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SVS PTO Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2018 - Front Office Conference Room

Call to Order

The SVS PTO meeting was called to order at 6:03 on Monday, December 10, 2018 by SVS PTO Chairman Paula Conway in the front office conference room.

Board Members Present

Paula Conway, Michelle Frankland, Julie King, Daphne Parker

SVS Parents/Guardians Present

AnnMarie Sarbello, Linda Schneider

SVS Administrators and Educator(s) Present

Kim Gallo

Board of Education Members, and Educator(s) Present

None

Approval of Previous Minutes - Paula Conway

Minutes from the November 2018 SVS PTO meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction to the "SVS Parents/Guardians Present" section as AnnMarie Sarbello was not present at the October 2018 meeting .

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Frankland

Treasurer's report presented and approved with an ending balance of \$16,500.57. This includes \$84 raised via the Holiday Gift Card program. The budget was presented and approved by those in attendance.

SVS Principal's Report - Kim Gallo

- PSAT results are in and students have been notified. Parents can secure hard copies of the results by contacting the guidance office.
- Michael Boucher has been hired as the new Director of the guidance department.
- Monthly meetings with the seniors continue.
- Additional parking spaces will be added over the next few weeks to address parking issues related to construction.
- Graduation will be held on the soccer field / track. A professional sound system will be used to support the event and golf carts will be rented to transport guests from the parking lot to the ceremony.



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- Kim Gallo, Megan Bennett, and three students participated in the High School Reimagined conference.
- 2019/20 course offerings have been posted to the website. Kim Gallo will work with guidance to publish and overview of the planning process along with a schedule of important meetings and dates.

R12 BOE Representative Report – no board member present – update provided by Kim Gallo

- Nicole Grant will replace Bob Geisen as the Region 12 business manager.
- Applications for the Agriscience program are due 1/14/19. Interest to date has been strong. Students who currently tuition-in to Shepaug from towns within our catchment area may apply to the SVS Agriscience program. Students who currently tuition-in to Shepaug from Woodbury will not be eligible for our program however they can apply to the Nonnewaug program.
- Over 100 parents and students from Region 12 and the SVS AgScience catchment area attended the recent “Intro to High School” meeting held at Shepaug.
- Construction for the SVS Agriscience center is on schedule. The program will open in September.

SVS PTO Agenda

SVS PTO New Business - SVS PTO Board

- 1. Harlem Wizards – Paula Conway**
Due to construction and parking issues, the SVS and Sherman PTOs have agreed to postpone this year’s event. The Wizards will refund all but \$100 of the deposit. When we rebook, they will apply these funds to the next event which would be re-scheduled for Late October or Early November 2019. Should parking be an issue at that time, the PTOs would lose the deposit.
- 2. Staff Appreciation – Paula Conway**
A date for the winter staff appreciation is being sought. Update to be provided at the next meeting.
- 3. First PTO Meeting of 2019 – Paula Conway**
There will be no PTO meeting in January 2019. The first meeting of the new year will be in February.
- 4. PTO Scholarships – Daphne Parker**
Three \$500 scholarships will be offered to current SVS Juniors for use towards accredited summer programs. The PTO is developing the requirements and will work



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with guidance to participate in the SVS Summer Enrichment Fair.

5. Box Tops for Education – Paula Conway

The PTO will donate all Box Tops collected to the Middle School Student Council to assist them with fundraising.

SVS PTO Old Business

1. Holiday Gift Card Fundraiser – Michelle Frankland

Orders will be accepted through Friday, December 15 with delivery the following Thursday. For 2020/21 the PTO will accept orders at the Holiday Bazaar.

2. Basketball Concessions – Linda Schneider

The concession stand will be open for the girl's home games.

Other Comments/Suggestions

None.

Call to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by President, Paula Conway at 6:51

Minutes submitted by SVS PTO Secretary, Julie King 2/2/19.