

Somers PTA Council Meeting Minutes: Dec 13, 2011

Attendance: Alice Shaw, Christine Spencer, Colleen Olifiers, Debbie Jones, Doreen Gadigian, Jessica Goldberg, Judi Callan, Kathy Cucchiarella, Laura Parisi, Lex Kessler, Linda Morgante, Michelle Burns, Nicole Brownstein, Susan Taylor, Linda Graffith, Deanna Dammers, Lori Hutter, Laura Sweig

I. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:23am

- Jan 26th sponsor Q&A for all
- Budget summary needs to be sent out

II. Approval of Minutes – No changes to Nov15, 2011 minutes

III. Treasurer's Report

Jessica Goldberg

- See attached

IV. Unit Reports

SHS –

- Membership 263, includes 36 teachers
- Naviance training sessions in small groups
- Update SHS website
- Math has a lending library for calculators
- Next general meeting Feb 9th

SMS –

- Membership 388 parents, 51 teachers
- Basketball & Volleyball fundraiser, so far 49 teachers have signed up, Jan 20th snow date Feb 2nd
- Washington trip now using a tour company, cost \$600per student, 2 nights instead of 3
- In January Amy Watkins will have a sense & sensibility workshop for parents

SIS –

- Awarded \$10,000 grant from IBM to expand science night
- Spoke about teacher holiday gift collection

Primrose-

- Membership 511 including 53 teachers & faculty
- Holiday Happiness another success \$24,500 profit
- Bullying seminar went well

SEPTA

- Membership 203 includes 66 staff
- Last week meeting spoke about reading at the elementary level
- Next meeting Jan25th, about managing meltdowns
- Selling travel mugs

V. Committee Reports

Laura Sweig – Reflections

- 25 entries- 5 Primrose, 3 SIS, 16 SMS, 1 SHS of those 15 went to regional's, will be at BOE meeting in the spring
- Spoke about posting on website

Judi Callan – Website

- Ask the Elephant, cc's committee chairs on correspondence
- Need to post yearbook deadlines

Judi Callan – Book Dedication

Met with Katie Coppola, thinking of a new logo "For the Name of Reading"

- Staying with same company, they tag the books for libraries
- Looking into E-books for SHS

Julie Gorecki – Camp Night

- Not possible to have this year, takes too long, normally start in Aug, camps are not interested in coming to both Yorktown and Somers
- Maybe could tag onto another event, ex. SMS basketball fundraiser

Deanna Dammers – Health & Wellness

- Planning a parent night, possibly have a nutritionist, gym teachers,
- Spoke with Norma Zeller about school lunches

Colleen Olifiers – Transportation

- Buses-extended contract, waiting for BOE approval
- Considering combing SIS & SMS bus routes next yr
- Consolidating more bus stops next year
- Parents are responsible to get children to and from bus stops
- Will be adding more cameras on buses

Lex Kessler – State update

- State standards for buildings & teachers, 4500 buildings, 1300 not meeting standards, in Dec possibly another 2000 included
- NYS has not applied for waiver at this time, but plans to do so very soon, 38 other states have
- CSE no longer requires that an extra parent be at the meetings, Natl. PTA supports that an extra parent supporter be at the meetings
- President elect for Natl. PTA, Otha Thorton, suggests look for more male involvement, such as fathers who have been involved in sports
- Directed giving to a specific fundraiser, get PTA involved
- Membership should be online

VI. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 10:40am

Respectfully submitted: Colleen Olifiers corresponding secretary

