

Sycamore High School PTO

PTO General Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Tami Comerford at 9:08am. Approximately 28 parents/officers/staff were in attendance.

Recording Secretary – Molly Polasky

The minutes from the March 11, 2016 meeting were presented. Patty Banzhaf made a motion to accept the minutes Rhonda Augustin seconded. The minutes were approved.

Principal's Report – Doug Mader, Principal

- Recently held class meetings to remind students of behavior expectations, drugs in the area, school safety. Should there be crisis, reunification point for students and parents is Blue Ash Rec Center. Students will be bused there from HS. Drug home education series to roll out in ACE bell.
- School board meeting held at HS, government classes observed. Held break out session with students.
- Developing staffing levels based on schedule input so far.
- 1-1 Chrome books at HS in fall. Board has not yet approved purchase price. Students can bring own devices but must use school computer for testing. District office will communicate with parents by end of this school year. Devices distributes with schedule pick up. Much staff ed occurring.
- ACT online pilot testing April 9 at HS. Will investigate becoming a national testing site in future for ACT.
- Graduation guide sent to senior parents last week. Steve Imhoff will be distinguished alumni.
- AIR testing begins 4/18
- Parent asked-Does school formally participate in Flying Pig? No, but can put info out on facebook or twitter for interested students.

Faculty/Staff Representative – Ann Delehanty-Koenig (Mrs.DK)

- Had Jr. High visit & Coffee with counselor.
- Department meeting with current juniors to review ACT, college visits, GPA. Met with other classes last week. Will send info to Jr. parents regarding college application process & use of common application for college.
- 4/20 is last coffee with counselors, topic is transition from HS to college.
- Final career speaker is biochemist at P&G. Had 11 speakers and over 300 students participated. Series will continue next year. Held on Tuesdays but time varies.
- UC Arabic studies program has grant money to conduct intensive immersion program over summer. Will be 3 weeks long. Free of charge and get college credit. Must apply.
- SHS Counselors on facebook now. Tami Comerford will add link to PTO constant contact page.
- 5/15 is last day for course changes.

Treasurer's Report-Sheila Kidd

- Review of Current Financials - \$48,398.55in operating fund.
- \$212 received from soda machine
- AVES Hangar has \$850 away from budgeted profit!
 - Additional markdowns on spiritwear
 - Only 20 Tervis tumblers left
 - Will have squeeze water bottles and coffee thermoses for end of year
 - AVES notecards & thank you notes coming in by May 1st
 - Next year's student planners coming in soon. Will put on facebook when all new items are in store.
- Reminded everyone to re-enroll Kroger cards. Tami Comerford will put reminder in Constant Contact
- Angela Radakovich requested member to turn in Pipkins receipts. We receive 3% back on receipts turned in until June 1.

Vice-President – Jamie Green

- JG presented the Executive Board Slate:
 - Co-Presidents: Molly Polasky & Angela Radakovich
 - Vice President: Suzanne VanDenBrink
 - Treasurer: Sheila Kidd

Recording Secretary: Mary Tyler

Corresponding Secretary: Elizabeth Bruggeman

No nominations were made from the floor and there was no discussion. Kathy McClure moved to accept the slate as presented. Rhonda Augustin seconded. The slate as presented was approved.

- Bridge Builders – Lisa Borchers. Reported that 40 staff have been nominated which is double from last year. Lunch is 4/26 and Lisa needs 1 additional pasta salad, 2 garden salads and 1 person to help assemble gift bags.

Recording Secretary – Molly Polasky, no report

Corresponding Secretary – Suzanne Van Den Brink

- Staff appreciation will be May 2nd in the HUB
- Will purchase a Tervis tumbler and Graeter's gift card for Pat Bernard, media center specialist, who will retire at end of year.

President's Report – Tami Comerford

- Scholarship – Mary Tyler reported applications sent out and due back 4/26. Committee will meet and decide on recipients. 4 scholarships awarded, each \$750. 3 decided by PTO committee based on merit and community service, the Coleman scholarship is selected by school counselors. There is a plaque with winner's names in hallway near office.
- Missy Richter & Maria Wright doing food for Senior Night.
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- After Prom – Mary Wynn Haupt reported that student council prom fair is today. Flyer ready, raffle items include Bunbury festival tickets & big electronic items. Every T/Th from 6:30p-9pm working on decorations. At 70% of budgeted parent donations. Business donations in great shape. Tickets go on sale May 10. Need volunteers and shadows for next year.
- Athletic boosters golf outing May 6th.
- Senior seed packets-English department has students write letter to person who has had impact on them, DM buys seed packets, PTO assembles and delivers.
- Mr. Brooks retiring, Anne Marie Reinke named new principal; Mr. Hackett retiring, search being conducted for new principal. Gail Thieman retiring from Greene School.
- 2nd installment of State of Distirct is out, much shorter than 1st part & discusses levy.
- No school 4/15

Old/New Business

- Senior Capstone sign up – Tami Comerford will follow up with Mrs. Sweeney.

➤ **Upcoming Events**

- Friday/Saturday, April 8 & 9 – Aves Theatre Spring Musical "Bring it On"
- Friday/Saturday, April 15 & 16 – Aves Theatre Spring Musical "Bring it On"
- April 20 – 9am, Coffee w/Counselors "Transition to College and Other Experiences for Students and Their Families"
- Saturday, April 23 – Relay for Life, 6p Saturday – 6a Sunday
- Tuesday, April 26 - Bridge Builders Luncheon, 11:30am
- Thursday, April 28 – 7pm, Band Concert
- Monday, May 2 – Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Monday, May 2 – Jazz Band Concert
- Friday, May 6 – Sycamore Athletics Boosters Golf Outing
- May 14/15- Prom/After Prom

Old Business - none

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26am

Next PTO Meeting is Friday, May 13, 2016 at 9am

Respectfully submitted, Molly Polasky