

## SOMS PTA Meeting Minutes November 15, 2011

Call to order 7:35

No Minutes from last month to approve

New Business – Approval of Bylaws-

Discussion about changes to our bylaws, number in a quorum is being changed to 12 from 15 and amount being charged for family membership listing in bylaws as \$18.00.

Dan Sullivan motioned to accept the changes to the bylaws, Karen Tesik seconded, in favor 12 in attendance as well as 3 absentee ballots, 0 opposed, motioned passed.

President's report: Evan

School Photo day went off smoothly, thank you to Kathy Dellacava. Retake day is December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Halloween festivities were cancelled due to the snow day. Pix of middle schoolers in costume can be sent to Patty Eyer

Founders Day is set for 2/15/12. Nominations due by 12/9/11

Treasure's report: Karen

Little Activity, remains status quo

Committee Reports:

Membership, Denise Maguire

Currently 300 members, approx 60 staff. Cards are being distributed

Special Events: Evan for Eva

7<sup>th</sup> grade dance scheduled for 12/2/11, switched via vote by executive committee to change it to 7<sup>th</sup> grade only dance to see if it will boost attendance.

PTA Council: Maureen

Nothing pertaining to SOMS discussed at last council meeting

Clothing: Lianne Russell

Winter Clothing sale going on right now, order due by 11/28, distribution will be before holidays.

Wellness committee: Julie?

Spoke about vending machines at TZE and outcome of roofing projects at last meeting

Principal's report: Karen

Thanked PTA and Jill Buttermann for assembly by Techno Music, synthesizer musician presented to all three grades. All students enjoyed immensely, and he emphasized with all grades the fact

that all subjects tie into his craft. Students do have similar capabilities in the Mac Lab and music ensemble rooms.

8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Sterling Mine upcoming. Trip taken on two days 11/28 & 11/30

Many clubs are up and running, lots of activity going on:

SOCASA had a successful 5k run/walk in October

French club will be making crepes

Italian club is making cannolis

Music clubs are having a Thanksgiving Pie sale fundraiser

Spanish club made skulls to celebrate day of the dead

All clubs welcome new membership and with the variety offered at the middle school, students should be able to make a connection with the club offerings.

SOMS presents to the BOE this Thursday – Cohorts showing improvements, especially the kids at greatest risk

Parent Teacher conferences got mixed reviews. No parent was turned away. There were some issues that needed to be addressed, but going forward, they will take the results and share with BLT. Overall, the number of parents the teachers saw was way up.

DC Trip Report: Dan Sullivan

Fundraising for DC raised \$20,000, of which 40% goes to the students. 50% of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class participated in fundraising. BLT looking into changes to fundraising for the future.

New Business:

Portal Question regarding date reopening occurs, it's the day after reporting date on the district website. If a parent does not have access to the portal, reports cards will be printed and sent to the home via mail.

Communication regarding NJHS meeting, not on daily announcements.

Digital Signage status, working out how to fund a yearly subscription or maintenance fee. Don't know how much the fee is, and how this will be funded year after year. Suggested could be paid maybe through student council fundraising.

**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!**

Motion to adjourn Dan Sullivan, seconded Karen Migone at 8:50pm