



SHEPAUG VALLEY SCHOOL PTO

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SVS PTO Meeting Minutes - Monday, February 5, 2018 - Room A3

Call to Order

The SVS PTO meeting was called to order at 6:13 on Monday, February 4, 2018 by SVS PTO Chairman Paula Conway in Room A3.

Board Members Present

Paula Conway, Michelle Frankland, Julie King, Daphne Parker.

SVS Parents/Guardians Present

Anne Marie Sarbello.

SVS Administrators, Board of Education Members, and Educator(s) Present

Samantha Steinis.

Approval of Previous Minutes - Paula Conway

Minutes from December 2017 SVS PTO meeting were submitted for review and approval. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Frankland

Updated budget presented and approved by those in attendance.

SVS Principal's Report - Kim Gallo

None.

SVS Assistant Principal's Report - Lori Ferreira

None.

R12 BOE Representative Report - Jenn Pote

None.

Samantha Steinis, SVS Guidance Department

Participants in the meeting were given an overview of planning for middle and high school students. Key points included:

- Parents of 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students are encouraged to participate in planning sessions for their students. These sessions are designed to ensure families are 1) aware of the required credits needed to graduate 2) aware of the options available for the core credits and elective credits.
- Planning meetings for current 8th grade students took place in December/January. Guidance noted strong participation from 8th grade families.
- Planning for 10th grade students is scheduled for January; 9th grade students in February; 11th grade students in February. All planning sessions are scheduled to be completed by March.
- Parents will be notified of upcoming planning sessions via an email from the guidance department. The email includes a link to the "Pick-A-Time" scheduling app.
- Input from planning sessions is used to aid administrators in building the class schedules for the upcoming school year.

PTO Members in attendance made two recommendations to the guidance team:

- Provide parents with information about SVS core courses (including Honors, AP, and VHS options), electives, clubs, and activities prior to the start of planning season. This ensures parents are informed of the opportunities available to their students.
- Leverage the annual open house event as a vehicle to inform of parents of the above.

Next Steps:

- PTO members Julie King, Daphne Parker, and Anne Marie Sarbello to follow-up with Kim Gallo and Lori Ferreira on recommendations.

SVS PTO Agenda

SVS PTO Old Business - SVS PTO Board

1. Harlem Wizards - Paula Conway/Michelle Frankland

The SVS PTO earned approximately \$2,300 on the Harlem Wizards fundraising event. Final number to be confirmed upon reconciliation with the Sherman PTO.

SVS PTO New Business - SVS PTO Board

1. Grant Requests

a. 7th Grade Field Trip

The 7th Grade team requested funds for their annual field trip to Lake Compounce. Budgeted funds were released for this.

b. Cheerleading Team Request

Cheerleading Coach, Anne Marie Sarbello presented a request for funds to support training of the cheerleading team. The funds would be used to pay for a Tumbling and Stunting

Clinic. This clinic typically costs \$40-\$70 per student. Coach Sarbello negotiated the rate to \$10 per student for a total cost of \$120. In addition, Coach Sarbello noted, this season, students contributed approximately \$100 towards the purchase of team apparel and the team will be conducting a fundraiser to generate funds to support music rights. Member in attendance took a vote to approval \$120 in funding for the Tumbling and Stunting Clinic. Coach Sarbello abstained from the vote. Funding was approved by all other members in attendance.

2. Review of Events for the Remainder of the Year

- a. All Middle School Dance - schedule for May 4, 2018 from 7PM - 9PM
- b. 8th Grade Banquet - Date to be confirmed by chairperson, Linda Schneider
- c. 8th Grade Graduation Reception - Date to be confirmed, typically is scheduled for the night before the last day of school
- d. 12th Grade Graduation and Reception - Hosted by Julie King
- e. PTO Scholarship - New form submitted to guidance
- f. Senior Collage Frames - no updates

3. PTO Appreciation of Staff and Volunteer Event

- a. Members in attendance discussed potential for new approach to an appreciation event which could include a breakfast vs lunch or after school, evening activity for all. Further discussion postponed until the PTO board can put forth a recommendation.

4. Scripps Fundraiser

- a. Further discussion tabled until the PTO board can put forth a recommendation.

5. Electives/Club Night

- a. See next steps under Guidance presentation.

Other Suggestions

PTO member Anne Marie Sarbello asked if PTO meetings can be video recorded and posted for viewing.

Announcements

No school Monday, February 19 and Tuesday February 20

Call to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by President, Paula Conway at 7:42.

Minutes submitted by SVS PTO Secretary, Julie King 3/5/18