

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

February 9th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:22am by Allyson Jannotta, South PTA President.

Welcome and Attendance-Allyson Jannotta

1. There were nine (9) individuals, three (3) officers, 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 January's meeting were posted on Google Drive and the PTA website. A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Meg Rogers and seconded by Tracy Gerwen. There was no discussion. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed to approve the minutes from January's meeting.
2. Correspondence- None.

Treasurer's Report- Tracey Ruder

1. January's Treasurer Report was shared with those present. Reports will also be posted on Google Drive. Hard copy will be attached to minutes.

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

1. ABC/25 In-School Drawing is underway. Deadline has been extended to Friday, February 17.

President's Report- Allyson Jannotta

1. Hospitality Chairperson position is still open. Currently need an individual to plan and facilitate Spring Conference Dinner on Thursday, March 23rd. Allyson Jannotta has all information. Sarah Theodossopoulos volunteered.

Principal's Report- Piper Boston

1. Ms. Boston retouched upon ABC/25 In-School Drawing. Raffle prizes for both students and parents. Spreading the news in school with help of students. Please help spread the word among parents as well.

2. Chromebooks- Coming home still pending. Information will come through when available including tutorial videos and parent information sessions. Ultimately parents have option on whether or not to allow chromebooks to come home or stay at school. Information on seminars coming soon including.
 - a. Devorah Hietner- author of Screenwise. Definitely a recommended read.
 - b. Movie Screening- Screenagers.
3. Heavy into transition time.
 - a. Preparing for class placement of 8th graders into High School including PSAT's and staff recommendations. Dialog open for parents as well. Parents can reach out to teacher once proposed class assignments have been received by High School-late February/early March.
 - b. Incoming 5th graders are currently selecting their World Language. Process is more "at home" as school's no longer host World Language Night.
4. Feeder school PTA's are invited to host a meeting at South to help parents transition and meet administration.
5. PARCC testing will start March 6th. Test is fully electronic with one-on-one technology available.
6. 6th Grade Parent Coffee Dates: March 7th at 1:30pm, March 13th at 9:45 am, March 15th at 7:00pm. Email Susan Gavin at sgavin@sd25.org or call 847-398-4250 to RSVP.

Committee Reports

Nominating- Mary DeMaria, Catherine Olson, and (Tracy Hall)

1. Committee still accepting recommendation for individuals who may be a good fit for the following open positions for 2017-2018 year: President/Co-President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Yearbook- (Marianne Anderson)

1. Parents are welcome to submit pictures for yearbook to Jen Smith jsmith@sd25.org or Ellen Wano ewano@sd25.org.

8th Grade Dance- (Andrea Burger and Jeannie Petkewicz)- Report given by Christine Naunheimer

1. Committee recently had subcommittee chairperson meeting. Theme was shared and will be revealed to students at a later date.
2. Contract and deposit sent in for open photo booth with props.
3. Sign Up will be updated soon to included 7th grade parent chaperones. 6th grade parents will be invited to chaperone if the need arises.
4. 8th Grade Dance Committee Chairperson position open for the 2017-2018 school year.

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. Students should wear dress attire to school.

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

1. Proceeds have been low so far this year. Had about 150 sales with approximately \$700 profit.
 - a. Initial set up fee for transfers/logos.
2. Plans to do another sales push in spring with paper flyers and a live/on-site sale during 6th grade night.

Reflections- (Lorelei Cole)

1. One project, a photography project from an 8th grader, advanced to state level.
2. Reflection Chairperson open for 2017-2018 year.

Cultural Arts- (Kathy Kingston)

1. Amazing Africa presentation coming at the end of the year to all students.
2. Mr. Nicky presentation coming in May for 6th grade students. Aligns with Social Studies curriculum.

Technology/Website- (Stephanie Williams)

1. Great feedback on website. Those present shared that they loved the look of the website and the ease of navigation. Westgate PTA is currently modeling their website after South's.
2. Treasurer Reports will no longer be available for viewing on the website due to privacy concerns. Please contact Tracey Ruder if you need information regarding budget.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

1. The meeting was adjourned at 10:23am by Allyson Jannotta, SMS PTA President.

Secretary: Mary DeMaria*

Reviewed by President on: February 16, 2017 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

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.
Thursday, March 9 at 7pm- PTA Meeting Pending
Friday, March 10- Middle School Showdown
Thursday, March 23- Parent/Teacher Conferences. Regular Student Attendance
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>