Skyline Support Association Minutes

Attendees: See sign in sheet

President & Co- President: Natalie Outslay and Eileen Arick

Secretary: Diana Dellose

Treasurer: Evelyn Joiner

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Natalie Outslay, President, brought the meeting to order on January 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

NAMI – National Alliance Mental Illness; Ending the Silence:

* Founded in 1979 by 2 Women on West Coast, NAMI DE started in 1983
* Mental Health (everyone) vs Mental Illness (1 in 5 people have) (condition that is developed; common, treatable, invisible, misunderstood)
* 50% of people with mental illness have by age 14 and 75% have by age 24
* 56% people with mental illness did not receive treatment the past year, primary reason is because of the stigma
* NAMI – SAY IT OUTLOUD – video is a good video for teens to watch
* NAMI DE supports and educates, offers safe affordable housing in all three DE counties, serves 300 people annually with 66 properties, advocates for individuals and families, work with policy makers locally and nationally
* Helpline for resources is available M-F 9-4 with trained staff
* They offer structured support groups, social and educational gatherings, free education programs and presentations, classes for loved ones, community awareness presentations
* Text hotline anytime 741741 or visit NAMI.org NAMIDelaware.org

Frank Rumford, Principal welcomed everyone and gave the Principal’s report:

* District Visit was on Thurs Jan 9, ten people came, toured the building and visited classes in both 6th and 8th grades; gave recommendations
* Mid-Year assessments Math and Reading Inventory for midpoint of the school year to understand what students understand and know
* Choice Window closed on January 8, 2020
* Holiday Gift Program was a huge success with students using PAWS points, with discussions for bettering in the future
* Heather Gibson will be new Behavior Mental Health Person. Dawn Paramore and Duke will be here every other Monday.
* Second Marking Period ends January 17, 2020; Report cards sent home on January 31, 2020
* Parent conferences February 13 & 14
* New Teachers: Mr. Padgett – 6th Grade Social Studies and Ms. Khan 7th Grade Science
* Building Leadership Team is having a family night on February 6 and will provide food and transportation
* Mr. Rumford will be retiring after 38 years teaching at the end of this school year

Follow up from Nov meeting: Mr. Rumford and Natalie Outslay met with Dorrell Green on December 10, 2019 to discuss ideas and support regarding some behavior issues and incidents that occurred. Ideas included Super PBS Reward and Silent Disco rewarding students who meet and exceed behavior and ‘show up’ every day.

At the end of the meeting Gretchen Shahan opened up a discussion about the incident that occurred at school this past week where some students released some pepper spray. This resulted in 2 students being taken by ambulance and many other kids were affected as well, Ms. Shahan was upset at the fact that parents of students in that classroom were not notified of the exposure and instead a general call went out to all parents alerting us of the incident. She urged admin to learn from this and to improve communication. Mr. Rumford replied “we definitely learned a lot.”

**SSA Nov meeting minutes:**

Approved by Katarina Frank and Brenda Good

**Fundraisers**:

Fall – Discount Cards or No Sell/Hassle Free Fundraiser, sold 309 cards, 176 left, hoping to work with Acme in Pike Creek

Spring: Bingo! March 26, 2020

**Staff Appreciation:** next event will be Souperbowl - date (1/31 or 2/7), please email skylineSSA@yahoo.com if able to help out

Outdoor classroom committee is forming

Outdoor spruce up including front entrance and courtyard is forming

**Student vs Teacher Basketball Game** – tentatively scheduled for February 27, 2020

**School Dances:**

Winter Ball – January 17, 2020 7th and 8th grades only

February 21st – all grades

Memories Dance-DTBD 8th grade only

**Wellness Events:**

* + Discount Card Fundraiser Reward
	+ Heartt in the Game April 7, 2020

**PBS Pool party in June**

**Upcoming SSA Meetings**:

* + March 12 Avid
	+ May 9 TBD

**Uniform Closet:**

We are always in need of gently used uniforms. Please think about donating your child’s today!

**Stay connected**:

Skyline’s Website: https://de01903704.schoolwires.net/domain/647

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pages/Skyline-Middle-School/127248777439620](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Skyline-Middle-School/127248777439620)

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**Meeting Wrap-up:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m. Minutes will be posted on Skyline Website.

Respectfully yours,

Diana Dellose

Skyline Support Association Secretary

Jaguar Pride