

**South Lyon East High School
PTSO Minutes
Tuesday, March 11, 2008
6:30 to 8:00pm**

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Call to Order

- Mr. Domanico called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
- We had a great turn out! There were 17 people present, which consisted of Mr. Jackson, PTSO members, students, teachers and parents.

Approval of February, 2008 Minutes

- Frank Domanico approved the minutes.

Treasury Report and School Store Update

- Total deposits were \$1,399.50. Checks were written for the purchase of mannequins \$332.00. Checkbook balance is \$4,543.45.
- Two full sized mannequins and two torso mannequins were purchased for the Cougar Closet. The Cougar Closet opened for the Curriculum Fair and did very well. A lot of new parents visited us! We will be introducing Cougar Closet Gift Certificates in the next school newsletter.

SIP Report (reported by Debbie Jedinak)

- There is no music in hallways because of a problem with the PA hookup.
- Spoke about School of Choice (more info in SIP meeting minutes on line at www.slcs.us).
- Homecoming Parade was discussed and it was voted unanimously on the "Hardy to SLEHS" route and a BBQ before the football game.
- Orientation for new students was discussed. When a new student comes to our school, an existing student will give them help to orient themselves to the new school. They will have mentors to help them.
- It was determined that I Pods can only be used during lunch.
- A few changes to next year's school handbook were made.

Principal Update

- The hallways are being monitored on a regular basis by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Teagan.
- Vending machines with Nutritious snacks are still being looked into. Some Booster clubs are selling snacks after school.

PTSO and SLEHS Newsletter discussion

- The PTSO would like to look into a school wide newsletter that would include news and dates about ALL school activities pertaining to SLEHS only. This would be more encompassing than the Newsletter put out by Mrs. Finlayson and would not take the place of the Cougar Tracks. Interest was shown so the PTSO will be discussing it in more detail as to HOW, WHEN and WHO would run it. It will be included in a later PTSO agenda.

New Issues for the SIP

- The senior all night party was brought up by a parent. Mr. Jackson stated there will be a meeting at a later date that will discuss all the points about the senior all night party. January, 2009 will be the first meeting. It is separate from the PTSO and a committee will be formed to address all the needs.
- A parent asked about (Sport) signs for downtown South Lyon. We are able to put up signs.

School Activities

- Curriculum night was a great success. There were a lot of new parents and students that were present.
- Winterfest was a great success. It was well organized and ran smoothly!
- Choir evening was a great success.
- SL East hosted a Basketball event that was a great success.
- It was mentioned by a parent that the SLEHS band was the only band in the South Lyon district to receive a superior rating at the district competition. Congratulations!

Discuss parent representation at Student Council Meetings

- It was discussed that it would be a good idea to have a PTSO parent attend some Student Council meetings. This was discussed because the PTSO would like to offer support to the Student Council and be there to help them if needed. Mrs. Green, parent of Lindsey Green, a Student Council member, read what her daughter felt was the “mission” of the Student council. Mrs. Green asked whether the PTSO had a mission statement. We do not and will be meeting in the near future to discuss and write a mission statement for the SLEHS PTSO.

Prom 2009

- Joan Herrinton asked if there would be a Junior Prom held next school year. Many parents are interested in the answer, which Mr. Jackson said “No.” If the junior class wanted to hold a dance just for juniors that would be possible, but it would not be a “Junior Prom.”

Parent Night Out

- The PTSO wanted to know if there would be any interest in a Parent Night out. Not many people showed interest. It will be tabled for next year.

Mr Teagan

- “Pay to Play” discussion: It was brought to Mr. Teagan’s attention that apart from all sports participants having to pay “Play to Pay” fees, many sports teams have been asked to buy certain equipment and sporting attire by their coaches. It was stated by some parents that they felt what some coaches in certain sports wanted was too much and too expensive, e.g., certain practice attire and camps. Mr. Teagan stated that coaches can only request and NOT demand over and above the “Pay to Play” fees. He also made it very clear that if ANY parent had a problem with any sport /coach and what was being asked of them, the parent MUST contact him and discuss these issues with him. His door is always open. We must all remember that the HEALTH and SAFETY of all our children comes first. Mr. Teagan will be discussing/writing policies to guide coaches as to what is ‘required’ and what is ‘wished’ for.

Other Issues

- There is no rule that says a student cannot play two or more sports. Where the problem comes in is with conflict for practices and games/meets. The student needs to declare what his primary sport is. The coaches and student need to meet and the coaches need to make expectations for that student VERY clear. If a student plays more than two sports there is no “break” for “Pay to Play” fees. This has been discussed at length by the Athletic Department.
- Mr. Jackson stated that every sport will have a Varsity Team next school year. Some may be co-op sports, e.g. hockey, with South Lyon High School. There may not be a Freshmen team for all sports, but there will be a JV team.

Items for next meeting

1. Ms. Boggs, Student Government advisor, will be in attendance to discuss next year’s homecoming plans.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Thank you to EVERYONE who attended!

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center.