



AGENDA

Tuesday, February 07, 2017

- Call to Order 6:40 pm - V. Poindexter welcomed everyone
- Treasurer's Report - Taunya Kennedy read the monthly financial report that was distributed
 - Reminder regarding **Membership Dues \$10.00** (covers operating expenses) & **Pledge \$100.00** (scholarships)
- Activity Report – Venita Poindexter
 - Post Prom event rolled out during Senior Parent Meeting on 01/26/2017
 - PTSO Table during the Black History Event on 02/27 @ 6:30 pm - we will be distributing info regarding PTSO membership and giving away cookies
 - Rollout of **PTSO Scholarship** Committee underway; Angela Grimes will be the chairperson and she's looking for 3-4 volunteer members needed (sign-up sheet available); **Applications available on 03/07** : Scholarship criteria: must be a member, take the \$100 PLEDGE, child is a senior; students must complete an essay judged by parents that do not have a senior; money depends on the revenue coming in; prior to award, student **MUST** provide a copy of the college acceptance letter
 - Alternative Lunch Fundraiser Dates: **Friday - 02/17: Rosati's Pizza** ,(forms go home tomorrow - spread the word), **03/24, 04/28 and 05/19. Need volunteers to assist**

the alternative lunches to help the operations to go smoothly; don't have to stay for the entire day; can sign up in shifts; *Alternative lunches are fundraising opportunities where the PTSO offer the students another option for lunch such as Fuddruckers, Culvers, Beggars, and upcoming Rosati's pizza*

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- Southland Administration Update
 - Dr. Hale or other administration: Mr. Lane - thanked the students who were in the meeting for being involved; 2nd practice ACT for juniors; Outside Vendor Academic Approach that will provide score reports next Wed.
 - "Hidden Figures" Teachable Moment - Dr. Davis is taking the entire school to see the movie; prior to the viewing, students will engage in a study guide as pre-education
 - 2/25 Host Morehouse Alumni Event for males; breakout sessions on how to be a professional; not a recruitment event
 - IHSA Reg./Sectionals this past Sat for the Speech team; 2nd place nationally
 - Feb 20th no school; 27th Black History Program - Open House Walking Theater at 6:30 PM
 - Seniors' decisions about college - 117 students and 92% has received acceptance; \$16 million in scholarships
 - Mr. Lane answered parents' questions about homework load and late track practices; He reassured all parents that communication is the key and he will make sure those items get address; Mr. Lane did stress that they are getting the children ready for the rigor of college however homework should be a reinforcement; He also stated that he's pretty sure administration was not aware of the track team returning from practice at 8 PM and this matter will be discussed with Mr. Thomas

- Mr. Lane addressed the update on the band director - admin is working with SD 162 and principal in order for Mr. Herrigan and Mr. Fred Nelson can help without the students missing a beat
- Mr. Sean Smith and Ms. LaTonya Holmes presents “ **The College Knowledge Reality Check**”
- **Reality: Most students are not making it to year 2 in college?** Mr. Smith provided info in regards to "staying in school"; discussed GAP Scholarships but parents will still need to pay a little; gave tips to getting your child prepared for college; Mr. Smith has plenty of resources and is willing to have these to all families in need; him and his partner is looking for a home for the company however this will be at **NO COST**
- Audience question/feedback discussion topics

Next PTSO meeting **Tuesday, March 7, 2017 @ 6:30 pm** (Meeting dates are the **1st Tuesday of the month** and subject to change due to holidays, school events, etc.)

- Adjournment: 7:35 PM



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