



MINUTES

Tuesday, April 04, 2017

- Call to Order 6:35 PM
- Treasurer's Report - Taunya Kennedy reviewed the account balances including membership fees, pledges, and the Post-Prom deposits
 - Reminder regarding **Membership Dues \$10.00** (covers operating expenses) & **Pledge \$100.00** (scholarships)
- Activity Report – Venita Poindexter
 - March Alternative Lunch Fundraiser was cancelled due to lack of volunteers; next one will be held **Friday, 04/28** featuring **Culvers**. Other proposed date 05/19. Note **parent volunteers** are always needed for the event (sign-up sheet available) We need at least 4 volunteers; 1st lunch starts at 10:52 AM; You don't have to stay for entire day; shifts are available
 - **Post Prom final payment due this Friday, April 7th; Committee has been reaching out to parents who were missing documents; All busses are reserved and good to go at Dave and Busters; There is a MANDATORY meeting 4/25/17 about Post Prom for all parents**
 - **Any sophomore parents - Driver's Ed info packets are still available from previous meeting**
- **PTSO Scholarship** update - Angela Grimes Committee Chair
 - In need of 1-2 more volunteers to be on committee sign-up sheet is available
 - Applications are available in the office

- Awards presented during May PTSO meeting
- **Submission deadline Monday, April 10 @ 5:00 pm**
- **Board Nominations** – Venita Poindexter
 - Executive Officers shall nominate qualified candidates prior to the last meeting in May who will participate in the election process during the general meeting in May. Write-in nominees will be accepted at the May meeting. All nominees must be present. A majority vote of the PTSO members shall be required for election (A few parents were considering a position)
- **Southland Administration Updates**
 - Mrs. Kidd: reminded Junior parents that the SAT exam is Wednesday and the other classes have a 1 PM late start; Juniors can be out of uniform and will go home after testing;
 - SPRING CONCERT (Rockin' Roll Me So...) - rescheduled for May 10th at Governor's State Univ.
 - Spring Break Fri., April 14 - 24th FULL UNIFORM DAYS
 - PROM TICKETS were delayed but they will be available Wednesday if student's Prom Packet was submitted; \$\$\$ will be accepted tonight
 - TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK start May 1st; this is your opportunity to say thanks to your child's teacher(s)
 - PARENT Qs: **1. How long is graduation ceremony because families are trying to make dinner plans?** - The ceremony itself is 1 1/2 hours and there will be a cake/punch congratulations reception at the Harris Theatre sort of like a Final Party to take pictures; **2. How many tickets?** - 6 however you may be able to make a special request with Dr. Davis - no guarantees though; there is also discounted parking rates available; Parents will receive a final parent letter about graduation and validation info for tickets; **3. Are Saturday SAT/ACT classes mandatory?** - students are

not penalized however administration strongly encourage students to attend because these sessions allow the students to get the best scores they can get due to the instructional groupings; Admin is still in the planning stages for next year but will still provide support for SAT on Saturdays; **4.** Parent stated that when her child was a freshman, last year, freshman families were told that admin would meet with families to see what schools their child wanted to attend and what did they like, and their ideas towards college but nothing has happened. Mrs. Kidd stated that that's what the college counselor, Mr. Anderson, does and Mr. Lane assists as well. Also Dr. Hale has been meeting with FR/SO about college preparations. Still have Family Meetings, some in 1st period, Juniors meet in the commons, Seniors are in the Board Room; 2nd phase of Family meeting addresses Social Skills also **5. Are the Registration packets available because Robocall stated that parents should have received packets?** If not received, Registration packets will be in office; registration begins Wednesday, 5:30 - 8 pm; **6. Is there any additional information about the Freshman research project that's heavily weighted for two classes and a major graduation requirement?** Mrs. Kidd was not familiar and could not speak on that matter until she finds out more details. **(Parents shared that they weren't informed about this collaboration project UNTIL they asked.)**

- Audience question/feedback discussion topics
 - V. Poindexter asked, "**How do we grow with parent participation?**" She shared that PTSO had a table at the Black History Month event to raise awareness; Mr. Lane also suggested a survey to ask what are the barriers/preventions/day/time.
 - PARENT FEEDBACK: One parent just forgot; Calls are better; One parent likes the emails with topics; Some parents have night

schedules; Some reminders calls are too late - tonight's call came at 6:03 PM; Parent said we are doing a great job, we are organized and encouraged us because other schools are struggling for membership too; Parents like the fact that Admin is here to answer questions; V. Poindexter asked if the day and time is ok - everyone said YES.

- One parent is 85 % interested in one of the board positions and shared that it is important to have a good team and we appear to be organized.

V. Poindexter thanked everyone for coming out and their feedback.

Next PTSO meeting **Tuesday, May 2, 2017 @ 6:30 pm** (Meeting dates are the **1st Tuesday of the month** and subject to change due to holidays, school events, etc.)

- Adjournment - 7:23 PM



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