

SOMS PTA MINUTES

September 14, 2011

Meeting came to order at 7:30 pm.

Welcome and introductions

Accepted the minutes from the May 2011 meeting

New Business:

Change in the special events committee. Voted on having someone chair the 8th grade events which include the 8th grade dance, panoramic picture, graduation, and 8th grade breakfast – Kathy Dellacava. Another chair person for Halloween and another chairperson for the 6th grade dance and the other two dances. Motion past for the change in the special events committee.

President's Report: Evan Karzhevsky

-Back to school breakfast for staff went very well. Thanks to all who helped.

-6th grade dance 9/23 7:00-9:00 Karen Mignone and Eva Veraja are coordinating. Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, bakers, chaperones, and ticket sellers. Tickets will be on sale during 6th grade lunch Wed.-Fri..

-6th grade locker day – 178 organizers were pre-ordered and paid for. Organizers are still available at the school store on Friday's. Thanks to all who helped.

-Status of digital signage to SOMS from PTA – The digital signage will be for the main lobby and cafeteria to scroll announcements and any important information. As per Mrs. Tesik, the principal she reported it is still in progress and has a meeting 9/26.

-Financial/Treasurer – There is \$27,000 in the account. Karen Mignone is the current treasurer and she has met with past treasurer Lisa Connolly.

-There are a few important positions that need to be filled or committees that need help – Looking for a president, interim president Evan Karzhevsky will help whoever accepts the position. Special events is an open position. Also looking to fill the positions of program enrichment and clothing for the 2012-2013 school, current person will train incoming person.

-Ron Shapiro is working on the by laws.

-Annual NYS PTA Convention is November 11-13, Niagara Falls. Evan put this out to the members if someone is interested in going.

-Communication and meetings – If you are interested in having something on the agenda e mail Evan Karzhevsky and she will include it.

Committee Reports:

-Reflections – Lenora Mesibov - This year's topic is "Diversity Means"
School Store – Tricia McGee/ Eva Veraja – Needs 2 volunteers every Friday.

-Clothing – Anne Swann - Clothing sale ends Friday, 9/16. So far she has about 70 orders. Needs help once the orders arrive.

-Membership – Denis Maguire - So far she has membership forms from 33 SOMS staff and 120 individual memberships. Membership cards will be sent home from school.

-School Photos – Kathy Dellacava – Life Touch will be doing the pictures this year. School photo day is scheduled for Wed., 11/2, retake photos are scheduled for Tues., 12/6, and 8th grade panoramic is scheduled for Tues., 5/8. Volunteers are needed for these days.

Principal's Report: Karen Tesik

-Administration thanked everyone who helped out at locker day and for the back to school staff breakfast.

-Went over all the construction work that was done on the building over the summer. The roofing project is almost complete; work is being done on the weekends when students and staff are not present.

-At the end of the school year SOMS lost 18 students and has received 30 new students in the past two weeks. Current enrollment is about 892 students. The current 6th grade class has 275 students.

-Mrs. Tesik reported the early release of school report cards straight A's and the school is not in need of improvement and has met the annual yearly progress goals. ELA and Math scores will be mailed out by the end of this week.

-Reviewed changes and addition of classes. Mrs. Beth Lipton-Collins GT teacher is at SOMS 2 days a week.

-8th grade fundraising for the Washington, DC trip begins 10/6 for two weeks.

-Great school opening.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.