

## **Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences, Parent Teacher Student Society General Meeting**

Secretary Report of Minutes

September 15, 2011, 7pm, Sarasota High School Auditorium

**Meeting was called to order** by Karen Abbe at 7:00pm, following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by members of the National Junior Honor Society.

### **Principal Report –**

Dr. Marilyn Highland was proud to report that SSAS was again an “A” school and had met 100% AYP for the 2010-11 school year. SSAS was also noted as being one of only two charter schools regarded as High Performing by the state. Dr. Highland took time to introduce the faculty by departments. Update on the new school building: although we were anticipating occupancy this week, a more realistic goal might be 4-5 weeks.

Assistant Principal Tara Tahmosh called attention to the next Parent-Teacher conferences. Time slots will be available on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in the evening and again Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, a professional day, during the day. She also noted that although the SSAS Team News was available online, hard copies were still available at the front office. Please ask your student to pick one up if you need a hard copy.

Assistant Principal Carl Williams reminded parents of the current school dress code, emphasizing that the faculty will be cracking down on infractions. He also noted that if you have a student you wish to have screened for gifted, please see Georgia Plath, the ESE Liaison.

In closing, Dr. Highland reminded parents that she is available by phone at her home until 10:30pm. Her phone number is (941) 924-1684.

**Celebration** - Mr. Reed reports that our annual school fundraiser, Celebration, will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The theme is “Prom Night”, and the headlining band is the Venturas. This is an adult-only event with dinner, live music and dancing, and silent and public auctions. We are seeking sponsors and homeroom captains for this event. A planning meeting will be held Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> in the SSAS cafeteria at 6pm for those interested in learning more. Janice Akly (sp?) is in charge of homeroom captains.

**PE Procedures** – Coach Mulhollen & Coach Torrisi request that parents who need to pick up students during their PE classes refrain from doing so, as parents are not allowed in the temporary PE area. Please make appointments for doctors, dentists, etc., outside of the PE time.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Steve Ruggiero called attention to the proposed PTSS budget for 2011-12 school year. Motion to accept the budget was passed by a majority in attendance.

Students from the **IB Program at Southeast High School** in Manatee County gave a brief report of the program and encouraged Manatee County students to inquire about attending there for high school. They noted that the IB Program for Sarasota County students is still at Riverview High School.

The **SSAS Traditional Dancers** led us in celebration of Mexico’s independence from Spain with a few dance numbers from Mexico. Senora Botero presented the dance teacher with flowers.

Tanya Jones will be coordinating **the Parade Float** for the December Holiday Parade down Main Street in Sarasota. Our theme this year will be Tropical Holiday. If you would like to volunteer to work on the float, please contact Tanya at [ptss\\_float@hotmail.com](mailto:ptss_float@hotmail.com)

Box Tops and other **promotional incentives** (Angel Braasch) – There are several different ways to support our school’s PTSS: Box Tops (turn labels in at school, with your name for volunteer credit), Coke Rewards, Labels for Education (turn in like Box Tops), Sweet Bay’s “Support Local Schools” tags through December 6<sup>th</sup>, Tyson Products Project A+, Stardust Skate Night for SSAS on October 21<sup>st</sup>, and Avery’s Give Back to Schools. 50 Box Tops =15 minutes of volunteer time.

**Business Partnerships/Business Directory** (Scott Black) - If you or another business you know is interested in partnering with our school, Scott is starting up Business Partners. Scott has a simple trifold brochure available for interested businesses. Please contact Scott Black at \_\_\_\_\_.

Trevor Bliss is working with Stardust Skating on a fundraiser for **our 7<sup>th</sup> grade student trip to St. Augustine**. The all-inclusive cost of the trip is \$180/student. The **Skate Night** is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Karen Lucas is our **Volunteer Coordinator**. Please see the website for volunteer opportunities for our school. Remember, we are all contracted with the school as parents to volunteer 10 hours each year and attend the general membership meetings of the PTSS. Volunteer information can be found at <http://www.ssas.org/PTSS/Misc/Volunteer.htm> , or contact Karen Lucas at [KLLMEMORIES@VERIZON.NET](mailto:KLLMEMORIES@VERIZON.NET) or 941-377-1521 / 941-914-6545.

**Dates to remember:** September 26<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day  
October 24<sup>th</sup> – end of the first quarter grading period  
October 28<sup>th</sup> – Professional Day (no school for students)  
November 17<sup>th</sup> – Next PTSS Meeting

**Links to remember:** SSAS – [www.ssas.org](http://www.ssas.org)  
Box Tops for Education – [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)  
Tyson Project A+ - <http://projectaplus.tyson.com/>  
Sweetbay Supermarket – [www.sweetbaysupportsschools.com](http://www.sweetbaysupportsschools.com)  
Labels for Education – <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>  
Coke Rewards – <http://www.mycokerewards.com/>

Meeting was adjourned by Karen Abbe at 8pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Leiland Theriot, PTSS Secretary, on Monday, September 19, 2011*