

## SSMS PTA MINUTES MARCH 8, 2013

1. Welcome!
2. Presentation and Acceptance of Minutes- (Tricia/ Lisa) Thanks to Jen!
3. South Side High School Tour- led by Dr. Burris. School Improvement Bond Vote- Explaining how the construction would help the overcrowding situation, safety issue and bringing classrooms up to date with technology etc.
4. Treasurer's Report- (on file) Extra accounting fees in this month.
5. Committee Reports:
  - a. D/A Task Force- April 9<sup>th</sup>- RISKY TRENDS, very important presentation adults only.
  - b. Curriculum- Middle Years Program (discussed during Principal's report)
  - c. Rec Center Dances- Dances are every month, students are attending.
  - d. AIM- assemblies are continuing for all grades.
  - e. Nominating Committee-Needed positions to fill: Website/Directory, Corresponding Secretary, Fundraising. Need 5 members and we already have 2-please volunteer!
6. President's News: Bond and Budget update- IB Middle Years Program  
Please come out to vote for the School Improvement Bond – Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> 7am-9pm.
7. Teacher's Report- meeting was at High School
8. Principal's Report- Middle Years Program (MYP) is an IB program for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders. It marries very well with the Common Core Curriculum and opens up more online resources and global teaching. There is NO new assessments for kids, No sending out projects etc. The cost is @\$17,000 the first year and then down to @ \$12,000 the following years. Looking into having a puberty with middle school students assembly. Some trips are: 6<sup>th</sup> graders to the Riverhead aquarium, 7<sup>th</sup> graders to the Bronx Zoo and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on an orchestra trip.
9. New Business- Looking to make a memorial to Ann O'Brien for all of her years of teaching at SSMS. Students will be able to decorate a tile which will be placed into a large mural in the courtyard to honor her years of dedication to the students of SSMS.