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SVS PTO Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2018 - Room E3

Call to Order

The SVS PTO meeting was called to order at 6:08 on Monday, November 4, 2018 by SVS PTO Chairman Paula Conway in Room E-3.

Board Members Present

Paula Conway, Michelle Frankland, Julie King, Daphne Parker

SVS Parents/Guardians Present

Pam Lee, Linda Schneider

SVS Administrators and Educator(s) Present

Kim Gallo

Board of Education Members, and Educator(s) Present

None

Approval of Previous Minutes - Paula Conway

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

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Frankland

Treasurer's report presented and approved with an ending balance of \$17,690. This includes 100% of the revenue for Yankee Candle. Once costs of items sold are deducted, the balance will decrease. The budget was presented and approved by those in attendance.

The treasurer updated the PTO on a ballot that would allow Union Savings Bank to transition to a holding company. All present agreed the PTO should vote "yes" on the ballot.

SVS Principal's Report - Kim Gallo

- The Principal and Superintendent have completed the "Shaping of Shepaug" meetings with residents of the towns of Bridgewater, Roxbury, and Washington. All meetings went well.
- Groundbreaking for the AgScience center will take place on Friday. Students will escort guests to the ceremony. Anyone interested in attending should RSVP to Debbie Bliven in Central Office.



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- The School Resource Officer will be providing updates on security and parking on the school website. The pick-up/drop-off areas will be moved.
- The Principal will continue to meet with Seniors once per month. The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2019 will take place on the track field. Golf carts will be arranged to transport guests that need assistance getting to the field.
- Plans to preserve Memorials, Senior Project Installations, and the Peace Pole are being put in place.
- The Graduation Stage will be reinstated after construction. Stonewalls by George have offered to handle it.

R12 BOE Representative Report - Jennifer Pote

None.

SVS PTO Agenda

SVS PTO New Business - SVS PTO Board

1. **Holiday Gift Card Fundraiser – Michelle Frankland**
The flyer will go out this week. Orders will be due 11/28. Gift cards will be available for pick up on 12/6 to coincide with Holiday Bazaar.
2. **CT Debate Association Tournament – Julie King**
SVS will host a tournament on Saturday. Over 200 students/adults are registered to attend. Adult and Student volunteers are needed to help host the event.

SVS PTO Old Business

1. **7th and 8th Grade Dance – Pamela Lee**
The dance was lightly attended. Ideas were solicited for improving attendance next year including adding a theme e.g. "Halloween Dance."
2. **Family Directories – Paula Conway**
Directories have been distributed. There are a few available for any families that would like to purchase them.
3. **Shepaug Proud Store – Paula Conway**
The store will be reopening next week.

Other Comments/Suggestions



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1. Families are still collecting “Box Tops for Education” and requested the PTO place a collection bin in the front office for these. The PTO suggested offering the Box Tops to Middle School Student Council as a fundraiser.
2. Basketball games will start soon. Linda Schneider will lead with support from the PTO on stocking supplies and soliciting volunteers needed for boy’s and girl’s home games.
3. SVS AgScience Teacher, Lori Trovato presented an overview of the AgSTEM program and confirmed, SVS freshman and sophomores entering the program in the 2019/20 school year will explore all four pathways their first year.

Call to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by President, Paula Conway at 6:52

Minutes submitted by SVS PTO Secretary, Julie King 12/10/18.