



Sharon Center School
Parent Teacher Organization
80 Hilltop Road
Sharon, Connecticut 06069

Minutes for September 5th, 2017– 6:30

Call-To-Order and Welcome Mandy Thompson, PTO President @6:39 pm

Present: Mandy Thompson – Helene Minton – Rebecca Malone - Maria Grace - Jason Beeman - Paula Roy - Judy Gafney - Karen Manning – Leanne LaFond

Minutes of June Meeting – *Silently Read*

Treasurer's Report – *Helene Minton - June overall surplus \$3,227.51, Expenses over summer \$9,245 Income \$12,632.99- PTO now a nonprofit standalone entity. 2017-2018 Budget reviewed and voted on. Motion to vote by Mandy, all were in favor to accept the new budget.*

Principal/Board of Ed Report – *Karen Manning: Smooth opening with building busses, technology and 139 happy children. Year theme – “the Power of Water”, James Smith will coach the girls soccer team, After School Study began today grades 4-8, Sharon Day Care – new play scape for infant/toddler and afterschool program, Sharon Play house hosted about 8 weeks of programs at the school over the summer, building improvements LED lights, new baseboards, shades and painting, Small group of students attended summer school focused on the Love of Learning, Teacher Workshops with Leslie Grant on 9/1 with a focus on aligning assessments with standards and instruction, Pam Vogel setting up a Community Advisory Council more to come.*

Up Coming: 2 Books 1 School 9/8, Dental Assemblies 9/12 with cleanings following, Picture day 9/13, BOE Meeting 9/18, Open House 9/19, 7th Grade Natures Classroom 9/25-29, 6th Grade Ropes Course 9/28-29, Fire Safety 10/4. NO SCHOOL 9/21, 22, 10/9.

Mrs. Manning did speak briefly on the new grading system for the middle school. A work in process.

Committee & Project Reports: Fall Fundraising

- Pies – Orders due October 17 pickup date November 9th
- Folk Dance – in discussion
- Paint & Sip – November 17th – details to come
- On-Going – Boxtops – underway
- After School Enrichment/Makers Space: Looking for new ideas or instructors. Joining forces again with Mrs. Gafney. Millennium Fund for Michael Berkley, Joe Brien for Woodworking
- Teacher Appreciation – November 15th, 2017 & April 11, 2018
- School Assemblies for 2017/2018 – Expo on September 15 – Mandy and Rebecca to attend – Looking for something involving Water – Cindy Webb will with scheduling.
- Movie Night – Date change to 9/29 – Throw Back and 10/13 with Book Fair

Old Business:

Meeting schedule was proposed and passed. 10/17/17, 11/14/17, 2/13/18, 4/10/18, 6/5/18 – 6 in total

New Business:

- Phase II of Playground installation tentatively scheduled for the second week of October
- PTO Directory, Stop & Shop, Room Parent forms all sent home
- Back to School Picnic – Thursday, September 14th – search for Kindergarten T-Shirts
- Phoenix Farm Underway – more to come
- Questions & Answers

Announcements/ comments:

Motion for Acceptance of June Minutes Motion by H Minton – second by R Malone

Motion to Adjourn by Paula Roy – second by Judy Gafney @ 8:00

The next meetings will be: October 17th 2017