

<p><b>PTSO Board Meeting</b> <b>May 3, 2011</b></p>	
<p>In Attendance: Joel Stembridge, Nancy Mann, Laura Marks, Joan Hayes Jenny Qian, Julie Sall, Sue Schy, Jamie Chaloff, Mary-Ellen Sokolowski, Joe Scozzaro, Susan Still, Richard Chang, Robin Maltz, Rob Hurst, Nina Levin, Qihong Xu</p>	
<p><b>Topic of Discussion</b></p>	<p><b>Action taken or needed</b></p>
<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Introductions</p> <p>Principal Update – Joel Stembridge spoke about the banner year for Newton South in regards to student activities (clubs, exchange programs, Dreamfar etc...)</p> <p><b>Budget</b></p> <p>Concern about 2011/2012 budget in light of losing 7 positions in regular and 7 positions in special education. This will result in larger class sizes, and fewer electives. It will be very difficult for a student to change curriculum (ex: dropping from honors to curriculum I).</p> <p>Joel Stembridge spoke about the parent’s contribution and commitment to Newton South.</p> <p>The PTSO thanked Julie Sall for her dedication to South over the years.</p>	<p>There is a possibility of receiving funding from the state but nothing significant. Parents need to get involved so there is not another level of reduction in the future. Parents need to talk to school committee and the mayor to discuss upcoming plans. Need advocacy of parents around the budget. Teachers Union will start a dialogue on 5/21 by talking with citizens.</p>
<p><b>Email and Membership</b></p>	
<p>Julie Sall will work with new committee to update database (Mara Nislick), directory and membership (Reva Winston), newsletter (Diane Greer) and website (Jon Swalboski).</p>	<p>8<sup>th</sup> grade classes from OHMS and Brown will be added to NSHS database. The senior class will stay on the email list.</p>

<p><b>Budget Update</b>  Nina Levin reviewed budget. PTSO has taken over deposits from Southstage, Southfest and Music @ South.</p> <p>Online payment system discussed</p> <p>Discussion about safety net for non-profits</p>	<p>PTSO is waiting for everything to be reported. Income and expenses have not come in. Further controls need to be implemented.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to go with PayPal.</p> <p>The goal is to build a one year reserve for PTSO perhaps by running a development event.</p>
<p><b>Faculty Update</b>  Joe Scozzaro said that teachers appreciate the potluck dinner and term breakfasts. Teachers are grateful to the parents.</p> <p>Joe commented that teachers constantly have to justify their existence to the school committee.</p> <p>Teachers are concerned with class size, which could result in less writing assigned to students in larger classes.</p>	
<p><b>Student Update</b>  There was not enough momentum for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration.</p>	<p>Possibility for tile project next year if class officers can organize it.</p>
<p><b>Music @ South</b>  Drop in attendance and fewer concerts than in previous years.</p>	<p>PTSO will try to recruit a new parent to take over Music @ South.</p>
<p><b>Health and Safety</b>  Quiet flu season.</p> <p>Teen summit held at NNHS in April 2011.</p> <p>All athletes need to take pre and post concussion survey.</p> <p>All coaches give athletes anti-bullying contract.</p>	
<p><b>Grants</b>  \$7,000-\$8,000 in expenditures for grants is still outstanding because faculty has until end of school year to send in their receipts for reimbursement. The grant gives teachers an opportunity to do something outside of the core curriculum.</p> <p>The PTSO funds grants up to \$20,000 annually for programs such as Dreamfar, Turnaround and Southside.</p> <p>Grants are also used to pilot new technology and books.</p>	
<p><b>Potluck</b>  There was a new committee this year. Ran out of main courses and committee spent too much \$ on decorations.</p>	
<p><b>Hospitality</b>  Mary- Ellen Sokolowski will send flowers to secretaries and nurses on 5/6/11.</p>	

<p><b>Programs</b>  Southfest  What to Expect Coffees (Junior parents' coffee with Shelly Borg and Barbara Brown on 5/3/11; Sophomore parents' coffee with Shelly Borg on 5/12/11).</p> <p>Book Fair 5/24-5/26. Preview day for teachers 5/23.</p>	<p>Need to recruit volunteers.  Need class liaison for incoming ninth grade. Robin maltz will take over as the 12<sup>th</sup> grade liaison.  Great way to communicate to parents what is going on at South.  Money goes toward literacy program.</p>	
<p><b>Alumni Board</b>  Rob Hurst and the Alumni Association met with Boston Latin School. Boston Latin has a successful alumni program.</p>	<p>Looking for ideas as to how to create a legacy at South. Looking for development money from past graduates. Pursue people interested in creating a legacy.</p>	
<p><b>School Council</b>  Two positions open and only two candidates.</p>	<p>Linda Green and Sue Flicop newly elected.</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:10</p>		
