

## South Middle School PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2018

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The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am by Mary DeMaria, South PTA President.

### **Welcome and Attendance**-(Mary Demaria)

1. There were ten (10) individuals, four (4) officers, no (0) staff representatives, the principal and the district superintendent in attendance at this month are meeting. Quorum (six individuals including two officers) was met.
2. Dr. Bein stated things within the district were going well. There was a PTA council meeting that focused on the K-5 grades. Presentation will be made by Student Learning to discuss a dramatic change with report cards for the future. Reporting will change from “grade” to standard base. Will not impact middle school at this time but a committee is being put together to discuss implementation for the future.

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Secretary’s Report-** (Sarah Theodossopoulos)

1. Minutes from September’s meeting were posted on Google Drive and the PTA website. A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Jill Knaack and seconded by Delores Georg. There was no discussion. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed to approve the minutes. Correspondence:
  - a. Thank you card was read by staff members thanking PTA for Fall Conference teacher dinner.

#### **Treasurer’s Report-** (Dolores Georg)

1. Year to Date Treasurer Reports were shared with those present. Reports will also be posted on Google Drive. Hard copy will be attached to minutes.
2. Actual September 2017 – December 2017 PTA budget were shared with present. Reports will also be posted on Google Drive Hard copy will be attached to minutes.
3. Approved 2017-2018 PTA budget was also shared with those present. Report will also be posted on Google Drive Hard copy will be attached to minutes.

#### **Vice President’s Report-** (Catherine Olson)

1. Working on updating procedure guide. Committee heads will receive a copy to approve. Procedure guide needs to be completed by Spring break and approved no later than May 9, 2018.

**President's Report-** (Mary DeMaria)

1. Arlington Heights Council is offering multiple scholarship opportunities to graduating seniors.
2. PTA Closet Clean Out – need to be mindful of what we save in the future. A lot of materials do not save well long term.
3. Motion to approve nominating committee – Sarah Theodossopoulos, Catherine Olson & Allyson Jannotta. A motion to approve the nominating committee was moved by Jill Knaack and seconded by Tracey Petrusonis. There was no discussion. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed to approve the audit.
  - a. Heidi Arzbaecher volunteered to be an alternate

**Principal's Report-** (Piper Boston)

1. Traffic continues to be an issue. Students will be excused for tardy absences when traffic is bad.
2. MAP assessment
3. PARCC testing will begin in March. MAP testing is prioritized over PARCC.
4. Upcoming events included:
  - a. PARCC testing

**Committee Reports**

**ABC25 –** (Mary DeMaria reported)

1. JMI! Challenge – Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>
  - a. T-Shirt design contest won by Ivy Hill Student

**Activity Nights**

1. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade activity nights were both a success and positive feedback received
2. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance will be held at SMS (Jill Knaack)
  - a. Dance will be “simple”.
  - b. Meeting will be held 2/5/18 with the planning committee.
  - c. Looking at renting a photo booth.
  - d. Not having kids vote on the theme this year.

**Cultural Arts-** (Mary DeMaria reported)

1. \$2,100 has been spent for Civil & Revolutionary War reenactments
2. Mr. Nicky is coming back for 6<sup>th</sup> graders in May
3. Amazing Africa and BMX are also being considered

**Hospitality –** (Sarah Theodossopoulos)

1. Fall Conference Dinner – went well and teachers graciously appreciated.
2. Spring Conference Dinner – Piper will find out what type of food teachers want. Will need to recruit volunteers.

**Publicity/Social Media** – (Heidi Arzbaecher)

1. Switched PTA Facebook Group to Facebook Page – seamless integration
2. Converted current PTA Group to Parent Group
3. Looking at establishing South PTA Twitter account and link it to the Facebook page. Twitter is used at both RMHS and PHS

**Student Pictures-** (Heidi Arzbaecher)

1. 8<sup>th</sup> grade pictures will be February 13<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**Teacher Appreciation-** (Sarah Theodossopoulos)

1. Week of May 7<sup>th</sup>. PTA will provide a trail mix bar on May 7<sup>th</sup> and lunch one day during the week. Day is TBD

**Reflections-** (Mary DeMaria reported)

1. Special congratulations to Noelle Spiess for advancing to regionals. Noelle made a musical composition

**Spiritwear-** (Mary DeMaria reported)

1. \$6,000 in merchandise was made during the winter sale. Very well received with the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Approximate \$1,400 profit.
2. Spring sale is still planned

**Yearbook** (Catherine Olson)

1. Piper will facilitate faculty introductions
2. Facility will handle the content

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:**

1. The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am by Mary DeMaria, SMS PTA President.

Secretary: Sarah Theodossopoulos\*

Reviewed by President on: February 16, 2018

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**

February 13 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Pictures  
February 13 – Taft Parent Meeting  
February 19 – No School / Presidents Day  
March 22 & March 23 –Parent/Teacher Conferences  
March 26-April 2 – No School / Spring Break  
May 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation  
May 7 -11 – Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 25 – No School / Improvement Day  
May 28 – No School / Memorial Day  
June 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance  
June 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation  
June 8 – Last Day of School

### **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>