

Signature PTSA Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2017, 6:00-7:30pm
Evansville Central Library, Browning Room

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Special Guests:

Mr. Robert L. Koch II – Signature School Founder and School Board President

-spoke about the founding of Signature School and the need for a more challenging curriculum in the Evansville area. Originally designed to be a part-time school, where students from the surrounding area would be bused in to take higher level classes. When EVSC's budget got tight, they felt they needed to cut the funding for Signature School. In the meantime, new legislation was enacted in Indiana for the creation of charter schools. So with the help of teachers, staff and parents a charter was created and presented to the EVSC school board to be a sponsor for this new charter school. With much opposition, the charter passed and Signature became a full-time high school. Signature faced many challenges from the EVSC and financially, but they overcame many of these and the school continues to thrive today. Signature still continues to operate on a deficit each school year, receiving only \$6,800/student from the state as compared to \$10,300/student for other public school. The school works to try to make up the difference through community fund raising and parent donations.

-also discussed the Regional Cities Grant from the state of Indiana. Signature received \$2.5 million, \$500,000 went towards a new lab and improvements to the science center. The remaining \$2 million will be spent on an expansion project, maybe to the science center or towards purchasing another building.

-for more on how Signature School was formed please watch this video...

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xpd3f2_the-story-of-signature_shortfilms

Mrs. Jean Hitchcock – Signature School Principal

-the PTSA presented an end of the year donation towards technology needs at the school in the amount of \$9,008. This monetary donation is in addition to a \$1,500 financial assistance donation that was made in March.

Secretary's Report – Jennifer Potter made a motion to pass the April minutes, Amy Wolf seconded and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report – current balance is around \$7,000

Election of PTSA Board Members 2017-2018

President: Karen Cinelli
Vice-President: Amy Wolf
Vice-President: Cheryl Brice
Treasurer: Amy Hoon
Secretary: Beth Hafele

Jahara Tapal made a motion to approve the election of the new board, Jennifer Potter seconded and the motion passed.

President's Report

- Thanks to Dana Jones and Kim Rashada for a successful Student Appreciation Day
- Thanks to all of our Chairpersons, Committees and Donors this year!
- Upcoming Activities...

Senior Honors Night: Monday, May 15, 2017

Senior Luncheon: Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Teacher Appreciation Days: Lunch on Monday, May 15 and Breakfast on Wednesday, May 17

Chairmen Needed for 2017-18 School Year

Back-to School Breakfast for Teachers and Staff: Monday, August 7th – Jennifer Potter volunteered

Macy's Shop for a Cause: Can register for 2017 event in May

Ford Drive 4UR School Event: a Saturday in September or October, \$6,000 anticipated – Cheryl Brice vol.

PTSA Silent Auction at Main Street Attraction: October tentative date \$3,000 anticipated –

Katrinka Rynard volunteered

Shadow for Main Street Attraction Organizer: (Karen Cinelli will chair 1 more year)

Sig Singers Night and Instrumental Night Raffle Organizer

Upcoming Activities

August PTSA Meeting – Wednesday, August 16th, 6:00pm – 7:30pm – Central Library, Browning Room

Parent Panel: Got Questions?!?

International Dinner All-School Pot Luck – Saturday, August 26th – Ivy Room at SWIRCA, 16 W. Virginia St.