

Newton South PTSO Board Meeting Minutes Feb 12, 2024 @ 7 pm via Zoom

In Attendance: Maggie Schmidt, Saumya Khanduja, Molly Owen Kiritsy, Jenn Martin, Will Adams, Teri Ginsberg

Agenda

Welcome

Financials

Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation

Dan Rubin Coffees

Southfest

Strike Debrief

Other Business

Minutes

1. **Financials.** Dues remain relatively unchanged at \$43,573.
2. **Faculty Appreciation** budget is currently at \$8,691. The cost of the 1800 muffins handed out by staff as students returned to school after the strike was split three ways between the Principal, PTSO and Boosters budgets. Every muffin was eaten!
3. **Dan Rubin's Guidance/PTSO Coffees** are rescheduled. 11th grade is February 29th, combined 9th/10th grade coffee is March 7. The PTSO provides coffee.
4. **SouthFest** is the PTSO-hosted after program extravaganza. We have an experienced event leader this year. Prom is June 4. Graduation is June 6.
5. **Strike Debrief.** Parent volunteers put a lot of energy into the staff table. Principal Stras felt proud of the South community heading back into the building. Senior parents felt that Principal Stras did a great job communicating with them in particular. Athletic Director Pat Gonzalez did an incredible job rescheduling athletic events.
6. **Other Business.**
 - a. The **Grants Committee** has two new members this year; Katarina and Molly are rolling off at the end of this term.
 - b. **SEPAC.** Question from parents about how IEP missing services from the strike would be made up; the PTSO does not know. Will and Maggie will ask Principal Stras

- c. **Boosters.** Big changes are coming for the area outside the field house. The first step is the existing banners will be moved to Field House with a new design.
- d. **Minutes** from January 22, 2024 were approved.

Upcoming Meetings: March 18, April 22, May 20, June 17 @ 7 pm via Zoom