

## **SMS PTO Meeting**

**June 6, 2017**

**8:30am**

**10 Attendees – next meeting Fall 2017**

**Minutes taken by Becky White, PTO Secretary**

### **Treasurers Report – Overview 2016/2017: Diane O'Brien**

- Great fundraising this year and lots of wonderful purchases, which we should highlight on our website and Facebook page
- Dues drive was best in years. Simple prizes that got people excited.
- Major Capital Expenditures for 2016/2017 – computers
- Big Blue Bargains needs to be pushed, easy \$\$, National Junior Honor Society can be the volunteers, or 6<sup>th</sup> graders with their parents
- Sandy Moltz did a ton of fundraising for the library
- SMS PTO treasurer details - we maintain a checking and a savings account – too many deposits to the checking acct is expensive, so instead we mainly use the savings and transfer funds when needed
- After School Programs, great fundraiser – computer classes and others run by Ms. Payne are the most popular
- Next years dues \$40 – set at same amount then let folks direct their extra funding to specific areas, arts, books, robotics, etc.
- Water Bubblers – still on hold, need the right plumber

### **Spending Requests PTO voted YES to fund**

Gym – 30 scooters (\$1100)

Art – clay slab roller (\$1000)

Music – Instrument repair/replacement (\$1000)

Calichman – Basketball Hoop (\$500)

Robotics – Additional supplies (3D computer software) (\$975)

### **SMS Directory and PTO Website**

- Exists through the Aspen System, which is controlled by the main office. Should PTO maintain our own and create our own email distribution list? Would Lifetouch be able to provide information since other picture/yearbook companies do?
- Entire school district website being updated – need to follow up with Vice Principal at SHS, Latanya Mackey to ensure the SMS PTO page remains intact and discuss our access to the site.

### **Sandy Moltz fundraising – Thank you**

-SEF Grant

-Swampscott Cultural Grant

-Whole Foods

-Impact Grant – EBooks, first school to offer (Sandy has a lot to set up, library cards, informing schools)

### **End of Year/Beginning of Year Plans**

- Grant writing - Brendyl Christison offered to help anyone looking to apply for one Diane suggested Mass Lottery Grants – mosaic at Hadley was funded with that type of grant
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade (and Nahant incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade) Ice Cream Socials, handled by the main office, only need to write check
- Welcome pack to school letter from the PTO, bulk email includes the PTO info, just get to main office
- Board meeting in the summer
- National Junior Honor Society helps with the distribution of the A+ school supply kits
- Collection of the dues with a solid prize list should be determined
- Maybe make a distribution list for emails
- Pick dates for the monthly meetings and included on our welcome letter
- Welcome Back Lunch, not sure of date yet
- Talk about Y nights – all 4 grades together, it worked

### **Enrichment/Cultural Arts**

- New Presidents – Roxanne Schena and Heather Goodwin are willing to take the lead, should meet with Jen Townsend to transition.
- Others showing interest in this committee - Carolina Velasquez, Monica Lagerquist, Brendyl Christison

### **Next Year Ideas – Jen Bookman (Stanley PTO President)**

- 4 times a year invite parents and possibly student to speakers and/or movies which would be chosen and funded by all of the schools
- Ideas: anxiety video, how dysfunctional the school system is video, executive functioning speaker, help kids get out of situations strategies, stranger danger (online or in person)
- Chair from each school is requested