviewing and scoring grants.
2. Still no information regarding ABC/25 membership numbers from South.
3. In discussion phase of planning In-School fundraiser.

**AH Council Representative-** (Katie Washco)

1. Congratulations to South PTA for the award at the NWCR/D37 Annual Meeting and Dinner.

**President's Report-** Allyson Jannotta

1. Nominating Committee will need to be formed in January. Contact Allyson if you are interested.

**Principal's Report- Piper Boston**

1. School data-day in the beginning of October-opportunity to evaluate curriculum as well as individual students.
2. Service-minded students:
  - a. Socktober: included homebase drives and activity nights.
  - b. Pink Out Day for Breast Cancer Awareness.
  - c. MAD Cardinals hosted 6<sup>th</sup> grade "mix-it-up" lunch recently.
  - d. Feed My Starving Children- December 15<sup>th</sup> for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
    - i. Currently seeking two (2) parent volunteers per homebase.
  - e. Pack the Pantry Campaign – December Food Drive hosted by student council
3. Mock Election occurred this week during Social Studies with the help of League of Women Voters. Election included a full ballot. Focus was on process versus result.
4. Halloween-letters were sent home. School will celebrate with a Pep Assembly to end the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.
5. Fall Play "The Reluctant Dragon" will be on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Both in-school and evening performances.
6. School will be honoring veterans in November.
7. Looking forward to 7<sup>th</sup> grade Revolutionary War experience. 7<sup>th</sup> Graders will also be seeing "Christmas Carol" play in December.
8. Information distributed regarding November conferences. Students are encouraged to attend.
9. Chromebooks
  - a. Distribution went smoothly.
  - b. Currently troubleshooting some major glitches and working out some basic logistics
  - c. Watch for information coming home in November about Phase 2 of Chromebooks. With many more phases ahead.
  - d. District 25 is bringing in speaker Devorah Heitner, author of "Screen-wise."
  - e. Keep in mind that filters are on while the Chromebooks are at school, but not when at home.

**Teacher Liaison-** Janet Iacovelli- No Report.

**Committee Reports**

**Event Results:**

**Picture Day-** (Jeannie Petkewicz)

1. Picture retakes were on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Directory-** Tracy Ferraro

1. Paper directories are being distributed based on individual request. Approximately 240 paper directories were printing running committee about \$30 over estimated budget.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Night-** (Christine Naunheimer, Laura Belluomini, and Gina Hammond)

1. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Night on October 21<sup>st</sup> was a success. Activities included ping pong and open gym.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Night-** (Sheila Blair and Lisa Soro)

1. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Night on October 14<sup>th</sup> was a success. Thirty-two (32) students attended. Many students came up to us to tell us how much fun they had roller-blading and requesting their favorite songs to be played by the DJ. The Central Community Center staff was very helpful in the entire process from rental to making sure we had basketballs and hula hoops in the gym as well as the lighting being perfect for all different levels of skating abilities. The students also enjoyed seeing Ms. Boston at the activity night. She connected with the students with her conversations with them and helped out too! The students donated winter clothing items at the event that have been taken to Journeys. Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring such a great event!

**Works in Progress:**

**Cultural Arts-** (Kathy Kingston and Kim Buck)

1. Currently working on scheduling "Rope Warrior" as well as considering "Amazing Africa".
2. Revolutionary War Re-Enactment for 7<sup>th</sup> graders is coming up on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

1. Online sales have been launched. Deadline for free shipping to school is November 5<sup>th</sup>. Online store will be open for the remainder of the year, put purchaser will need to pay shipping directly to their homes.

**Reflections-** Lorelei Cole

1. Theme-"What's Your Story?"
2. Deadline for entries is in two weeks.
3. Next year's theme is "Within Reach."

**Technology/Website-** (Stephanie Williams)

1. Continuing to make updates to the website. If any committee chairs want something added to the site, please send a copy and any PDF attachments to Stephanie Williams, copying Allyson as well on the email. The post should be up on the site with 24-48 hours.

**Status Reports:** None

**Completed Reports:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:**

1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm 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](http://www.southpta.org)

**Important Dates**

Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>- No School: Election Day/Teacher Institute Day

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>- Reflections Projects Due

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>- PTA Meeting: 7:00PM

Monday, November 21 through Friday, November 25- No School: PT Conferences & Thanksgiving

**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>