



**Sunrise Valley Elementary School (SVES) PTA General Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2017, 7:00 pm  
SVES Library**

1) Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Megan Murphy, the PTA President at 7:04 pm in the library. The secretary was present.

2) Members present: Please see sign-in sheet. A quorum was established.

3) The minutes of the November General Meeting were approved.

4) Principal's report - Mr. West:

Nov 3 end of first quarter so progress reports will be going home. Also, 2 hour early release.

First Fridays of the month will be spirit day every month so wear school gear

Nov 6 and 7 student holidays for teacher workdays

Nov 10 at 8:00 am Veteran's Day breakfast and performances from students

Nov 15 at 9:20 am parent coffee about digital citizenship

Nov 16 picture makeup day

Nov 17 crazy hat spirit day

Nov 22 2-hour early release and Thursday and Friday are holidays

In early December there will be an hour of code offered for all students.

5) New Business

- Fundraising : Steve Pick and Isabelle Hsiung presented ideas for fundraising opportunities to support the Backpack Program.
- Teacher Mini-Grants: Report given by Megan Murphy & Julie Lele. Teachers are being approached to present their requests earlier in the year. Special education teachers are being asked if there is anything specific to their classroom that they would like to request.
- Giving Tuesday: Julie Hanssen Harris suggested designating Tuesday, November 28 as "Giving Tuesday" so the PTA can fundraise for technology, the Backpack programs or teacher appreciation.
- Retail Rewards: Mary Beth Robinson introduced a company called Cause Network that will allow SVES families to shop at places they like to shop online and a portion of their spending will support the PTA.

6) Officer Reports

- President: Megan Murphy had nothing to report.
- Membership: Report given by Nina Kellerman. Membership is at 189, which is above the same time last year and we have until Dec 31 to continue recruiting members.

- Events: Report given by Colleen Elliott. Hoe Down was a success. Brenda Cafiero will lead skate night. We are seeking volunteers to help with the Veterans Day breakfast.
- Enrichment: Report given by Gamble Gilbertson:
  - Fall Enrichment: winding down this month, with most classes ending before Thanksgiving Break (exceptions: Run Club and both Spanish classes). Reviewing vendor invoices and will send them to Treasurer for payment.
  - Winter Enrichment: classes will start 1st week of December, early bird registration will open on Monday November 6.
  - Spring Enrichment: will set up Spring Run Club planning meeting.
- Communications: Report given by Julie Hanssen Harris. We have 239 Facebook members, an increase of 30 PTBoard members from last month. We have a firm Monday noon deadline for the Bulletin.
- Treasurer: Report given by Stacey Graf. Graf referenced the monthly financial report handout and explained the Hoe Down didn't do quite as well as expected because we didn't take into account that so many would get in free because of the free tickets with PTA membership.
- President Elect: Report given by Julie Lele . Original Works our #1 revenue driver is next week.

7) Destination Dining: Megan Murphy reported for Kim Ellis. Wing Wednesday on Nov 15. Brewery event raised about \$100.

8) Voting: Bylaw Revisions - Proposed bylaw revisions were handed out. Gilbertson requested one revision to be consistent and suggested removing "enrichment" from the First VP description of duties.

Motion by Julie Lele: I move that we approve the bylaw revisions with the edit as recommended by Gilbertson. The motion was seconded and adopted.

9) Listening Session: Open Forum

- Nancy Darmory: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus performing Dec ember 13 at Reston Town Center in front of the ice rink. The basketball challenge will be Friday, April 6 playing against Fox Mill. Concession proceeds are shared.
- Phoebe Avery: Grace Art this month is Alma Thomas. Art work will be collected and some submitted to Greater Reston Arts Center exhibition.
- Julie Lele: We are trying to get together pockets of folks interested in areas such as corporate businesses strategies. Email Megan Murphy if you want to be on that committee. Also, we are surveying parents and teachers to find out how we can better support teachers and get parents to come to a meeting.

10) Close: Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Minutes:

Approved as presented: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as corrected: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary (Signature)

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