



SHEPAUG VALLEY SCHOOL PTO

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SVS PTO Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2018 - A4

Call to Order

The SVS PTO meeting was called to order at 6:06 on Monday, September 10, 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

Ana Cario, Vanessa Gronback, Megan Hodges, Pamela Lee, AnnMarie Sarbello, Linda Schneider

SVS Administrators and Educator(s) Present

None

Board of Education Members, and Educator(s) Present

Jennifer Pote

Approval of Previous Minutes - Paula Conway

Minutes from the June 2018 SVS PTO meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Frankland

End of 2017/18 treasurer's report presented with an ending balance of \$8,396.
Budget for 2018/19 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 - Jennifer Pote

- Demolition for new AgStem Academy began this summer. Contracts have been signed. Construction is scheduled to begin in October.
- New superintendent started in July and is actively engaged in visiting all schools.

SVS PTO Agenda

SVS PTO New Business - SVS PTO Board

1. First Annual Taste of the Region Event - Julie King

Scheduled to take place on Friday, September 14 from 6PM to 9PM. Community response has been exceptional with 12 sponsors, 18 food donors, and 44 silent auction donors. Donations solicited by the organization committee of Maggie Colangelo, Julie King, Molly Leonard, Michelle Manafy, and AnnMarie Sarbello with support from Erin Metz, Daphne Parker.

2. SVS PTO Sponsored Events - Paula Conway

For the 2018/19 school year, the SVS PTO will sponsor the following events:

- a. 6th Grade Social in September
- b. 7th & 8th Grade Dance in October
- c. All Middle School Dance in March
- d. 8th and 12th Grade Graduation Receptions in June
- e. Staff Appreciation Breakfast/Lunch in Winter and Spring Quarters

3. SVS PTO Scholarships - Paula Conway

The SVS PTO Board proposed a change to the structure of scholarships offered due to low participation in the 2017/18 scholarship program. For the 2018/19 school year, the PTO Board recommends awarding 2-\$500 scholarships to graduating Seniors and 3-\$500 scholarships to Juniors attending summer college programs.

4. SVS PTO Budgeted Grants - Paula Conway

The SVS PTO has included the following grants in the 2018/19 budget:

- a. \$100 to support Homecoming
- b. \$100 to support the Homecoming Dance
- c. \$100 to support Wellness Day
- d. \$250 to support the SVS One School/One Book initiative
- e. \$3,000 to support SVS Middle School field trips (\$1,000 for each grade)

5. SVS PTO Requested Grants - Paula Conway

The PTO received a grant request for the SVS Debate Team to cover \$250 of their membership in the Connecticut Debate Association (CDA). The CDA is the league our team competes in monthly from September through March. Funding for this grant was approved.

6. SVS Fundraisers - Paula Conway

The PTO has scheduled the following fundraisers for 2018/19. Timing and key contacts as follows:

- a. Family Donation Drive - September - Paula Conway
- b. Taste of the Region - September - Julie King
- c. Family Directories - September/October - Paula Conway
- d. Shepaug Proud Apparel - Quarterly - Paula Conway
- e. Yankee Candle Sale - October - Pam Lee

- f. Holiday Gift Cards - November - Michelle Frankland
 - g. Basketball Concessions - Winter - Linda Schneider
 - h. Harlem Wizards - Paula Conway
 - i. Senior Photo Collage - Daphne Parker
- 7. Future PTO Meetings**
- The PTO recommended future meetings take place on the first Monday of each month starting at 6PM. Members present requested that guest speakers be scheduled to start at 6PM with the general meeting starting at 6:30PM.
- 8. Other Comments/Suggestions**
- PTO members present suggested the Board consider moving the Teacher Appreciation breakfast or lunch from being before winter break to after winter break to ensure more parents are available to assist with set-up and hosting.

Call to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by President, Paula Conway at 7:18.

Minutes submitted by SVS PTO Secretary, Julie King 10/1/18.