

SES PTSA General Meeting Minutes January 30, 2014

The meeting began at 6:46pm. Elizabeth welcomed everyone and she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made, it was seconded and the motion carried with a unanimous voice vote. Elizabeth then introduced Kathy Keller Jones.

Kathy introduced herself and mentioned the classes she is offering at school on wednesday mornings at SES. She then began to speak about how she went about writing her book, Face to Face: Cultivating Kids' Social Lives in Today's Digital World. She gave the group handouts and gave an overview of the topic and her book.

Karen Belsey spoke about the Foundation, gave an explanation of it's purpose and what it needs and encouraged people to become more involved and help get things moving more heartily and steadily. Needs are brainstorming, footwork out in the community, several tasks, etc. and there will be a raffle coming out in early spring as another fundraiser.

Cindi Carrell then handed out the PTSA financial report (a balance sheet and a profits and loss statement, and a budget to actual to track how close we are staying within our projected budget for the school year). She gave a little talk on volunteering and how she found her place at SES, channeling her passion into projects and as a PTSA board member. She explained the four ways we fundraise at Sunnyside.

Heidi McNamee spoke about her experience with getting involved at Sunnyside and then passed around a sign up sheet for the group to include their contact info and if they have any questions or want to volunteer for any activities or coordinator position.

Elizabeth then introduced Annette Shaff-Palmer, the Read-a-thon coordinator. She spoke about the Read-a-thon activity, which kicks off this monday, Feb. 3rd. This activity is a great way to get the kids reading more, it's lots of fun and also is a fundraiser. She gave an overview of what to expect for the kickoff and the prizes and different ways to get your kid excited and involved in the whole activity.

Elizabeth then opened the floor to any discussions from the group. The greater possibility of a teacher strike was mentioned and discussion concentrated around communication with other parents around the possibility of childcare help if the strike were to happen. A few people asked about what positions were open on the board for next year and then Elizabeth closed the meeting encouraging people to get involved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Minutes recorded by Justine Light, Secretary of the PTSA Board