



## South Middle School PTA

### PTA General Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2020

- I. 7:00pm Call to Order: Catherine Olson
  - a. Welcome & Introductions
  - b. Attendance: A quorum was present. (Catherine Olson, Lauren Rogers, Jen Strimling, Delores Georg, Lynn Repak, Effie Bevacqua, Maja Czapulonis, Ruth Miller, Sheri Rosen, Aoy Martschenko, Dr. Jim Morrison, Kim Buck, Teresita To, Kim Thoma, Julie Carlucci, Steve Perkins)
- II. 7:10pm Administrative Reports
  - a. Secretary's Report: Lauren Rogers
    - i. Action Item: Motion to approve Minutes from January 2020 Meeting (Julie Carlucci moved, Jennifer Strimling seconded)
    - ii. Correspondence (LMC sent a thank you note for Rebecca Caudill reading challenge)
  - b. Treasurer's Report: Maja Czapulonis
    - i. Monthly Report for January-March
    - ii. Excess funds committee chaired by Treasurer and includes two additional Board members (Jen Strimling, Julie Carlucci), one faculty member, the Principal, and the PTA President (Catherine Olson).
  - c. Vice President's Report: Jen Strimling
    - i. Procedure Guide
      1. Has been reviewed by procedure guide team with input from 6-8 committee chairs.
      2. Ready to be adopted, don't need to be voted on.
      3. Revised guide will be emailed tomorrow 3/19 for review.
  - d. Principal's Report: Dr. Morrison
    1. Not too crazy lately! Last 3 weeks have been "Special."
    2. Tried to keep families updated as much as possible, from Dr. Bein or school office.
    3. Drug sniffing dogs in school a few weeks ago as a precaution/safety.
    4. Girls volleyball: 7th grade state tournament cancelled and 8th grade finished season strong.
    5. Wrestlers went to sectionals and competed well.

6. 8th grade discussion with students to end the school year strong (how to keep grades up and handle themselves appropriately especially at dance, field day, boat trip, and graduation).
  7. School musical was performed only as a live video feed due to limitation on large groups. Very successful vs. cancelling all together. Small piece was shown on Good Morning America.
  8. WWII afternoon presenters canceled (April 17th). Not yet paid.
  9. DEA agent presenter on April 27, 28, 29 in gym classes for all grades.
  10. Robert Crown in May (along with parent presentation sent via email).
  11. Email sent today to 7th grade parents about Taft being canceled.
  12. Will keep moving forward. If we go further than spring break, more material from teachers to keep the education process moving forward.
- ii. Additional Reports from Associate Principals Sheri Rosen and Steve Perkins
    1. Just finished IAR and ISA testing. Went smoothly. No makeups completed.
    2. MAP tests still need to be completed because they're used for class placements.
- e. Teacher Liaison Report: Janet Iacovelli (ABSENT)
  - f. President's Report: Catherine Olson
    - i. Nominating Committee: Kim Thoma (Windsor), Lauren Rogers (Westgate), Mary DeMaria (alternate). Need one more parent, ideally a Dryden parent. Currently looking for volunteers.
    - ii. Incoming 6th grade events: Parent coffees on April 14 at 1:30 pm and 6 pm (will explain membership benefits, show PTA movie, etc). Orientation night at 6:30pm on May 6 with live spiritwear sales.
    - iii. State Convention April 24-25 at NIU Naperville Conference Center. Does anyone want to attend? We have a budget allocated for this.

III. 7:40pm Committee Reports

- a. ABC/25 Liaisons: Heidi Walczak (ABSENT)
- b. Ace It 25 Liaisons: Defunct
- c. Activity Nights:
  - i. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (Complete): Gina Hammond (ABSENT), Preethi D'Souza (ABSENT) -- 9/27/19
  - ii. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Complete): Nicole Escobedo (ABSENT), Tracy Petrusonis (ABSENT) --10/4/19

- iii. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance -- Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at South: Ruth Miller, Effie Bevacqua, Aoy Martschenko.
  - 1. Have formed subcommittees (including memory wall).
  - 2. Tentatively booked a DJ with a photo booth. Should we pay a deposit? Will reach out via email regarding a contract moving forward.
  - 3. Lynn Repak is in charge of the memory wall. She will start requesting pictures to be made into a movie in case we aren't able to hold the dance.
  - 4. Theme: Light up the night, Glow crazy (black light theme)
  - 5. Dr. Morrison will send out a reminder email regarding dress code.
- d. Back to School Chill Out (Complete): Catherine Olson
- e. Cultural Arts: Sheri Rosen (Admin), Kim Buck, Dolores Georg
  - i. Revolutionary War days held Nov 1.
  - ii. "Angst" viewing on Nov 18.
  - iii. 2nd semester suggestions (WWII, drugs/bullying, Joey FineRhyme)
    - Vaping presentation from Robert crown, with parent link. Need to land on a date for 7th and 8th grade.
    - Drugs and peer pressure on 4/27-4/29 in classrooms. All grades.
  - iv. Daniel Nicky World History -- 6th grade, May 21
  - v. DEA Agent visit during P.E. classes (free)
    - 1. Dolores requested \$500 for donation to DEA or charity of his choice.
  - vi. Leftover funds: foreign-themed games or social events like Kona Ice truck
  - vii. If more events canceled, suggest monies to be reserved to future years or student enrichment.
- f. DirectorySpot: Ann Williams (ABSENT)
- g. High School Liaisons
  - i. Prospect High School: Donna Ekl (ABSENT)
  - ii. Rolling Meadows High School: OPEN
- h. Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation: Kim Thoma, Ann Williams (ABSENT)
  - i. Parent/teacher conference dinner (COMPLETE)
  - ii. Staff appreciation week May 4-8 (snacks, Valli's/Portillo's luncheon, breakfast option)
- i. Juvenile Protection: OPEN
- j. Legislation: Shannon Silverman accepted position. Will start ASAP.

- k. LMC Coordinator: Margaret Zapata (ABSENT)  
LMC parent volunteers continue to support LMC activities. The 8th Grade Career Ed event is still pending. Will organize parent volunteers when needed. Book shelving activities are scheduled through the end of the school year.
  - i. Book fair (Complete)
  - ii. Rebecca Caudill reading parties (COMPLETE): The Rebecca Caudill reading parties were a great celebration of our sixth grade readers.
- l. Membership/Marketing: Holly Connors (ABSENT)
  - i. Current membership numbers report and plans for recruitment
- m. Publicity/Social Media: Nicole Escobedo (ABSENT)
- n. Staff/Volunteer Recognition: Now combined with Sunshine Committee
- o. Reflections: OPEN
- p. Scholarship Application Readers: Julie Carlucci and Dolores Georg
  - i. Scholarship Breakfast: Thursday, April 30th at 9:30am at Metropolis -- CANCELLED
  - ii. Scholarships are still being awarded. D25 Council of PTAs will look into alternative ways to present to the students.
  - iii. 2 categories: Academic/GPA and "Power of Courage" (life event that student had to overcome)
  - iv. Over 40 applicants, 10 high school seniors will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships.
- q. School Board Representative: OPEN
- r. Spiritwear: Kim Thoma, Kristin Warnstedt (ABSENT)
  - i. Spring sale is live; website up live next week.
  - ii. Some new items added (sweatshirts, window clings).
  - iii. May use gym or classrooms instead of hallway for open house for crowd control and presales (avoid congestion problems as in the past).
- s. Student Pictures: Lauren Rogers
  - i. 8th grade grad pictures and retakes: COMPLETE
- t. Sunshine: Lynn Repak
  - i. Continue to send updates for cards for new families.
  - ii. Update on any teacher events.
  - iii. Any families need support in regards to food, supplies, errands should ask the main office or school social worker to direct to Lynn Repak.
- u. Technology/Website Coordinator: Nicole Escobedo (ABSENT)
- v. Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN
- w. Yearbook: Bretta Hammerstrom (ABSENT)
  - i. Sales begin after spring break through homebase teachers, targeted only to those who have NOT ordered.

- IV. 8:15pm New Business
- V. 8:16pm Adjournment
  - a. Jen Strimling moved for adjournment. Kim Thoma seconded.

Secretary: Lauren Rogers

Reviewed by President on:

Approved by General Membership on:

**Upcoming PTA Meeting:**

Tuesday, May 19th, 2020, 7 pm

District 25 Website: <http://www.sd25.org/>

South Middle School Website: <http://www.sd25.org/south>

South PTA Website: <https://southpta.org>

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>