

SSESH PTO General Meeting - November 14, 2017 6pm Pecore Hall

Call to Order:

Pres: The Nov 14 meeting of the SSESH PTO is hereby Called to order 6:15pm

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from our last meeting are electronically distributed on our webpage, **President** asks for any corrections, if no corrections the minutes are approved as read

- No discussion or changes requested, Minutes approved

President Report:

Super excited by all of you that have been turning out for our PTO meetings. We had a great time at the October coffee and felt that all of the parents really got a chance to mingle and to start getting involved.

Fear not, if you haven't had a chance to sign up to help out your kiddos at one of our events you will have ample opportunity in just a minute

We also just want to say that we are very excited about our new HOS, Jerry King. Many of you had a chance to meet her at the coffees when she was interviewing, and had very positive things to say about her, but if you didn't you will get a chance she comes to visit December 1st at Book Fair at Barnes and Noble right after Spirit Night at Mia's!

(We are encouraging all families to come to Mia's Friday Dec 1 for an after school snack or early dinner before book fair. Meet new friends, catch up with old ones, have glass of wine, feed the kiddos, and buy your bookmarks. Show one! Every child made one and they will be on sale for \$1. We wanted to come up with a way

Update on completed tasks since our September meeting : Erin*

Playground: We met with the administration and discussed your ideas for safety improvements to the playgrounds. Our school takes those concerns seriously and has made a number of improvements: Mr Juan has

- 2 gates repaired
- 2 fences repaired
- mulch added to one play structure
- 2 older items have been removed
- one unstable structure was stabilized and attached to ground
- new plastic borders are being installed
- One big item we asked for was another 4 tons of mulch to be added to the playground to ensure safety if our kiddos fall. Mulch was not in the budget this year, but your concerns have been heard and 4 tons of mulch is being delivered to the school on December 1st! The mulch will be in giant pallets in our parking lot. So...

On December 2, 2017 the PTO is asking for families to come out and help spread the 4 tons of brand new mulch. We need you to join us at the playground Dec 2 to move that mulch! We can't get this done without you and we need to get it done before we can move on to discussing playground improvements for next year. This project is so SSESH. It requires the community to come together and it is an excellent way to demonstrate service to your children and allow them to provide service to their school. This is why we are here at SSESH not just to give our kids an amazing education but to develop their character and sense of community.

Safety:

-The school has put up No Entry signs

- Speed bumps coming to Sul Ross
- Crosswalk signs have been ordered
- Working with City of Houston for more official signage, this is a slow process but it is in the works.
- Gentle reminder: please adhere to the carpool guidelines, reports of Up El parents blocking Woodhead because they aren't using both carpool lanes, and reports of primary and lower el drop off and pick up being blocked by cars that park on Sul Ross. Reminder if you are an orientation parent please park in the designated areas.

Board Member Reports:

-Community Chair: Jessica

- annual fund update

-Allison Spirit Night/Book Fair:

- Bookmarks will be available at book fair
- come any time of day to Mia's to benefit the school

-Tamala Grandparents Day

- sign up genius online

-Chevonne Spring Festival

- working with art department to set up some projects
- let us know how you want to get involved, committees will meet at different times and we will find a spot for you to fit into the project

Motions: PTO leadership

David Coe, Head of School (Executive Board)

- David's Motion for second year term of existing PTO leadership (President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer) to help during the transition of the new Head of School through May 2019,
 - second Toni Morales
 - Vote by acclamation - all for, none opposed
- David motion to have President Elect position as well as a past president position for executive board beginning June 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year.
 - Second Holli Richardson
 - Vote by acclamation - all for, none opposed

Second Motion requires amendment to our bylaws so we will vote on it at the January meeting to allow for proper notice. Slated officer for the President Elect position will be presented in December at PTO coffee, again at the January meeting.

Reminder - lessons and carols at Christ Church Cathedral, 12/15 - please see upcoming information in the Hallway and email from Nahla for more details.

Closing Summary and Adjournment:

Since there is no new business on the agenda I will close this meeting of the PTO. A reminder if you have items you want to get on the agenda please email us prior to the next meeting.

Meeting officially adjourned 6:40pm

Please join us for Spirit Night Dec 1 at Mia's right after school until 5:30 and then at Barnes and Noble. Our next meeting is the Coffee at Empire Cafe December 12.