



SUNSET RIDGE/ MIDDLEFORK PTO MEETING

January 15, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/ APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

Jenny Damon, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 9.05am.

Motion to Approve: Tom Whittaker

Seconded: Tara Subeck

Jenny opened the meeting by thanking Marie LaPlante and Stacy Baker for their fantastic work on Holiday Projects – it takes a huge amount of work. Not only do they assign families to classes and organize the gifts, but they also shop to ensure that all families and family members receive a gift or two. Jenny reminded us that Marie and Stacy have chaired this for the past number of years and asked that we thank them when we see them.

She also thanked Erica Marinello for chairing PTO Gifts and for ensuring it ran incredibly smoothly.

Jenny informed us that slating is coming up for the PTO Board for next year and reminded us that Megan Waite would be running it. She reminded us that anyone who has a position this year has right of first refusal for next, and if anyone is interested in a position to let Megan know.

Treasurer's Report: Ewa Vlad, Treasurer

Income:

- PTO Dues – We are still trying to collect Dues and Classroom Fees. Eva revealed that emails have gone out to the 17% of parents who have not paid.

Account Balances:

- Main Checking - \$45,000
- CD - \$28,000
- 8th Grade Fund - \$ 6,000

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PTO Gifts: Erica Marinello

Erica thanked everyone for their feedback thanked the teachers for their proposals. She informed us that all those whose proposals were approved have been notified and that they are currently in the process of purchasing. Erica had fun working with the teachers and is thrilled about the PTO being able to provide such great extras for both schools.

Winter Benefit: Cathy Langford & Bianca Rose

Jenny spoke for Cathy and Bianca and asked that everyone purchase their tickets online – the link is posted. The event is Saturday, March 2nd at North Shore Country Club. They are still collecting auction items and would like to have the majority in by the end of January. Erica added that the space and the decorations will be really great and fun. We will have full use of all of the amenities at the club. Tickets are currently \$95 each. On February 17th the price will go up to \$110 and will be \$150 each at the door the night of. The venue will only give us access, however, to a really cool adjacent bar if we have 200 or more attendees.

Parent Connections: Sydney Clark

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 17th at 8.45am at SRS. Family Service Night is the topic under discussion this month, and will take place on March 5th.

COMMUNITY UPDATE: CHIEF LUSTIG

Chief Lustig divulged the good news that some of our detectives and the FBI arrested one of the leaders in the car theft ring, which impacted activity in the area.

Chief informed us that Village Hall will now be displaying art from local artists. Students at our schools would also be displaying artwork in March and April.

Chief notified us that he is now in the process of Budget talks. He asks that residents who are unhappy with services please reach out to him before turning to social media. Sometimes residents only hear one half of a story and post negatively on social media. In one instance, residents were ripping apart an officer – who had saved a woman and her daughter from being run over at the side of the freeway. Chief is more than happy to talk on the phone with residents who have complaints or are generally unhappy with the level of service.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Dr. Ed Stange, Superintendent

Dr. Stange thanked the PTO for Holiday Projects with Northwestern Settlement House and for all that we provide for our district.

Dr. Stange informed us that at the School Board meeting they will be approving bids for the MF Capital Improvement Project. The good news is that the bids came in \$160,000 under budget, but the flip side of that is that they have \$304,000 of extras they would like. The Board will also likely approve the calendar for next year.

He also divulged that the Board would be discussing the upcoming Village Board noise ordinance agenda item.

Dr. Stange reminded us that Kindergarten enrollment is extremely important and timely and will take place next week.

He also reminded us that they are in the midst of Collective Bargaining.

Dr. Mary Frances Greene, MF Principal

Dr. Greene thanked the PTO for the PTO Gifts.

Upcoming Events: Details are on the School Calendar on the website.

January 17:	Winter Sing - Kindergarten
January 23:	Kindergarten Registration
January 24:	Parent Book Club – The Gift of Failure
February 1:	PJ Day

Dr. Ivy Sukenik, SRS Principal

Dr. Sukenik thanked the PTO for the PTO Gifts and informed us that she had never seen teachers spend money so quickly!

Disney Trip: The Disney Trip – the kids are leaving on Thursday, returning on Monday evening. There are 65 students and 13 chaperones.

Service Leagues: Dr. Sukenik reminded us that this Friday is a Service League day. They are looking for book donations for the Literacy League and old t-shirts for animal shelters.

Sports: Varsity Basketball starts on Wednesday – the girls are undefeated and a lot of the girls were on the Championship team last year, and on the undefeated volleyball team earlier this year.

Robotics: Dr. Sukenik informed us that Saturday will be the first robotics tournament for our students.

8th Grade: 8th Graders will have a mid-winter party at Wilmette Bowl.

Heart Health Month: Dr. Sukenik informed us that Nurse Curry has established February as Heart Health Month and will have different events for the teachers every day.

NT Registration: NT approached SRS about piloting a new approach to registering kids for high school. NT Counsellors will come to SRS to enroll kids in classes on February 11.

Author Visit: Dr. Sukenik thanked the PTO and Tom Whittaker for the upcoming Kwame Alexander visit for Lauren Gray. Lauren received the final confirmation for the visit and is very excited.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Tara Subeck
Seconded by: Tom Whittaker