

Signature School PTSA Meeting Minutes

October 13th, 2011

(Draft to be approved at January 12, 2012 meeting)

The second PTSA meeting of the school year was called to order at 6:07 pm. Those in attendance were Theresa Chavez, Laura Ward, Lisa Watson, David and Andrea Huff, Ana Krawec, Wes Milner, Debbie Stoddard, Chris Samuels, Jacki Murray and Sherri Rosaldo.

The minutes from the August 11th meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ana Krawec and seconded by Jacki Murray. The motion was approved. It was noted that minutes are posted on the Signature website in advance of the PTSA meetings.

The treasurer's report was presented by Theresa Chavez. The need for a second, gaming only checking account is needed to comply with State gambling regulations and has been reopened. In total, the PTSA holds \$9,337 in its two accounts. There were no large expenditures since the August meeting. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Wes Milner and seconded by Chris Samuels. The motion carried.

Committee reports were reviewed. Highlights included:

- Currently, our membership has grown to 212 members. We are in the process of finalizing the roster and will submit our total to the State organization as required in November. In September, we received an additional \$226 in fundraiser buyouts, bringing that total to nearly \$2,000.
- Schnucks eScripts program continues and it looks like we may have better participation than previous years. \$240 was raised in September.
- Spirit wear orders will be extended through Drive One 4UR School. Orders to date have lagged and it is hoped that having a display for parents and students during Drive One will increase sales.
- The Drive One 4 UR School event will be held October 15th from 9am -5pm. There are still shifts for demo drivers that need to be filled. Members are asked to consider giving some time to help at this important event. Please help spread the word and encourage others to come down and drive on Saturday so we can surpass last year's total.
- A Barnes & Noble fundraiser will be held on Dec. 3, 2011. Purchases may be made at the store or on line for several days prior to and after the event. The event will be posted on the Signature Facebook page to reach Sig alums who may want to participate in the event.
- Sherry Baker has been coordinating the effort to provide snacks at the teacher meetings. There will be a holiday dinner for the staff at the Kennel Club on Dec. 9th and the PTSA will be asking members to help by providing gourmet desserts for the event. This helps reduce the cost of the event.
- Ana Krawec volunteered to coordinate the Senior Honors reception and the Senior luncheon held on Monday May 21st and Tuesday May 22, 2012, respectively.
- The PTSA will again apply for a grant from the Women's Club of Newburgh to provide funds for AP/IB testing for students in need.
- The Reflections art competition program, a national PTA sponsored program, is being offered again this year at Signature. The deadline for students to participate is November 30, 2011. Information packets will be provided to the students and a signup sheet will be used to track

who has expressed interest in participating. The local judging will be held December 6th and 8th, 2011, well in advance of the January 15th, 2012 State deadline.

Under Old Business, the technology needs that Ms. Snyder presented to the PTSA have been met. Information regarding the IceMen event at the Ford Center has been distributed to parents. The need to promote the event with the students was raised as well as the concern with the two different ticket options.

Under New Business, Ana Krawec addressed the group related to her role as a parent representative on the search committee for the new Executive Director/Principal of Signature. She indicated that we are fortunate to have so many dedicated board and community members involved in the search. She is unable to discuss the committee's actions, but encouraged anyone with concerns, questions or comments to use the email address set up for the search. An internal search is underway and if no suitable candidate is identified, an external search may be conducted.

Ana also addressed the group in regards to the needs for the Terry Becker and Friends event to be held on Friday November 4th, 2011. Help is needed to sell tickets for a fundraising raffle at the event. Sellers must be PTSA members and must be submitted to the State on the permit form. In addition, there is a need for five individuals to help decorate tables on that Friday afternoon.

In closing, Theresa Chavez announced that she and Laura Ward will not be returning as officers to the PTSA next year. The group will need to fill the roles of President and Vice-President. Theresa is happy to work with interested members for the duration of the year to help with the transition.

The meeting time for future meetings may be adjusted in an attempt to get greater participation. Any time changes will be posted on the PTSA section of the Signature website.

The next regular meeting of the PTSA will be held Thursday, January 12, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.