



## **SHEPAUG VALLEY SCHOOL PTO**

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### **SVS PTO MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 9, 2019-|ROOM A4**

#### **Call to Order**

The SVS PTO meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM on Monday, September 9, 2019 by Julie King in room A4

#### **SVS PTO Board Members Present**

Julie King, Angela Le Clerc, Nicole Ross

#### **SVS Parents/Guardians Present**

Anna Cario, Michelle Frankland, Megan Hodge, Pam Lee, Linda Schneider

#### **SVS Administrators and Educator (s) Present**

Michael Croft

#### **Region 12 / SVS Board of Education Member Present**

Jennifer Pote

#### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes from the June 2019 SVS PTO meeting were approved with one correction to show Paula Conway submitted minutes for the June 2019 meeting.

#### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

J King asked that the administration and BOE be aware a few SVS parents and students were unclear as to why high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are required to stay in the lunchroom during lunch period this year and asked for clarification.

J King asked that the administration and BOE be aware that SVS parents with students enrolled in the AgStem program are unclear as to when/where the “STEM” portion of the AgScience will be integrated.



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### **SVS Vice Principal's Report – Michael Croft**

- Shared his excitement and goals for working with the PTO including opportunities to enhance and expand on non-athletic related clubs.
- Construction is proceeding on time and phase 2 should be completed in later 2019/early 2020.
- Search is underway for Kim Laughlin's replacement. An interim candidate has been identified to ensure there are no gaps in support for students and parents.
- Explained that the change in the lunchroom was implemented to reduce crowds in the mall during lunchtime.

### **R12 BOE Report – Jennifer Pote**

- Shared that the Superintendent is working on communication to AgScience families regarding the STEM portion of the program and providing examples including the use of drones, virtual horses, new science labs, and K9 training cadavers to come.

### **Treasurer's Report – Angela Le Clerc**

- Reviewed the final 2018/19 report with ending balance of \$10,085.15.
- Presented the proposed 2019/20 budget with a proposed ending balance of \$11,295.15.
- Proposed 2019/20 budget approved with the removal of revenue for Stop & Shop A+ Rewards as M Frankland brought to our attention that Stop & Shop directs that all funds must go to the school, not the PTO. Ending balance will be adjusted accordingly.

### **PTO Secretary's Report – Julie King for Nikki Orletski**

- Shared thank you notes from the Class of 2019 and Class of 2020 scholarship recipients

### **SVS PTO New Business - Julie King and Angela LeClerc**

- 2019/2020 PTO plan reviewed and approved as is.
- Recognized the parent volunteers from the organizing committee on Taste of the Region - Maggie Colangelo, Molly Leonard, Michelle Manafy, AnnMarie Sarbello

### **SVS PTO Old Business**

- Proposed changes to SVS PTO By-Laws were approved as proposed in June 2019:
  - Article V. Section 4A - Nominations and Elections
  - Article VI. Section 2 - Special Meetings
  - Article VI. Section 3 - Quorum



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- Article VIII. Section 4 - Unbudgeted Expenses
- Article X. Section 2 - Review of By-Laws
- Article XI - Parliamentary Authority
  
- Revisions proposed to Article VI. Section 1 - Regular Meetings were not approved as written. Discussion included the following suggestions:
  - Continue with monthly meetings on days/times suitable for the active board.
  - Revised draft to be submitted at the October 2019 PTO meeting.

### **Announcements**

- Discussed Author's Visit, Taste of Region and Open Houses.

### **Other Comments/Suggestions**

- Board to arrange to record meetings and post for future viewing on the PTO website.
- Continue to remind local businesses to advertise in directory

### **Call to Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned by President, Julie King at 7:20pm

*Minutes submitted by Nicole Ross and Julie King*