

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

**Silvermine Elementary School PTO Meeting  
6:30-8:00pm Urban Hall**

**Attendance:** Ivette Ellis, Lisa Taggart, Laura Sforza, Kristen Iannacone, Shawn Iannacone, Ed Wachowski, Shelby DeLuke, Sasha Carr, Nick Andriopoulos, Claudia Mendoza, Frank DiPasquale, Melissa Bennett, Daisy Sebastian

## **Meeting Called to Order By: Principal Ivette Ellis**

### **Officer's Report:**

#### **1. Principal: Ivette Ellis-**

- \* OneBook, One School- All grades will receive the same book on March 2nd and be asked to read it at home from March 2nd-March 29. There will be a celebration on Thursday, April 5th. The book will be The Lemonade War.
- \* Thursday, March 8th from 6:00-7:30pm there will be a STEM Expo in our gym. Displays from each grade will be set up to allow parents to view.
- \* School safety was addressed. One suggestion was to hire a security guard. Other measures to improve school safety were also discussed, including making sure we're consistent with security measures already enforced.
- \* On March 14th Silvermine will participating the "walk-out" in solidarity with other schools. However, due to safety concerns expressed by some parents the children will be doing a "walk-in" and standing outside the classrooms. Teachers will be talking to students about school safety leading up to March 14th.

#### **2. President: Shawn Iannacone-**

- \* Update on raffle: Raffle tickets were distributed and collection will begin next week.
- \* 5th grade graduation- it was suggested that graduation be streamlined in effort to not go overboard and to also ensure each 5th grade class gets the same kind of celebration. Also, it was suggested that each 5th grade family give a flat fee of \$50, to pay for end of year activities i.e beach party, ice cream social etc.
- \* Cooling the school: There was update regarding options for cooling the school that would be compatible with the building's electrical capacity. Shawn has been in touch with a high capacity fan company. According to Principal Ellis, Silvermine was on a list to get central air in five years as per the District. It was brought up that fans would not be incompatible with any future central AC installation. .

- \* A parent suggested that we install window units but it was explained that the building does not have electrical capacity to install additional AC units. Also, inside classrooms don't have a window.
- \* All attendees were in favor of moving forward with fans.
- \* It was also suggested that a letter go out to parents updating them on the progress of the cooling system, Sasha Carr and Lorena Davison to send out a general update..
- \* Bingo Night- no tacos but pizza will be served and we will have a bake sale. Proceeds will go towards 5th grade graduation. Raffle tickets will be drawn.

### **3. Upcoming Events:**

Spring Picture Day March 8th, 1 or 2 volunteers needed.

STEM Expo March 8th 6-7:30

Bingo Night March 22nd

BOE Meeting 3/21

**PTO Meeting : TBD**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes Compiled by Laura Sforza; edited and approved by Shawn Iannacone and Sasha Carr