



MINUTES

Tuesday, March 07, 2017

- Call to Order 6:45 PM (*5 parents in attendance*)
- **Treasurer's Report - Taunya Kennedy itemized the report;**
 - Reminder regarding **Membership Dues \$10.00** (covers operating expenses) & **Pledge \$100.00** (scholarships) - we encouraged all SENIOR PARENTS to make sure their "pledge" was fulfilled in order for their child to apply for the PTSO scholarship
- **Activity Report – Venita Poindexter**
 - Held a Post Prom Q&A follow-up meeting with parents and students on Thursday, 02/23 ; currently 90 students have signed up; we are in NEED of volunteers for the activities; Dave and Busters have been secured; and we have 3 party buses
 - PTSO hosted a table during the Black History Event on 02/27 to promote the PTSO. Cookies and water were served to all guest in attendance; we promoted the PTSO and had a lot of conversations in regards to membership and pledges; we received monies as well
 - Alternative Lunch Fundraiser held on **Friday - 02/17** featured Rosati's Pizza in Matteson; we sold 101 lunches and all the snacks; Other dates; **03/24 (Culvers) - WE ARE NEED OF VOLUNTEERS on ALL of these dates, 04/28 and 05/19.** (sign-up sheet available)
- **Drivers Education information** (handouts distributed) – Venita Poindexter thanked Coach Smith who assisted with the helpful

Driver's Ed. handouts and Mr. Pellack reviewed (*FYI - these can be available at future meetings*) Mr. Pellack did share via email to V. Poindexter that the students have the materials they needed to take the permit test at the DMV

- Mr. Pellack covers all of the material in the first week of drivers-ed class and it's in the students notes
 - This was the first year we were able to give out the permit application due to a change in the process. All of Mr. Pellack's current 2017 driver education students have a permit application sheet
 - Those students from previous years are able to see Mr. Pellack to get a permit application whenever they choose
 - Just a reminder to everyone that we do not do behind the wheel at Southland. Students need to sign up for the 6 hour BTW at a private school or one of the Rich Township schools for their summer school program. Rich school district is less expensive than a private driving school
 - Mr. Pellack also hands out an enrollment letter and a completion letter to all of his students
- **PTSO Scholarship Rollout - Angela Grimes, Committee Chair**
 - Cover Letter and application (see handouts); PARENTS - I NEED YOU NOW to join the scholarship committee;
ADDITION: If interested, please email me with PTSO Scholarship in the SUBJECT LINE: revagplus1@gmail.com; if your child is a senior, you CANNOT be on the committee however, he/she can apply as long as your pledge is paid in full by the scholarship deadline; Applications are available tonight and will be available in the office afterwards; DUE DATE: April 10th by 5 PM, NO EXCEPTIONS; this allows the committee time to complete the process and be able to announce the winners at the May 2nd PTSO meeting; the awarded scholarships will be awarded in the student's name; Last year awards were \$1000, \$750, and \$500; awards depend on "PLEDGES" ; I encourage all parent to make the pledge sooner than later so that it doesn't seem like your paying \$100 for the application; friendly reminder that the pledge is NOT a guaranteed win
 - **Southland Administration Update**

- Mr. Lane - IL has now moved towards the SAT which is a major shift because every student must take; Southland's curriculum is structured with a rigorous stringent to comply; the Jr. Soph., & Fresh., family meetings provide preparation for both assessments (SAT & ACT); Colleges are accepting both; small amount in the US accepts SAT; Juniors are the agents of change because they are preparing for Math/Reading Assessments with a major impact on how math is weighted 50% now; (The ACT test had 4 sections and all were weighted 25%); 3 practices tests given - 2 administered at school and 1 was PSAT, the 4th and final practice is March 14th; and the actual test is April 5th for all juniors; ACT is May 3rd; juniors will take both and Southland foots the cost of ACT; Proud of Juniors because this is not easy work; master class implemented; co-teaching model for 12 weeks so students can do their best; Curriculum and staff ready to face any mechanisms; There will be Saturday classes for ACT - Juniors meet every week; Practice assessments are available immediately but didn't want to share scores that wouldn't make sense; the purpose is for internal data use to drive instruction; if students/parents request results then they will be given; point is to see where students began and where they are now

- **Audience question/feedback discussion topics**

1. What is cost of Driver's Ed at Rich East? \$112

2. What is the deadline for college scholarships? Mr. Lane stated that this is an ongoing process; FASFA was available in the Fall which all schools need from you; Also, once your child receives an acceptance letter, ask the school for the Family Award Letter and how much does it cost etc., so that you can determine and know how much you have to pay; obtain the SAR-Student Aid Report as

soon as possible; 1/3 Seniors have committed to schools because they've received enough data to know how much they will receive vs what they have to pay

3. My child came home with some shoes from "The Lost and Found". He shared that there was announcement for the items being left in the commons and all must go. These are NOT his shoes, should I bring them back? Are they his? Can he have them?
- Mr. Lane couldn't confirm nor deny

Next PTSO meeting **Tuesday, April 4, 2017 @ 6:30 pm** (Meeting dates are the **1st Tuesday of the month** and subject to change due to holidays, school events, etc.)

- Adjournment - 7:30 PM



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