

Southern Boone PTA

DRAFT March 5, 2015 MINUTES

President Laura Brookshire called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Southern Boone High School. Fifteen members attended the meeting. The FBLA induction and parent teacher conferences are tonight, which is keeping some people away.

Laura Redfield-Jacobs read the National PTA mission statement.

The February meeting minutes had been e-mailed to everyone before the March meeting. Amy Collette moved to accept Minutes as amended. Alicia Ozenberger seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Collette presented the Treasurer's Report for Rachel Brown, who could not attend. She and Brown worked together. The revised sheet handed out to the group assumes that PTA only has the money that is in the bank today (not counting money that will come from the Carnival or Fundraiser). We budgeted about \$4,000 coming in from the Carnival. We expect to be up over \$5,000. Some things that were approved we have to wait for the school district to buy the item and bill us.

Carnival: Tara Eppy said **the Carnival will be at the high school Sunday, April 19 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.** There will be food trucks again. She said she will invite school groups to sell concessions as well (bid process). Teacher raffles are back where you put your slip in the bag (for a quarter) for whatever prize the teachers donated. There will be Laser Tag, a Bounce House, face painting, Reflections Art Show and a district-wide art show. We will have a super hero-based theme (which goes with the Summer Read theme). The Carnival will cost \$5 per kid, \$1 per adult. No more than \$15 per family. If you wear a costume you get \$1 off (parents dressed up get in free). We will have vendors, a Silent Auction and dessert auction. Redfield-Jacobs offered to bring a baby goat for the Kiss the Whatever event. Brookshire offered her bulldog. Eppy said one year the animal was a pig, one year a goat, another year a bulldog. Neither principal will be available for the Carnival. Coach Branch and Coach Karr will be the kissers of the animal. Police Chief Lynn Wolford will be available as well. PTA earns about \$1,300 in Box Tops for Kiss the Whatever contest. A volunteer flier will be coming home next week. Robin Shaon suggested people ask their dentist or orthodontist if they will donate items for a basket. Contact Shaon about donation ideas at Birdie_1241@yahoo.com, 573-256-9511. Contact Tara Eppy Tara.Eppy@courts.mo.gov. Brenda Haynes said text her at 573-303-7321.

Nomination Committee: Amy Collette said the open positions for next year are President, President-elect, Vice President of High School and Middle School and Treasurer. She said a couple of people declined a nomination, but some people have expressed interest. Nomination Committee members include Collette, Dawn Sapp, Safire Ortals, and Alicia Ozenberger. The President-elect position was vacated last year and no one was found. That is why both positions are open. If there is a full slate of officers and they all work together the workload is not too bad. If only one or two people work together, it is a lot of work. Dawn Sapp asked about the positions. Collette has a person who is interested in being

Treasurer but she needs to confirm with her. Terra Eavenson and Kelly Redford are willing to be Vice President of High School and Middle School. Redford has held the position before and enjoyed it. Sapp agreed to be President-elect right now to shadow Laura Brookshire this school year. **Brittney Sones moved to have Dawn Sapp as President-elect immediately to fill the open position. Seconded by Robin Shaon. Motion carried.**

Brenda Haynes said she may be interested in being President-elect for next year. The group discussed officer hour commitments. Delegating to others is important so any one person does not have to do too much. Many people are in place as committee chairs and they will stay on for next year. Karen Hess is the Committee Chair of Membership, Kelly Redford does Reflections, Jaime Nelson does Teacher Appreciation, and Christina Ebenroth does Spirit Wear. Haynes agreed to be on the slate as the President-elect for next year. Collette said the slate for next year will be President--Dawn Sapp; Brenda Haynes as President-elect, Treasurer we need to hold off on, for Vice President of Middle School and High School we have two nominees--Terra Eavenson and Kelly Redford. Julie Sexten said she is busy and will not be able to help next year. She is currently the Vice President of Primary/Elementary and has one year left on her term. She suggested Terra Eavenson may want her position. Eavenson was not at the meeting to ask. **Robin Shaon moved to table the slate of officers until the April meeting so we can have all positions filled. Alicia Ozenberger seconded. Motion carried.**

Fundraiser Update: Laura Brookshire said we made \$4,175 in donations so far from the letter sent to parents asking for a donation. Sones asked how that fundraiser compared to the Shakespeare's fundraiser it replaced. Brookshire said the Shakespeare's fundraiser last year was a lot of work and raised about \$6,000. This year 54 families have donated so far. Brookshire said we had some big donations and some small ones. The first envelope she opened was \$200. Redford said she still needs to give a donation to PTA. It is better for her to donate cash rather than having to sell something. Haynes suggested we do it closer to the beginning of the year. Redford said we do the Passports Fundraiser at the beginning of the year. Brookshire said she did not want to have it too close to Christmas. Sones said maybe do it at the end of the year as an end-of-year- donation for tax purposes. Amanda Brown is working on a flier for Spirit Wear. She has been in contact with Ebenroth. Brookshire she will copy it for next week. We can also e-mail the fliers out. The fliers will be on the web site as well.

Runaway Incident Tuesday: Stacey Huck, Forensic Investigator, said a couple of days ago we had an incident with two sixth girls running away during school. The town shut down for two hours. We did not know if they ran off, were meeting boys or what. She said her concern as a parent is that it took too long to get word out to parents. It would have been great if School Reach could have been sent out. People had seen the girls two hours before they were finally found but did not know they were missing. GroupMe is a massive texting app that goes to everybody. Huck said that we parents need to help get that information out. We needed photos. Sones asked if there will there be an administrator of this. Yes. Huck said we need something parents can use to communicate instantly. She said she sees horrific things on a daily basis. She specializes in child homicide and rape analysis. The thing a lot of people do not know is that sexual predators are in the community. She said Ashland is so close to the highway people can nab a child and go. She worked a homicide last year where the child was dead within an hour. Robin Shaon said that when the girls went missing a teacher asked her if she had seen them

because she lives near the park. She posted it on FaceBook and her daughter used Twitter to ask everyone at high school if they had seen them. Members discussed using a RemindMe text in the future, which are no reply. The group discussed who should be the person to send out such a text. Someone said it could be like a Neighborhood Watch. Discussion. People wanted to make sure the system did not become a gossip session. But when two kids are missing it is legitimate. Sapp suggested creating a Parent Watch group. We could have the medical examiner and other professionals teach parents what to look for. It was suggested that there be a training for parents—this is more important than school shooting training because runaways are more likely to happen. Members discussed coming up with a plan that could be put on the agenda for the April PTA meeting.

Many parents at the meeting expressed surprise and anger that the two girls who ran away during school Tuesday were back in school Thursday. Parents said their children perceived that the girls were not punished and got away with running away from school. Many parents thought this was inappropriate and may encourage other children to run away during school hours.

Teacher Appreciation Update: Jaime Nelson said she delivered sandwiches and cookies (from HyVee) as well as chips and water for parent teacher conferences yesterday at the Primary School and today at the Middle School and Elementary. The cost was under \$400. She said the High School parent teacher conferences are later. Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week of May. She said she plans to do a breakfast and snacks. She needs help. She cannot do it every day. She said the Jefferson City HyVee was great to work with.

Buddy Pack: Britteny Sones is processing the cards for milk and bread at Mosers. Brookshire read a text from Nancy Nickolaus (who was sick today). She said that in February more than double the coupons were turned in over January.

Amy Collete moved to adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Seconded.

Respectively submitted, Laura Redfield-Jacobs, Secretary