

# SSPO Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2014

Officers Present: Shannon, Nicole, Nancy, Anna, Inga, and Audrey

## Welcome / SSPO Business

- School Attendance – Officer Introductions – Attendee Introductions
- Approval of Oct. meeting minutes – Tory made a motion and RuthAnn seconded; approved.
- Note our next meeting (in Dec.) will be officers only; 1/16/15 is our next meeting (listed below)

## Treasurer's Report

- Ann is out of town but Shannon noted: Hillview, Southview & Timberstone's \$150 dues are still outstanding. We have a current balance of \$1,862.46.

## District Update – Dr. Rieger, Superintendent

- Interact students spoke first, so that they could get back to school
- There will be a transition of leadership, 7/1/14, as he's been Superintendent for 12 yrs. It's a demanding job and he wanted to leave while he still loved the job; his last daughter graduates this year. There's a great succession plan as Scott Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for 6 yrs., will replace him. Mr. Nelson has great strength of character. We will finish strong this year.
- We are getting closer to finalizing a deal with Lourdes College to share facilities at Northview. They are willing to make a significant donation to improve facilities at our site.

## **TOPIC: Parent Sharing Meeting**

Using our high school students as Volunteers:

- **Interact Northview Club** – a club whose main principles are to lead, connect & serve; they volunteer for community service projects each year. They have a local and an international service committee; they are 200 students strong in 2014. Their 1<sup>st</sup> year was 2012-13.
- They help all schools in the community. Some of their recent events: Rotary pancake dinner (election Tuesday); Race for the Cure (where they won the high school team award), Sylvania Senior Center raking (this weekend); Walk of Light.
- Projects we've founded: Recycle Bins; "Spread the Love" Book Drive – school supplies, VHS tapes, books - international project for Belize; "Make a Heart, Give a Heart" – local drive w/Northview faculty - Valentine's Day cards for senior citizens – hand delivered and sent card care packages to area senior villages
- Won the 2014 Presidential Citation Award for clubs that are growing and doing good work
- 15 hours each yr. to graduate; total for 2013 was 20,000 hrs. - goal in 2014 is 25,000 hrs.!
- How to contact: FaceBook, [www.volunteerspot.com](http://www.volunteerspot.com); website [nvinteract.wix.com](http://nvinteract.wix.com); Remind 101
- **Interact Southview Club** – officially started in 1962 by Sylvania Rotary to get youth more involved in their communities; founded at both NV and SV; membership = \$15 per student
- Recycling (started 11 yrs. ago) is a weekly activity; set up bins in each classroom; Senior Citizens Home cleanup; SV Campus cleanup; Aid for Color Run and Race for the Cure; volunteers for elementary school movie nights; UNICEF International Project – fundraiser to help build schools across Asia (specifically in Afghanistan); Rotary International Project – toy and book drive for children in Central America
- 300 plus members this year that can volunteer at your school; require 3 weeks notice to advertise and promote opportunity; email [Rsediqe@gmail.com](mailto:Rsediqe@gmail.com) (President this year) and [Dmcmurray@sylvaniaschools.org](mailto:Dmcmurray@sylvaniaschools.org) (David McMurray, SV Principal) in the future to contact us

- **My Big Campus** – Online communication idea for Parent Organizations;  
Presenter: Darren Estelle, Assistant IT Director – video to show how students and faculty are using the site; “safe social networking” – content filtering and monitoring for the safety of students – think Facebook for education – teachers can upload a YouTube video and it’s reviewed in its entirety before being posted
- You can create groups (ex: SSPO) and manage discussions & documents; if there’s interest, individual parent organizations can contact us (419) 824-8544 or [destelle@sylvaniaschools.org](mailto:destelle@sylvaniaschools.org) and come to our training lab. We can set up pages for you under groups. You can have a public site with private discussions.
- Audrey Laux, SSPO Co-Secretary: presented the SSPO My Big Campus, set up and administered by Doris Miller; began using in summer with SSPO President, Kate Fineske – showed the various tabs via SmartBoard: Members, Discussions (email notification of a new post), Resources (all documents in one place such as meeting minutes); explained the efficiency of group response on an item such as the spreadsheet link for the VIP Mixer which was an RSVP list – each offer could add their name to the call list and later list Yes, No, Maybe for a complete RSVP list in one place – much harder to update and have latest version in an email
- Parent questions: Who filters content? Darren: My Big Campus owned by Lightspeed – whole team district-wide that approves videos, etc. – Do teachers have to use this site? Darren: No, we are trying to encourage this common platform – it’s free – we reviewed and recommend it
- **Parent Leader Communication Do’s and Don’t’s**: Nancy Crandell, District Communication Director: District website – we changed providers and the biggest benefit is it’s mobile friendly Under School District, District Information – this replaces what our front page used to be – Important announcements will be run across the top of the page no matter which one you are visiting: “For Parents” lists PowerSchool, grades – Resource page – curriculum information – SSPO meetings are highlighted – Dr. Rieger’s tweets are all on there if you’d like to review – it’s still evolving, so if you have helpful suggestions, we can make updates or fixes
- Digital (photo/video) and Social Media Guidelines - follow those of the staff (teachers) – group shots in the classroom – be respectful of the child that is not to be photographed for any reason; we don’t put full names, grade levels & identifiable details; respect the event itself and some people don’t want their pictures posted; If media or outside orgs ask for event info: this needs to be authorized by District office or Principal prior to attending – if you have ideas you want to get to media, maximize the promo through the District – Nancy loves the stories, pictures & ideas from parents, so communicate with her
- **Other Business**: Shannon – Parent Guide @ Sylvan – new this year – bright green handout with meeting schedule, late start, Glossary on the back (new items for the first few years); Sylvan School Directory as an App - families are listed by last name and teacher directory – Calendar link that directly links to Sylvan events; sponsors on it – charge businesses to be on your sponsor page – password for only those willing to be in the directory – over 95% opted in; \$450 DirectorySpot.net vs. \$1,200 printing costs; web-based vs. app version

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.

### **NEXT SSPO MEETING**

Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum & Next Generation Assessments  
Noon, Admin. Building, Zimpfer Conference Room