

Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences
Parent Teacher Student Society (PTSS), Inc.

Agenda

March 21, 2013, SHS Auditorium 7:00 pm
Mandatory Meeting of the General Membership

Pledge of Allegiance: National Junior Honor Society

Welcome and Introduction: Tracy Shinkarow
There is an informational sheet in the lobby with important dates for the school, dates also listed at the end of the minutes

PTSS Vice President Report: Mary Lang

The audience was thanked for all their donations and time they have volunteered so far this school year. Also special thanks to Ms. Sheppard and the cheerleaders for helping to generate enthusiasm for the Unfundraiser. Other items that PTSS has assisted with include:

- Provided each teacher \$75.00 start-up money for their classroom
- Provided lunch for the teachers and staff on Schedule Pick Up Day, also on that day, we organized and sold spirit shirts and used uniforms
- Provided the Math department with 15 graphing calculators
- The UnFundraiser raised \$13,000 in cash and \$3000 in Business Partner donations, we will be purchasing the audio system for the new gym with the money raised
- Funded the purchase of access cards needed for the Science Sensors in Ms. Watson's class
- Purchased 200 tri-fold boards, to be used for Science Fair projects, for kids who would not have been able to buy them
- Funded the purchase of a GO PRO video camera for the PE department
- Funded the purchase of a vacuum pump and chamber for Mr. Hernandez so that students can have "hands on" experience

Upcoming events:

- Volunteers will be needed for the FCAT snack assembly on Saturday April 13 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- 8th grade breakfast and graduation will also need volunteers to help decorate, serve breakfast and help clean up, more details will follow in email blasts

Principal's Report: Ms. Tahmosh

Black, White and Neon Dance will be Thursday March 28 from 6:00 until 9:00.

FCAT testing schedule will be adhered to. Please refrain from scheduling absences during the testing dates.

Volunteer Appreciation: Ms. Tahmosh, Jessica Mead

Ms. Tahmosh thanked the audience for all of their support thus far in the school year, just fewer than 400 volunteers have logged over 3000 hours of volunteer time!

Ms. Tahmosh and Ms. Mead presented certificates of appreciation to the following volunteers; Tracy Shinkarow, Mary Lang, Steve Ruggiero, Kim Williams, Nicole Forrest, Jennifer White, Diane Funk and Dana Spencer.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Ruggiero
The Financial Statement will be posted on the SSAS website.

Celebration: Mr. Reed
This year's theme will be "Celebrating Us" 15 years of accomplishments. The Celebration will be April 13th at Laurel Oaks Country Club; the cost will be \$50.00 per person. We will need sponsors, donations, raffle prizes and gift cards. We will also need volunteers to organize the auction. Please contact Mr. Reed.

Volunteer Opportunities for the 2013-14 School Year Tracy Shinkarow
All Leadership Team positions will be available. Additional Committee Head positions open are School Store, Box Top coordinator, Coordinate Used Uniforms, Launder Used Uniforms. Angel Braasch, Chairperson of the Box Tops for education committee, reported that they have raised \$1,473.77 thus far in the school year. She reported that she collects, counts and then submits (twice a year) the box tops to receive the cash amount. Tracy Shinkarow then explained the responsibilities of the School Store Coordinator; it requires approximately 6 hours a week and includes coordinating the Store schedule, weekly trips to Sam's for product replacement and supervising the Store when open. Nominations and elections will be done at tonight's meeting.

Business Partner Program has been given to SSAS Administration – contact Jessica Mead if you have questions

Brick Pavers are still available

Other Business:
Performance Ms. Botero
The audience was treated to a performance by the SSAS students in Ms. Botero's Traditional Dance Group
50/50 Raffle Drawing

Nominations/Elections Tracy Shinakrow
Nominations and volunteers were taken from the general members present. The positions were 2nd by an audience member and the motion passed to accept all volunteers as noted;
President - Jennifer Carroll
Vice-President – Corbett Donovan
Treasurer – open
Secretary – Dinnah Pere
Volunteer Coordinator – open

HS Choice Presentation Darby Larkin, Assistant Principal

Booker High School

Public Discussion:

Open to the floor for questions. No questions presented.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 1942 hrs.

Business Partners

Tiger Fame

Brandon's Coins
Freeman Orthodontics
Gecko's
Pepsi
Waste Pro

Dates to Remember

March 4th – April 5th CELLA Testing Window
March 27th and 28th Bishop Planetarium Field Trips (6th grade)
March 28th Black, White & Neon Dance (All SSAS Students)
March 29th Professional Day No School
April 9th Stardust Skate Night
April 12th Report Cards Sent Home
April 13th Celebration 7:00 pm
April 15th – 26th FCAT Testing
April 19th – 20th Spring Musical – The Little Mermaid Jr.
April 29th & May 6th YMCA Safe Place Presentations (8th grade)
May 1st – 2nd Holocaust Museum Field Trips (8th grade)
May 2nd & May 9th YMCA Safe Place Presentations (6th grade)
May 5th – 17th Algebra 1 End-of-Course Exams (7th and 8th grade Algebra students)
May 13th – 24th Geometry End-of-Course Exams (8th grade)
May 17th – 18th (Friday and Saturday) 8th grade Field Trip
May 29th 8th Grade Graduation

Next General Membership meeting will be in May 9

Links to Remember

SSA&S Website- Full of information – www.ssas.org
Box Tops for Education – www.boxtops4education.com