

Severn River Middle School Parent Teacher Student Organization

Meeting Minutes

(Meeting Held via Google Meet on November 12, 2020)

ATTENDEES:

Secretary Jeff Burritt, Webmaster Lane Burritt, President Kathi Burroughs, Liliane Corwin, Assistant Vice Principal Tripp Murphy, Nicole Nash, Deirdre Robinson, Treasurer Lisa Saunders, Ronnie Smith, Vice-President Denise White-Miller

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Kathi Burroughs at 6:37 pm.

READING OF THE MINUTES

On motion and second, reading of the minutes from September 30, 2020 waived and unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Not a lot to report. Kathi is staying abreast of what is going on in the district in order to answer any questions that come in. As of now, we are not moving to hybrid learning. From the PTSO's perspective, we prepared to provide gifts to teachers when they returned to school on November 9. Although the return has been delayed, we will keep those gifts until teachers return.

TREASURER'S REPORT [Lisa, can you confirm that I took down the correct balances?]

We have an account balance of \$10,461.71. As reported at the last meeting, we paid \$1,273 for the water-bottle filling installation. We also paid \$146.14 for expenses related to the promotion ceremony in June.

HONOR ROLL

Kathi asked whether we could send shark bucks to students. Denise pointed out that some students may not return to school. VP Murphy has not heard from the Board on what to do about Honor Roll recognition. The PTSO will pay for postage for whatever treats the administration says the school is able to send.

SPIRIT WEAR

Kristine Kaske-Martin looked into having t-shirts made for teachers. Our current vendor's numbers came out higher than expected, so Kathi contacted another company about the cost of creating shirts. VP Murphy believes teachers would be excited about any type of SRMS shirt and he will work to determine what sizes we should order. Lane suggested we have a student contest for the design. Kathi explained that this has failed in the past, though this vendor indicated they could transfer a design into the necessary format. Denise suggested we keep it easy for now and consider a shirt contest for Teacher Appreciation Week in the spring.

WEBMASTER

Kathi introduced and thanked Lane for her work redesigning the website. Lane reported on how many people are logging on; many are doing so on their phones. The AACPS Senior Communications Manager has updated our website and put the PTSO link on our parents' page. She also updated the list of current board members. At some point we should discuss the process for how members send information for approval for website.

MEMBERSHIP

We have begun our membership drive. We have a google form that folks can use to sign up. [HERE](#) and Mango & Main have donated gift cards for a new-member lottery.

Kathi reiterated that we have waived the membership fee for educators.

OLD BUSINESS

We discussed the proposed by-laws change at the September meeting. The proposal is to amend Article 8, Section 8, which now defines our fiscal year as running from July 1 through June 30. The proposal is to redefine the fiscal year to August 1 through July 31.

Motion was made and seconded. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathi asked how we can enhance our sense of community. Lane suggested asking student government what they would like to see. VP Murphy suggested asking the NJHS and students in the student-ambassador program.

Deirdre expressed her appreciation for the teachers.

Lane asked whether it's possible to reach out to teachers individually to see how they are doing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and seconded, and passed unanimously, to adjourn meeting at 7:02 pm.