



## **SHEPAUG VALLEY SCHOOL PTO**

Join us in linking parents, guardians and educators together to enhance student activities, clubs, events.

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### **SVS PTO Meeting Minutes - Monday, April 9, 2018 - A4**

#### **Call to Order**

The SVS PTO meeting was called to order at 6:05 on Monday, April 9, 2018 by SVS PTO Chairman Paula Conway in room A4.

#### **Board Members Present**

Paula Conway, Michelle Frankland, Julie King, Daphne Parker

#### **SVS Parents/Guardians Present**

Megan Hodges, Linda Schneider

#### **SVS Administrators and Educator(s) Present**

Lori Ferreira, Christine Shugrue, Joan Temple, Wendy Youngblood

#### **Board of Education Members, and Educator(s) Present**

Jenn Pote

#### **Approval of Previous Minutes - Paula Conway**

Minutes from the March 2018 SVS PTO meeting will be reviewed and voted on at the April 2018 SVS PTO Meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Michelle Frankland**

Updated budget presented and approved by those in attendance.

#### **SVS Principal's Report - Kim Gallo**

None.

#### **SVS Assistant Principal's Report - Lori Ferreira**

None.

### **R12 BOE Representative Report - Jenn Pote (reported by Paula Conway)**

- Superintendent search is nearing completion.
- Final budget for 2018/19 school year will be put to vote on Tuesday, May 8th.

### **Special Presentation - Wendy Youngblood, Schoology**

Participants in the meeting were given an overview of Schoology. Key points included:

- Schoology is designed to provide students and parents with access to the course syllabus and homework assignments for all classes.
- Additional features will be added over time including notifications that will alert parents and students when an assignment is missing.
- Parents can request login credentials from [fildesk@region-12.org](mailto:fildesk@region-12.org)

### **Special Presentation - Joan Temple, Christine Shugrue**

Participants in the meeting were given an overview of the 2018 "one school, one book" summer reading program.

- All SVS Middle School and High School students are asked to read the same book over the summer - Refugee by Alan Bratz <https://www.alangratz.com/writing/refugee/>.
- The Author will be on-site at school in September to discuss the book with the Shepaug community.
- Unlimited copies of the audio-book are available, contact [templej@region-12.org](mailto:templej@region-12.org) for access.
- Print copies will be stocked at local libraries and donations for the purchase of books are invited.
- Study guides for parents/families will be made available upon request.

### **SVS PTO Agenda**

#### **SVS PTO Old Business - SVS PTO Board**

1. All Middle School dance has been scheduled for Friday, May 11th. Louise Churyk has volunteered to co-chair the event. Another co-chairperson and volunteers are needed to support this event.

#### **SVS PTO New Business - SVS PTO Board**

1. **Grant Requests**

- a. **7th and 8th Grade Spanish Field Trip**

The language department requested funds for an upcoming trip however the PTO was not clear on whether or not funds were still needed. Paula Conway to follow-up with the department to confirm.

2. **PTO Scholarships**

Student essays are due 4/28. Parent volunteers from each town are needed to read essays. Contact Daphne Parker is interested.

3. **2018/19 SVS PTO Board Nominating Committee**

Parent volunteers, Linda Schneider and Megan Hodges volunteered for the nominating committee. SVS parents are encourage to reach out to Linda and Megan if interested in running for one of four positions - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary.

4. **Other Suggestions**

- a. Shepaug educator, Beth Harvison reached out asking if the SVS PTO would be interested in hosting the Tri-M Music Honor Society Coffee House to be held in June. PTO agreed to solicit donations for baked goods and coffee with funds raised going towards SVS PTO activities.
- b. SVS PTO to discuss funding the purchase of books for the "One School, One Book" summer reading program at the May PTO meeting.

**5. Announcements**

- a. All Middle School Dance on Friday, May 11, 2018.
- b. Next PTO Meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018.

**Call to Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned by President, Paula Conway at 7:28.

*Minutes submitted by SVS PTO Secretary, Julie King 4/9/18*