

SSPO Meeting 4.17.15

March minutes: Motion approved by Alisa Keck with a second motion by Anne Francis.

Call for SSPO officers for the 2015-2016 school year. Contact Kate Fineske or Shannon Szyperski if interested.

Reviewed Spring Forum 3.26.15: 21st Century Learning Environment – went well and very informative. Thanks to the presenters.

Treasurers Report: Motion approved by Nicole Worth and second motion by Tomlyn Chambers

District update:

- District is lobbying in Columbus to convey our needs re: state budget and the overutilization of state tests.
- Budget process meetings occurring, district approval must be reached by June 30th.
- Impact of over-utilizing state testing is being discussed.
- Scott Nelson coordinating updates and new groundwork for soccer and football stadiums in conjunction with Lourdes University. Planning to break ground in May for fall use.

Administrative changes: Scott Nelson taking over July 1st as district superintendent. Jane Spurgeon (HR) is taking over as assistant superintendent for Scott Nelson; Keith Limes (principal @ McCord) is taking over as head of Human Resources; Amanda Ogren (assistant principal @ McCord) will be taking over as principal of McCord. John Duwve (principal @ Sylvan) is moving to Maplewood as principal. Dave Minard's (SV Assistant Principal) position will be open. School Board: Jim Nusbaum and Vicki Donovan Lyle's positions are up and so positions will be available, however and they are planning to run for re-election in the fall.

Jodi Hess (Southview High School Counselor) and Marsha Robie (McCord Jr. High/Maplewood Elementary) presented today.

- Both with many years of experience.
- Marsha works a lot with the elementary age groups in small/large groups and as individuals. Marsha finds a lot of parents wanting help with their children in their home situations. She works a lot with Jr. High testing, academic and emotional support, scheduling for classes, and crisis support. She (and many other districts) use the Second Step approach to counseling, which emphasizes empathy and feelings – “how does that make the other person feel”. WEB leadership training is used at the Jr. High level. WEB stands for Where Everybody Belongs. This is used to help students transition from elementary school to Jr. High. Marsha also addresses bullying at the various ages. Emphasis is on “I am the Majority” and being an upstander to prevent bullying.
- Jodi – Has many years of experience at all levels. Started as a teacher and made the change to counseling and loves it. Triple T approach is used in HS = Timeline, Transitions, and Traditions. LINK is the High School equivalent of the Jr. High's WEB

program, utilized especially on the first day of school which is Freshman Only. Lots of future planning – for college and/or other paths. Bullying is also a big aspect, focusing on prevention and social media. She emphasized that **elementary schools get lots of parent volunteers, however parents are needed MORE in HS than in elementary levels.** If each parent volunteered one hour each year, approx. 1100 hours would be available to help our high school students!

A PDF of each counselor's presentation is attached to this email and available on the District web site.

Next SSPO Meeting

May 8th: Athletic Foundation, Academic Excellence Foundation, Sylvania Recreation District
Noon, Admin. Building, Zimpfer Conference Room

2014-15 MEETING CALENDAR

September 5th – Transportation

October 3rd – School Funding (Noon)

November 7th – Parent Sharing Meeting: *MyBigCampus, Communication Dos & Don'ts, Interact Student Volunteers*

December 12th – Officers Meeting

January 16th – Academic Update (Noon)

February 6th – School Health and Allergies (Noon)

March 6th – STEM in Sylvania Schools / 2015-16 Officer Slate (Noon)

March 26th – Spring Forum: 21st Century Learning (7:00 p.m.)

April 17th – Guidance Counselor Overview (2015-16 Officer Nominations)

May 8th – Athletic Foundation / AEF / Sylvania Rec / 2014-15 Recap / 2015-16 Idea Input / Officer Elections (Noon)

June – TOPIC: Officer Meeting, SSPO Planning Meeting TIME TBA