

Sycamore High School PTO

PTO General Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Tami Comerford at 9:08am. Approximately 25 parents/officers/staff were in attendance.

Recording Secretary – Jamie Green

The minutes from the February, 2015 meeting was presented. Mary Wynn Haupt made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Patty Banzhaf seconded. The minutes were approved.

Principal's Report – Doug Mader, Principal

- Athletic Director Panel meetings have been completed and a recommendation will be presented at the March 18th School Board meeting. The new H/R Director is hoped to be announce on Wednesday also. The screening process for a new Vice Principal is continuing.
- Ohio Next Gen testing for March is completed – Big shout out to Ms. Bare for an awesome job under ever-changing conditions.
- College Credit Plus Meeting was held this week. We hope to know next week which classes will be held in our building. We have submitted over 35 classes for review and are waiting to hear back from the universities.
- Operation Give Back – Students will view a video during ACE bell. There are 9 essential items needed for the OGB store. We will have monthly challenges with contests. Next year, we will have a community challenge at one of our home football games.
- Tech/Financial graduation required credits will be reviewed after the completion of the OGT testing. We hope to know more on this by May 1st.
- Safe School Program is an anonymous reporting system for bullying and safety issues. More information can be found on our district website.
- Oracle is looking for grants to work with us to improve/build our Learning communities and Learning Platforms. Mr. Mader and Mr. Corattiyil are speaking at Oracle's national conference in Washington DC.
- We are working on plans for the upcoming summer construction projects which include the main entrance, attendance and reception areas.
- We are working with the CINTAS center to finalize graduation plans for 2015 and setting the dates for 2016 and 2017.
- We are working on standardizing Blackboard for teachers and the use of homework calendars.

Teacher Representative – Chelsea Rose

- The current plan is to have 2 counsellors share the role of teacher representative at the PTO meetings.
- 2015-2016 scheduling – we are finishing up with the high school and starting to work with 8th graders next week.
- We are conducting a survey of about 500 students for input on restructuring of the guidance/counsellors department and create a better caseload balance.
- Course requests should be mailed out after they complete working with the 8th graders.
- Summer Class Schedules will be out around spring break.
- Ms. Hevia & Ms. Googins are contacts for the flex credits program.

Treasurer's Report – Rhonda Augustin

- See distributed financial reports for our current balance, income and expenses.
- We are looking to end our fiscal year with enough balance to finance the purchase start-up inventory for our new Bookstore.
- Bookstore update - Over \$11,000 income received this year. New polo shirts are in-stock in 3 ladies and 3 men styles. Summer reading order forms will be due by May 1st – Becky is currently working on next year's volunteer work schedule. Email her at sycamorebookstore@gmail.com to keep your current spot or make changes.
- Market Day forms is at the Front Desk. We have a volunteer to chair this fund-raiser next year.
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Vice-President – Angela Radakovich

- Projects – Approved projects are on the PTO websites. Reimbursement requests have started to be received as well as Thank you notes.
- Bridge Builders Luncheon – April 28th – chaired by Lisa Borchers – Students nominate teachers for the awards. Nomination forms are at the front desk and are due by 4/6. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve food, and bring green salads, pasta salads, and/or desserts.
- Nomination Committee presented 2015/2016 PTO Executive Board Nominated Slate. The slate will be voted on at the April General PTO Meeting. The committee will continue working to fill committee chair positions.

President – Tami Comerford

Vice President – Jamie Green

Treasurer – Sheila Kidd

Recording Secretary – Molly Polasky

Corresponding Secretary – Suzanne Van Den Brink

Corresponding Secretary – Maureen Gearin

- The coffee was supplied by TIP (transition students) supervised by Tamera Brewer.
- Staff Conference Meal – Thank you to our chairs, Christy Cough and Lisa Higgins, as well as all of the volunteer cooks/bakers for a wonderful meal.
- OGT snacks & morning helpers – Kathy McClure - Thank you for several business donations – Other snack/beverage donations are low compared to past years. Please continue to send in donations.
- We met with Mr. Mader & Mr. Corattiyil to discuss PTO hospitality role for next school year.

Recording Secretary – Jamie Green – no report

President's Report – Tami Comerford

- Senior Parents – Senior surveys due today.
- 2015 Senior Class Committee (Karen Bemmes, Lisa Tosh, Angi Marks) – upcoming events include Community Service day in May and Senior Picnic in June.
- After Prom – 5/17 – Theme is “Night at the Movies” – Fran Bitzer and Mary Wynn Haupt - Next Planning meeting is on Wednesday and decorations meeting on 3/24 in commons –We are in the process of setting up SignUp Genius for volunteers and will publicize after ODD Couple Ball – Donations are being taken through PayPal using the link on Constant contact.
- ODD couple Dance – Grease Lightening Theme – Drew Setser - This Saturday, March 14th with over 590 tickets sold – Set up starts at 2:30pm on Friday.
- PTO Scholarships – chaired by Mary Tyler – we currently have 22 nominations.

Upcoming events –

March 14 – Odd couple Ball

March 16-20 – OGT testing

March 18 – 9:00am – Coffee w/ Counsellors

March 19 – 6-8:30pm – Transition & College Night

March 20 – Fashion for a Cure – Dr. James & Mr. Forsthoefel will be models this year

March 20 – Aves Day for sophomores

March 26 – Principle Breakfast

April 6 – 7:00 – Cincinnati Bell presentation on Internet Safety

Apr 28 – Bridge Builders Luncheon

May 16/17 – Prom/After-Prom

June 3 – Senior Picnic

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.

Next PTO Meeting is Friday, April 10, 2015 at 9am