*Skyline Support Association Minutes*

March 19, 2015

Attendees: See sign in sheet.

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

* Barbra Creswell, Co-President, brought the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Principal’s Report

* Frank Rumford, Principal welcomed everyone and discussed the below:
  + - Thank you to all the support for the recent passing of the Referendum.
    - Shrek the Musical Jr was a rave success. There were less students participating due to space constraints and more tickets purchased.
    - Weather day make ups TBD.
    - Ms. Huffman discussed Diversity Week at Skyline. Skyline welcomes all students and rooms were labeled in several languages. The week consisted of music playing from all cultures and A+ card project amongst all students.
    - No school 3/27 for In-service and 4/3-4/10 for spring break.
    - 3rd Marking Period ends on 3/27.
    - Testing Tips – eat a good breakfast, visit bathroom 15-30 minutes prior to testing, full night sleep before the test and DON’T PANIC.
    - Smarter Balanced Practice Testing is finishing up. Testing starts the Tuesday after Spring Break.
    - Science Olympiad had 15 kids that are competing in Dover against 60 teams. Skyline will participate in 24 events.
    - Odyssey of the Mind had 4 teams compete with 1 team heading to the state competition.

Special Topic – Smarter Balanced Assessment – Susan Huffman

* Ms. Huffman discussed the changes with the new testing. Writing portions will be administered. Math work will require work shown and need a response.
* Each assessment is held over 4 days with 1 classroom discussion day prior to the test.
* The testing will not count against the school this year.
* There is an opt-out option that must be discussed with Mr. Rumford if considered.
* [www.smarterbalanced.org](http://www.smarterbalanced.org)

Treasurer’s Report

* Barbara Hewlett, Treasurer, reviewed the cash flow and account balances as of 3/19/15.
* Nikki Graham motioned to approve the report with Debbie Hermansader as the second motion. Treasurer’s report was approved.

Secretary

* Nikki Graham, Secretary, provided the February meeting minutes. Kathy Parisi with the 1st motion and Barbara Hewlett with the 2nd motion approved the minutes.

Committee Activity Updates (Barbra Creswell)

AR Pool Party:

* Planning will start in April. The party will be held on 5/28 (5/29 rain date).

Book Buddies:

* The next session will start after Spring Break with a new Heritage Coordinator.

Book Fair:

* Nothing to report.

Dances:

* 6th grade dance will be held March 20th.

Family Activities:

* Student/Teacher basketball game was a success.

Fundraising:

* Matching gifts are filtering in.

Newsletter/Bulletin:

* In the future, the newsletter/bulletin will be electronically sent.

Product Incentives:

* $500 has been received from Zingo’s and Carol Moore reminded everyone to send in their Box Tops.

School Beautification:

* Nothing to report

Spirit Wear:

* Spirit wear order forms can be found on the website.

Staff Appreciation:

* Teacher appreciation week is the next luncheon (May).

8th Grade Memories Dance:

* Jen Furman reported that planning will begin soon on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 pm. More information to be sent via email.

8th Grade Graduation:

* 8th grade t-shirt art contest voting has started.

Please note – 8th grade parents that will be done after this year chair the below committees. These committees may be vacant next year:

Secretary, Book Buddies, Dances, Family Activities, Fundraising, Newsletter/Bulletin.

New Business

* There are many open positions/committees that need to be filled for next year. Please consider helping. See any board member for information.

Old Business

* Nothing to report.

Announcements/Reminders

* Please send in your Zingo’s receipts and Box Tops.
* No school on March 27th (Staff In-Service).
* Early dismissals at 11:30 on February 26th & 27th.
* Minutes will be posted on the Skyline Website.
* Contact the SSA at [skylinessa@yahoo.com](mailto:skylinessa@yahoo.com).
* Facebook page for information is www.facebook.com/pages/skyline-middle-school/127238777439620
* Next meeting – April 16th at 7pm in the Library.

Debbie Hermansader closed the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Graham

Skyline Support Association Secretary