

South Lyon East High School
PTSO Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2009
7:00pm to 8:30pm
SLEHS Media Center

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1. Call to Order/Approval of February Minutes

2. Joan welcomed everyone and commented on the huge turnout. We had our biggest meeting ever with 29 attendees! Shelly G approved the minutes and Debbie J seconded.

3. Treasury Report

Cougar Closet took in \$437 on curriculum night. PTSO wrote a check for Cougar Activity night for \$175. We need to SELL spirit wear to improve our checking account balance.

4. PTSO Projects and Activities

A. Committee Chairperson: Joan Herrinton

Joan explained what Cougar Activity Night was for the newcomers. She also asked if anyone was interested in volunteering to work at C.A. night. We had 220 people attend C.A. night last year and we are hoping for more this year. All other Chairpersons are working on their committees and everything is on task!

5. Electronic Sign

Joan and Shelly will be meeting with the Township Supervisor to discuss the electronic sign. There are various questions about the size etc. We are able to have a sign but it will be expensive and we need to start fundraising for it! The school will cover cost of sign electricity.

6. Principal's Report

Thursday, 3/12 the MME and ACT will take place. It is a State mandated test.

Winterfest was enjoyed by the students who attended. There were about 150 students present.

7. Nominating Committee for the 2009/2010 Board

Joan read the procedure on nominations for board positions from the Bylaws. Bylaws are available on line at the school webpage. At next month's meeting nominations will be accepted for the board positions and in May elections will be held.

8. General questions

A Parent asked if students can get in to school sporting events for a discounted amount. It gets very expensive to watch sporting events when there is a big family wanting to watch. Various suggestions such as:

- A punch card and every five games you get a free pass
- Perhaps season passes could be made available per sport and not the whole year

Mr. Jackson would discuss this with Mr. Teagan. They would investigate what other schools do and also discuss it at the next KLAA meeting.

A parent asked why soccer was not on the school record board. Mr. Jackson said he would speak with Mr. Teagan about this and get it rectified as soccer should be represented.

It was discussed that the Herald needs to write more about East! Mr. Jackson has met with Jim Mitchell (SL Herald) to discuss this very point. He asked us to remember that they only have one reporter to cover 4 high schools. It was suggested that each booster club write articles and take photographs to send to the Herald for each sport. Articles need to be submitted by Sunday for the following Thursday edition. Nathan would be writing a report about Det. Bisio's address tonight for the Herald.

It was asked if JV Hockey could have a table at curriculum night. Mr. Jackson said all teams were invited to take part. As the prep team is not part of school sports, they could not have their own table but could combine with high school hockey. SL Hockey was not represented the evening of curriculum night.

There will be a change made next year to curriculum night and due date for schedules. This year schedules were due before curriculum night; next year it will be the other way around.

9. Guest Speakers

Emily Herrinton – Senior at Central Michigan University

Emily spoke to us about an Anti Bullying Law that is trying to get passed. A parent whose child committed suicide is working on this. She asked if we could get our students to write letters about bullying and why the law would be important. She sent an example of the letter to each person present. There is not a statewide policy in place about bullying. South Lyon Schools does have a board policy about bullying.

Detective Bisio

Detective Bisio spoke to the members present about the dangers of the 'Internet', 'Facebook', 'My- Space' etc. He stressed that we as parents need to be aware at all times of what our children are doing and seeing online. It is important to have the computer in an area in the house where everyone can see what is going on. It is important that parents establish rules about these websites etc!

It was very interesting and somewhat disturbing when he showed us how quickly a predator could get information on innocent victims in no time at all.

Thank you Det. Bisio for giving of your time to share your expertise with us. Detective Bisio is assigned to our school and the Youth Bureau in South Lyon.

Our next meeting will be on 14 April 2009 at 7:00pm in the Media Center