

Officers Present: Barbaby Dallas (President), Jessica Blitchok (VP Membership), Kimberly McCarty (VP Fundraising), Amy Missey and Tina Spano (co-Secretaries), Valerie Yeremin (Treasurer).

Meeting opened at 6:00pm on Thursday May 16, 2013 by Barnaby Dallas.

President (Barnaby Dallas):

Election of Officers for 2013-14 school year: Nominees gave brief introductions of themselves and their desired position. Ballots were distributed and the results of the vote are as follows: President – Barnaby Dallas, Treasurer – Valerie Yeremin, VP Fundraising – Kimberly McCarty, VP Membership – Amy Missey, Secretary – Kim Shakeri.

Budget:

Mrs. Smith opened the discussion with a review of the teachers' request for budget items. She suggested SHSA provide the teachers a more accurate budget amount for the following year as they were using the past year's amounts to determine their budget. The actual budget for 2013-14 will be \$30k less than 2012-13. The Recess 101 program was discussed, and Mrs. Rose gave examples of how a similar program at Willow Glen Elementary has been highly successful. Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Hodgkin related how many of the troubles at recess are often brought back into the classroom, using up valuable teaching time. With Recess 101, consistency throughout the playground leads to less disciplinary issues, less bullying, and a more positive overall school climate. The teachers are passionate about funding the Recess 101 program, however, the proposed SHSA budget does not have enough funding for this program. The deficit to fund the program is approximately \$15k, and the program cannot be run for a partial year. The teachers will draft a letter to send to the parents in an effort to raise the remaining funds needed to secure Recess 101.

Valerie Yeremin reviewed the proposed 2013-14 SHSA budget line-by-line. Barnaby noted that proposed SHSA budget keeps the Performing Arts funded at \$36k for next year. This does not include a breakdown of how the Performing Arts monies will be spent. Lisa Calloway (parent) suggested the teachers work with the Performing Arts Committee to ensure the parents' opinions and concerns are heard re: how to spend the Performing Arts budget. Parents interested in joining the Performing Arts Committee should contact Lisa Calloway at thug2molly@yahoo.com.

Valerie also noted that the estimated SHSA reserve was \$40k at the end of the 2012-13 school year. This was deemed an appropriate reserve given the long term commitments that SHSA has made to staffing. The proposed 2013-14 school year budget did not spend the full amount raised during the year by \$10k and thus that \$10k will be held in reserve. Parents at the meeting were in agreement that any additional income earned or current budget monies not spent would be added to the reserve, and that at the end of the year, any amount in the reserve above the \$40k will be designated as going towards the implementation of Recess 101.

**Amy Missey motioned to approve the Proposed SHSA 2013-14 budget, and the motion passed unanimously. 2013-14 school year approved budget attached.

Fundraising (Kimberly McCarty):

The Walk-a-thon needs another parent to **co-chair** the event. The WAT is the school's biggest fundraiser, raising nearly \$60k this year, and planning for next year needs to start very soon.

We also need a parent to step up to coordinate the Fall Festival.

Please contact Kimberly at kimberlymccarty@gmail.com to volunteer.

***Highlight for key motions or action items.*

Membership (Jessica Blitchok):

Kerrie Sparks has volunteered to coordinate Room Parents for next year. Room Parents will help to disseminate SHSA information to all the parents in the school in the hopes that more parents will participate in SHSA (volunteering, fundraising, etc). Mrs. Hodgkin offered to host a Room Parent social.

There are still many parent positions/jobs within SHSA that need to be filled for next year. Some of these jobs take less than 2 hours per month, but still make a significant impact on our school. Please contact Jessica at jblitchok@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm.
