



Silver Lake Regional Middle School Meeting Minutes September 4, 2019, 7PM

PTO Board of Directors and Chairpersons present:

Katie Berry, PTO Co-President
Lori Costa-Cline, PTO Co-President
Linda Lane, PTO Co-Vice-President
Lorna Rankin, PTO Co-Vice-President
Pam Quinn, PTO Secretary & Apparel Chairperson
Corey Russell, Communications Chairperson

SLRMS Administration present:

Mr. Dan Stewart, Vice Principal

Community Members Present:

Sandy Covey, Megan Cannon, Heather Romano, Karen Renner, Adrienne McDougall

Introductions: Katie Berry

Ms. Lane motioned to approve minutes from Director's meeting in August, 2019
Mr. Russell seconded; motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Katie Berry

- Spendable balance for school year 2019/20 \$17,951
- Budgeted amount school year 2019/20 is \$16,392
- Rockland Trust balance as of 9/4/19 is \$18,502.60
- \$500 budget surplus from cancelled BTS dance.
- PTO now has 501c-3 status as a tax-exempt organization. Employers can match any donation from their employees.
- Rockland Trust is keeping the account number the same as before tax exempt status
- Ms. Berry also explained to the attendees why the BTS dance was cancelled and that any fundraising done this year is for next year as it is a rolling-forward endowment.

-PTO started the Facebook direct donation campaign today (9/4/19) and received \$700 in donations in the first day. Donations can also be sent to the school by check if they don't want to donate via Facebook

Principal's Report: Mr. Dan Stewart

Mr. Stewart is the new, Interim Vice Principal

- late busses and clubs start Monday, September 9
- Student council elections will be held soon
- Early release day is on Monday, September 23

Committee Reports:

- Ms. Costa-Cline spoke about upcoming Back to School Night for parents/guardians on Thursday, September 19 at 6PM and requested from Mr. Stewart a chance to present to families about the PTO's efforts at the end of the administration's presentation
- Need volunteers for the PTO table and to possibly sell apparel

Calendar Fundraiser:

- Ms. Rankin provided a committee update: Every student will receive 10 raffle sheets to sell and those will cost \$10 each. 31 chances to win, one for every day of December. For every 10 raffle sheets sold, a student will get entered into the raffle.
 - Looking for ideas for a fundraiser name and for school-approved incentives to help the students sell. The committee would like to present to students at SSR near October 15 to kick off the fundraiser. The committee is trying to gear prizes towards both students and adults
 - Ms. Berry would like someone to organize selling at the Kingston Collection on Black Friday and she asked Mr. Stewart if he and Mr. Dupille could come up with school-acceptable incentives. Some current ideas: the dunk tank at Field Day and slime the principal.
 - Mr. Russell and Ms. Romano will do communications for the fundraiser
- Ms. Rankin motioned to approve the Calendar Fundraiser report, motion passed

Old Business:

- Ms. Romano motioned to table the scheduling of the additional PTO fundraisers, motion passed
- Direct Donation is now live on Facebook for the month of September
- Ms. Berry and Ms. Costa-Cline asked Mr. Stewart for an opportunity to present at the October staff meeting. They would like to speak on the PTO mini-grants that the staff can apply for.
- Ms. Cannon asked why is it so difficult for the PTO to reach and update families. Ms. Berry explained PTO does not have access to all the families' emails and that everything is posted on Facebook to reach the most people. Ms. Romano suggested using a Google form that the administration posts to Parent Square.

New Business: Katie Berry

- Ms. Berry motioned to have the "In Plain Sight" presentation at the November PTO meeting, the motion was passed

-Ms. Romano feels we need new ways for Stop and Shop A-Plus rewards program to be communicated. She and Mr. Russell will post to the Facebook community pages for each town.

-Ms. Berry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm, Ms. Rankin motioned and the motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Quinn