

SMS PTO Meeting

May 16, 2017

8:30am

12 Attendees – next meeting 6/20 8:30am

Principals Report (Lori Sanborn)

- Letter regarding Social Media, lots of positive feedback from parents
- Recommends OurPact App – creates social media boundaries, monitors social media
- MCAS will be completed tomorrow – May 18th!
- 2 Retirements in the building – Mr. Kane (Red, White, You) and Ms. Uminski (SpecEd)

Upcoming Dates:

- June 1 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – Parents Sign Up Genius to come, salads, desserts, chips, drinks, etc.
- June 2 Step up date for 8th graders
- June 6 DC trip for 8th graders (lots of roommate drama)
- June 13 4th grade night at the school
- June 15 Nahant move up day/night
- June 22 8th grade graduation and breakfast

Treasurers Report (Diane O'Brien)

- We are in good shape, plenty of funding to cover items we are voting on today. Jaren would like to vote on spending and distributing the extra funds at our June meeting. Plan to leave \$5K for the following year.

Casey R adds that her friend who used to work at Google said they do grants for school computers, etc. in the future.

Per Supt. Meeting - Gelfand Fund might be donating some more \$\$ for next year, great news

VOTE on STEM Kits (Ms. Porter) - approved

- \$5600 for STEM Kits, which go with a new Special to replace Red, White and You, now called Robotics Design – district will fund 25 machines to run the programs and the district prefers the PTO to fund extras for the program, not the computers.

Library Update (Sandy Moltz)

- Swampscott Education Foundation Impact Grant Received, \$6900 total granted to Ms. Moltz/Ms. Paine, \$5000 of which is for Ebooks, teachers would be consulted on titles to be ordered. The remainder of \$\$ for microscopes, additions to the Makers Space all for Ms. Paine. Furniture was not covered, not what the SEF group would like their grants to over. These are incredibly difficult to get! Sandy Moltz has brought in over \$12,000 for the library – huge!!

-Town should push for a grant writer for the district.
-Ideas for next year– Follet (online catalog) TitleWish, donations for books and Crosby’s and Henry’s do giveback days for schools (like Whole Foods) too, coupons required

-Book Fair – Planning our annual Scholastic Book Fair for next fall near the parent/teacher conferences. Need to order missing teacher requested books after double-checking still desired.

Enrichment /Cultural Arts Program Update (Jen Townsend)

-Discussed who will take over this Board position next year, possibly Carolina V, Brendyl and new board members from the Johnson school. New Board curious about process to bring in performers, shows, etc. Jen explains to start with Danielle (secretary) who talks to grade team leaders, then you pitch your ideas or ask what they want, normally curriculum based, then you go from there. Lori Sanborn suggests fall/winter experiences are the best for the teacher, and all school events are difficult due to space.

-Plans for this year - MOS traveling programs every year, May 24, anti-bullying - ImprovBoston for 6th grade, Chris Heron June 12th – every other year 7/8 grade,

-Ideas for next year - Chinese Acrobats, Mass Water Resources Authority would come into, beginning of the year, Rose Cheever meeting with kids about internet safety, send out social media letter again, empower our kids regarding social media, get out in front of it, maybe bring back ADL (Anti Defamation League) SHS group who discusses bullying, social conscience, growing as a group

Open Committees Need Leaders

Big Blue Bargains

Book Fair

Box Tops

ASP – Casey and Becky to shadow Alexis R.

Voted in New SMS Board Additions for 2017-2018 – Approved

Roxanne Schena - President

Heather Goodwin - TBD

Caroline Velasquez - TBD

Brendyl Christison - TBD

Monica Lagerquist - TBD

Antonella Raffaele - TBD

Remaining Board Members – Diane O’Brien, Alexis Runstadler, Casey Rakhmanov, Becky White

Exiting Board Members – Thank you!!

Jaren Landen and Jennifer Townsend

8th Grade moving on breakfast June 22nd

Sign up genius run by parents, Jen Townsend to organize 8th grade parents

Love chocolate fountain, fruit and mini muffins