

# South County Middle School PTSO

## Meeting Minutes

### September 21, 2016

#### **Meeting called to order at 7:00**

PTSO President Becky Chaves introduced herself and welcomed everyone to first meeting. Thanks to all Mustang Roundup help from Volunteers from other schools, great support from SCHS and Halley.

#### **Introduction of Committee Chairs & Board Members**

*Membership* – Julie Hopkins – We currently have 160 members, 27 teachers and staff, membership still coming in.

*Spirit Wear*- Going great, only inventory is what is left on the table. Speak to Tracy Frye and Julie Graham for more information.

*AAP Liason*: Kim Kern - First Meeting is October 6 from 9-10:30 and will focus on introductions of parents and to the school and AAP program here. There will be one coffee per quarter. January will focus on the student, March will focus on the community and school enrichment opportunities, and May will focus on opportunities as they transition to the high school.

*Volunteer Coordinator* – Laura Griffith is the volunteer coordinator and handles all the Sign Up Genius and volunteer opportunities with PTSO. There has been an overwhelming response to volunteer opportunities to date.

*Boxtops* – Shelley Logar is the committee chair. The school gets money, we coordinate the collection and submission of them. There are collection bins at school. Suggestion was given of having competitions during Learning Seminar to motivate students to turn them in – similar to what the elementary homerooms do.

*Other committees:*

*Webmaster* - Krista Diddas – new website looks beautiful.

*Hospitality* – Huge thanks to Lucia Buethe, the Teacher Back to School Breakfast was fantastic. Lucia will organize the teacher appreciation lunch as well in spring and will need help then.

*Display Case Chairs* - Francis Fick and Hope Torres – The PTSO display case is on the left side as you walk in. They did a great job! Thank you!

*Bookfair* - Kathy Mankin – More information in the next meeting, will be in December.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Beverly Hix**

Mustang Roundup brought in a lot of money with memberships and spiritwear.

Some expenditures to date. Current total a little over \$22,000 in account. Spirit wear invoice still outstanding.

#### **Budget Approval**

Overview of current budget. Introduction of School Initiative Funding Sources. Presented options and opened floor to other suggestions. Motion to approve budget was put forward by Juliana Stroup and seconded by Patty Klunder. By voice vote, membership voted to approve budget as presented.

Becky Chaves presented information regarding the Anti-Bullying assembly the PTSSO is providing. The PTSSO and School are currently deciding on which speaker to use. Looking at five, identifying availability. Admin leaning towards basketball guy. Mike Smith is also recommended as a good motivational speaker.

### **Principal's Report: Marsha Manning**

Expressed appreciation for ongoing community support from the beginning of the schools in this area. Teachers appreciate opportunities to go to conferences. But appreciate food very much as well! Went over teachers schedule and conveyed how very little free time they have. When teachers are answering your emails they are not interacting with your students. Planning periods are filled with CLT's (collaborative learning team meetings) and student support meetings. Ms. Manning sought to reassure new parents that everything will be okay in middle school. SCMS has an amazingly supportive staff and community that support the students. She shared that the reality is that middle school is a journey, but it goes by very quickly. Students change incredibly during these two years, a bridge from elementary to high school. Ms. Manning warns parents to "trust but verify" with their students. Give them space to learn and experience, but check on them, make sure they are doing what they say they are doing. Anxiety is one of the biggest concerns they have with students today. Ms Manning discussed what are we doing to feed or reduce the anxiety. This school opened with a growth mindset. The goal is to allow students to fail, let them not be perfect and learn. But don't be deceived, have open eyes and ears. Give students the independence they desire, let them fail now in middle school, not in high school. But keep a close eye on them. Middle school is not about grades, but about learning. Ms. Manning introduced two books, Most Likely to Succeed by Mike Thompson and Creating Innovators by Tony Wagner. Thompson spoke to staff about success in life, and that it is not based on test taking skills. We need critical and creative thinkers.

*(presentation from Marsha for website?)*

Ms. Manning had the members participate in an interactive activity about our own education experiences.

### **New Business**

Presentation about Silverbrook initiative - fundraiser to for Pediatric Cancer. Discussion to explore ways we could support it at the middle school. Looking into options, perhaps during February.

Raffle Prizes: Tricia Waugh, Teresa Ripshaw, Patty Klunder Spiritwear

Becky Chaves opened the floor to any questions or comments. When there was none she thanked everyone for coming and hoped to see everyone at the next meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 by Juliana Stroup, Caroline McCollough seconded and Becky Chaves adjourned the meeting.

**Meeting Attendees:**

Becky Chaves

Leslie Fisher

Teresa Gribshaw

Kimberly Kern

Caroline McCollough

Jennifer Grassley

Beverly Hix

Julie Graham

Susan McGinnis

Tricia Waugh

Loati Raiprochit

Lucinda AlFaro

Patty Klunder

Mery Valverde

Julie Hopkins

Peggy Shahin

Nichole Rhodes

Janice Myers

Laura Gedra

Elena Jordan

Crista Ziegler

Lyndsie Galizio

Amy Verdin

Marsha Manning

Kathy Reese

Juliana Stroup

Chanda Williams

Kristin Bridges