

Silverbrook PTA Meeting Minutes
September 13, 7 PM
School Library

Board members present: Georgia Hyland-President, Kim Kern-Vice President, Anne Quigley-Treasurer, Jamye Specht-Secretary, and Dr. Melaney Mackin-Principal

18 PTA members also present

Call to Order

Georgia Hyland called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. At that time the new secretary, Jamye Specht was voted in followed by the reviewing and approval of the last PTA meeting minutes from April 2011.

Treasurer's report:

Anne Quigley presented current budget for review and approval. Georgia discussed the fall fundraiser as well as adding a new fundraiser, Yankee Candle to the budget. Mona Passmore, representative from Girls on the Run (GOTR), suggested GOTR be removed from the budget due to all payment being made directly to GOTR. Several discussions were made to add and change funds on the current budget in order to balance the current budget. Please see attached budget for changes and current way ahead.

Dr. Makin addressed items in Section 4, Curriculum Enrichment. She stated the need for more doc cameras (\$300-500), smart boards (\$1700-2000) and student supplies such as recorders for third grade, weekly reader and assignment notebooks for grades 3-6. Also discussed were field trip funds for bus transportation and funds for cultural arts for special assemblies.

Kim Kern spoke about STEM (#5 student activities), a science program and the desire to implement a science fair for grades 3-6 over the next few years.

For the current school year, the reflections program has been removed from the budget due the lack of help and support. Dr. Makin stated our school has an excellent art, and music program.

A question was raised about the \$250 fee given to South County HS for the all night grad party. The contribution remains as a good faith gesture and to help keep kids safe.

A question was also raised about the \$1500 line item for landscaping. This is for the front of school as well as back area by concrete pad. Kathy Mulligan is working on landscaping with Silver brook nursery for possibly donations for plants/shrubs. Dr. Makin asked that the \$1500 remain.

Final remarks about budget- Dr. Makin will provide breakdown for technology items and possibly demonstrate at next PTS meeting, Georgia has contacted an accountant to handle IRS tax status and will provide keep in touch letter to announce cuts and encourage fund raising. A motion was passed to approve new budget- please see attached budget.

Principal's remarks/updates

Dr. Makin announced that two weeks prior to school starting an extra KG class and extra first grade class was added. Kudos to Shaista and Joanna for making FDK possible. Dr. Makin also stated that Silverbrook now has its own Level IV AAP class for grades 3-6. Several new staff members have been added. Dr. Makin announced that Dr. Francis Ivy is the new cluster V superintendent.

Mr. Bosco- Announced Silverbrook received a new roof, a new black top and more b-ball courts and four square courts on concrete pad. He and Dr. Makin will soon go to the quarry at Vulcan Materials to get a spirit rock. A ceremony will be held with the student upon the rocks arrival.

Committee reports:

Julie Borenstein or Raquel Heker could not make tonight's meeting but submitted this report via email for chess club:

We are still collecting chess club registrations through Wednesday September 21st. The first weekly session will begin on Thursday September 22nd in the cafeteria from 3pm - 4:30pm with a new chess instructor. There will be 13 weeks of chess this fall. To date - we have 38 students registered. We anticipate (based on previous years numbers) to have approximately 50 students.

The only other outstanding issue for us is that Julie's email needs to be added to your list. julborenst@hotmail.com.

Georgia asked that all committees submit their flyers and room requests for end of school (June 30) for the following year. She is also requesting that no food be allowed in classrooms for after school activities so that the custodians do not have to follow back and clean up. GOTR is an exception due to the snack being funded by GOTR and is part of the curriculum of choosing healthy snacks- the snack is consumed outside. Chess club is held in the cafeteria.

Georgia also announced that silverbrook is in the process of converting to a PTO and hopes the change will be in place by next year. Linda Todd, membership chair, suggested dues be raised next year. Georgia also asked that all requests for refunds be submitted within 30 days and then reimbursements also be cashed within 30 days upon receipt of check.

Georgia thanked everyone for attending and for Karen and Karin for all of the help and support over the years.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55.

