

**SHS PTA Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 12, 2017**  
**7:00pm, Little Theater**

**Business**

PTA President Beth Zadek welcomed everyone. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Fifteen members were present surpassing the number needed for a quorum. (Attendance list filed in the Secretary's binder.)

Beth turned the meeting over to Principal Bonamo to introduce the new teachers.

**1. Introduction of New Teachers**

Principal Ken Bonamo welcomed new SHS faculty members; thirteen of whom were present at the meeting and introduced themselves by providing some brief information about their backgrounds. Mr. Bonamo followed up with a welcome to all the new teachers, acknowledging the rigorous process of hiring. The new teachers then left the meeting.

**2. Minutes from Membership Meeting 5-10-17**

The Membership Meeting Minutes of May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were distributed and presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes which was seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved without need for discussion.

**3. Treasurer's report:**

Nancy Brady presented the Treasurer's Report. Copies of the budget and year-to-date expenses were distributed. This year is off to a good start. There is an increase of faculty PTA members as well as solid parent PTA members.

Nancy also presented the Audit Committee's Report, which met on July 25, 2017 to examine the books and records of the SHS PTA. The Audit Committee consisted of Nancy Brady, Beth Zadek, Karen Ceske and Suzanne Glaser. It was agreed by the Audit Committee that the books and records are an accurate reflection of the SHS PTA's FY ending June 30, 2017 and show a \$9,291.75 surplus from the year. See PTA Audit Report Annexed.

\*The meeting portion was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**Program:**

**4. Presentation Of STEAM Curriculum By Lisa Yokana And Brian McDonald**

Principal Bonamo introduced Lisa Yokana and Brian McDonald. Lisa and Brian are the lead faculty members for the STEAM Curriculum at the High School. The curriculum has as its mission, to prepare students with skills and mindsets needed to identify and solve complex problems of humanity going forward. Some of the identified skills and mindsets needed for the future include: resilience, problem solving, writing skills, math skills, flexibility, adaptability, live communication, ability to communicate effectively with others, stress management.

Lisa and Brian discussed the importance and relevance of Habits of Mind: looking closely, understanding complexity and finding opportunity. In order for students to learn these dispositions, Lisa and Brian are focusing on providing opportunities for students to learn by doing different activities and by immersing the students in experiences. The emphasis is to build creative confidence in students, empower them to find solutions and to ignite a sense of student agency.

Lisa and Brian then provided an overview of the STEAM Curriculum Sequence:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Level: Introduction to Engineering: Design and Fabrication
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level: Robotics/Electronics
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Level: Entrepreneurship

Lisa and Brian took questions following their presentation. Principal Bonamo followed up the presentation with recognition of Lisa and Brian's initiative and for their reach-out to many educators over the past several years. Many students are attracted to the offerings and it is anticipated that more will elect STEAM curriculum, possibly requiring more faculty in the future.

To view the full presentation, visit the following link:

<https://vimeopro.com/scarsdaleschoolstv/ptc-pta-child-2017-2018>

The meeting was concluded at 8:00 pm with an invitation by SHS Athletic Director, Ray Pappalardi, to tour the newly opened Health Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Campbell  
SHS PTA Recording Secretary