

**South Middle School**  
**PTA General Board Meeting Minutes**  
May 10, 2017

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

**Welcome and Attendance**-Allyson Jannotta

1. There were six (6) individuals, four (4) officers, one (1) staff representative, 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 April's meeting were posted on Google Drive and the PTA website. A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Catherine Olson and seconded by Tracy Gerwen. There was no discussion. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed to approve the minutes.

Correspondence:

- a. Thank you card were read by staff members thanking PTA for Teacher Appreciation Week.

**Treasurer's Report-** Tracey Ruder

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

**Vice President's Report-** Tracy Ferraro

1. A motion was made by Mary DeMaria to approve the updated Bylaws. Marianne Anderson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed to approve the new Bylaws.

**Nomination Committee/Elections-** Mary DeMaria, Catherine Olson, and (Tracy Hall)

1. The nomination committee presented the nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and opened nominations from the floor for each office. Sarah Theodossopoulos was nominated from the floor for the position of South PTA Secretary. She accepted the nomination. Elections took place by voice and each individual was elected by unanimous Aye's.
2. Committee welcomed the following individuals for the 2017-18 year.
  - a. Mary DeMaria-President
  - b. Catherine Olson- Vice President
  - c. Dolores Georg- Treasurer
  - d. Sarah Theodossopoulos- Secretary

**President's Report-** Allyson Jannotta

1. Open positions for 2017-18 year: Directory, Membership, Yearbook, Reflections, Website, Back to School Chill Out, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Night, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance and more. See Volunteer Interest Survey for information.

**Principal's Report-** Piper Boston

1. There is a lot of celebrating as the year draws to a close as well as planning for the next school year.
2. Touched upon recent email sent out to families regarding choice of words and their impact.
  - a. Dr. Bein also plans to partner with the library to discuss.
3. Upcoming events included:
  - a. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Night on May 18<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> graders have visited the school during the day already. And current 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have helped.
  - b. Japan exchange starts next week.
  - c. Field days coming up at Pioneer Park.
  - d. Yearbook signing.
4. New crossing guard at Park and Highland.
5. Commented on how appreciative staff was for Teacher Appreciation Week.
6. Lots happening in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Much excitement and nerves.

**Teacher Representative-**Janet Iacovelli

1. On behalf of all staff recognized, Janet thanked PTA for Recognition/Scholarship certificates.
2. Also, thanked PTA for Teacher Appreciation Week. It was a fun relief during a busy time.
3. A couple of 6<sup>th</sup> grade girl scouts approached Janet about coordinating a spiritwear recycling event. They are currently making flyers and announcements as well as decorating collection boxes for each floor. Working with social workers to redistribute.
4. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Highlights:
  - a. Students finished career ed. Interviews. It's a three month process starting with students researching careers, designing lives, making resumes, and filling out applications. Students are interviewed from community members and write thank you letters.
  - b. Finishing up Holocaust/WWII unit, including poetry writing.
  - c. Wrapping up graduation speech process. Ten to twelve students will be giving their speeches to administration.
  - d. Lots of graduation preparation happening as well.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Yearbook-** Marianne Anderson

1. 72 Yearbooks left to sell.
2. Yearbook signing occurs around field day.
3. Conference room is booked for May 31<sup>st</sup>. Will need volunteers to help sort and distribute to homebases.
4. Currently still figuring out how to refund for duplicate yearbooks.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance-** (Andrea Burger and Jeannie Petkewicz)

1. Invites went out last Monday and have a due date of next Friday. Decorations and raffle prep is underway. Food will be an ice cream sundae bar, pretzels, popcorn and a beverage station (sodas and water). We'll be sending out a sign up for chaperones soon. Memory hall will be at the school. Parents need to send in a 5X7 photos of their student as a 2-4 year old asap.

### **Cultural Arts-** (Kathy Kingston)- report given by Allyson Jannotta

1. All school African Dance performance is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Spiritwear-** (Alison McLaughlin, Jennifer Ciccone, Kathleen Zilewicz)-report given by Allyson Jannotta.

1. There will be a live sale at the Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Night. Sale will open 30 minutes before orientation. Whole committee will be helping during event.

### **Scholarship-** (Kristin Keil)- report given by Allyson Jannotta

1. Scholarship Breakfast is on May 16<sup>th</sup> for seniors who have applied and are being awarded with a scholarship grant. There will be six (6) South teachers present.

### **Reflections-** Lorelei Cole

1. Reflections position is open for next year. Great position for an artsy, creative individual who would be willing to coordinate an Art Club. Push request out to elementary school chairs.

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

1. Continuing to post any information provided. We will need someone to take over the site before end of July, if training is required on Wordpress.

