

SSMS April 15th PTA Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome!
2. Presentation and Acceptance of Minutes- approved
3. Treasurer's Report- on file- Sarah verified statement.
4. Committee Reports-
 - a. Nominating Committee- Lisa King, Jill Nass, Patty Leake, Maribeth Frankini and Donna O'leary
Presentation of 2013-2014 Slate-
Co-Presidents- Kathy Baxley and Debbie Pandolfo
Teacher Representatives- Bob Baulch and Anne Errera
VP Fundraising- Sue Knab
VP Membership- Margaret McGuire
VP Communications- Michelle Sewell
Treasurer- Eileen McHugh
Recording Secretary- Tricia McCabe
Corresponding Secretary- Kate Ditchik
Delegate to Council- Patty Leake and Theresa Gigante
Alternate Delegate- Cammie Harloff
Advisor- Shelagh McGinn
 - b. Staff Appreciation Lunch- Tammy- Thank you to all that are baking and helping that day, Friday April 19th. The food will be catered and many people offered to bake desserts. Merri Lupo is doing the centerpieces and please take pictures for the newsletter.
 - c. D/A Task Force-Cammie- Risky Trends was very informative. These presentations are so important but not well attended. Ideas are: maybe spring is too busy, look into another time of year. Also looking into whether power points from presentation can be put on school website and can the actual presentation be broadcast on the school channel.
 - d. AIM- Mrs. O'Brien's mural has been paid for by AIM and PTA. The artist will come to design mural with students in memory of her. The mural will be in the lobby. The 7th grade art students along with the 8th grade studio art students will all be involved. Also, at the end of the math state assessments there will be a multimedia presentation with a 'be a good person theme'. Other assemblies are, The Pledge, Jester Jim, Shakespeare, and the Bully movie all towards the end of the year.
5. Middle Years Program Presentation- Ms. McGinn- The MYP is an IB program for 6-8th graders with no assessments or extra projects. It aligns perfectly with common core. It delves deeper into the subjects from a global learning standpoint. It reflects a positive attitude to learning and crosses all subjects with

specific themes. These theme topics branch out into each area of study. There is training for the teachers and extensive resources. If the budget passes it will start in the September and the teachers are very excited for it.

6. Presidents' News- Budget season is here, please attend the BOE meetings to become fully informed on the budget. Updates on the bond will be coming.

7. Teacher's Report- 6th graders going on a trip to the Riverhead Aquarium, 7th graders to the Bronx Zoo, Student Council wants everyone to wear baseball jerseys on April 19th. TV Broadcast going to see Wicked. The CORE students went to see the Mayor who gave a proclamation that March 6th Spread the Word To End The Word.

8. Principal's Report- No extra help on testing days, children will go to either auditorium or breakfast. Please have children at school by 7:55. The rosters have an asterick by the name of each child whose parents have opted them out of the test. These children can sit quietly and read, once their exams have been collected, while the other students are taking the exam. At this time 180 children out of 820 are not taking the exam but this number will probably go up.

Next SSMS PTA meeting- May 14th at 7:30

Board of Ed meetings- April 17th at 7:30 pm SSHS rm 112

May 7th at 7:30 pm SSHS rm 112

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE- TUESDAY MAY 21ST. 7am-9pm

Thank You so much for coming!