

**Sycamore High School PTO
General Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 13, 2020 – 9:00am**

Call to Order, 9:11

Angela Radakovich/Alissa Simms

Board in attendance: Alissa Simms, Angela Radakovitch, Karen Ronningen, Camilla Millar

Approval of Feb 2020 Minutes

Camilla Millar

<http://tinyurl.com/quickminutes>

- Approved as written by quorum

School Board Presentation

- Postponed due to other more immediate concerns at the district

Principal's Report

Doug Mader, Principal

- Unprecedented! There was a staff meeting this morning. They have been anticipating a closure, just didn't realize it would come this fast.
- E-learning will commence the week after Spring Break. Students have been told to make sure they know their name and password. Classes must commence by 3/24. AP courses may have some new learning. Other courses will be review or learning activities. They will lay out expectations for grading. Doug has told them no busy work.
- Everything will be shut down, except Doug. Maybe Carol. Teachers are not allowed back into the building.
- There will be very thorough cleaning including walls and a sanitizing bomb in the Gregory Center.
- No practices for indoor or outdoor sports.
- Expect a lot of communication through the district office so there are no mixed messages.
- Doug will be available via email.
- Rumors about graduation being cancelled are not true.
- Master schedule will be done by the time the kids come back.
- The closure might be longer than 3 weeks.
- Doug will tell the students them to be cautious. Stay 6 feet apart and avoid big groups.
- He cleared up rumors about kids at AIPAC that had supposedly be in contact with another student that tested positive. This was a rumor that is unfounded. An adult at the meeting tested positive and none of our students were in contact with that adult.
- Newsies will be postponed.

President's Report

Angela Radakovich/Alissa Simms

- Senior Class
 - Baby ads are due March 17
 - May 1st is scheduled senior launch day
- Odd Couples

- There was 450 people in attendance
- People appreciated the changes that were made, especially the way it was laid out. There was a suggestion that
- Attendance was a little down.
- We are considering moving this event to every other year, but there are things to be considered. We would probably need to replace it with another event that is family sponsored.
- After Prom
 - The kids can leave whenever they want. Administrator or OPP will be at the door for a checkout process. They will also be told it is after curfew and need to go straight home. This was a major concern for students.
 - We are making a rule you need to be present to win any of the prizes with some exceptions for students who have legitimate medical reasons.
 - Some cool new games, virtual roller coaster
 - The PTO has approved some money for ticket giveaway.
 - There will be some Instagram contests going on.
 - We are looking to an online option to sell tickets and sign the waiver which will be especially helpful with the abbreviated schedule.
 - We are still looking for gift cards and/or parent donations.
- There will be no PTO meeting in April
- Bookstore Recognition for retiring Bookstore managers, set for April 15 @7pm
 - We are not going to a reception at the board room. We will get the front room at Slatts to celebrate.
 - Tami Comerford will contact people for a cash collection if you'd like to donate

Treasurer's Report

Carrie Dippold

- Financial Report.
- Staff Appreciation meal cost has gone up and we will be a little over the budget this year. It will need to be looked at moving forward.
- The AVES Hangar Report
 - Pancake Day was the most amount of sales ever.

Vice President's Report

Karen Ronningen

- Upcoming board slate was presented and will be voted upon in the meeting in May. A motion to accept the slate was presented by Karen. All in attendance appeared to be in favor.
 - Presidents: Alissa Simms and Karen Ronningen
 - Treasurer: Amy Courtney
 - VP-Bookstore: Carrie Dippold
 - VP-Operations: Michell Neat
 - Recording Secretary: Karen Wolter
 - Corresponding Secretary: Sarah Baker
- A second cycle of projects will be opened up, but the meeting needs to be cancelled. There were several submissions, but how we will move forward is in flux.

- A special project was requested by Anne DK for a speaker on mental health on Monday May, 11. This date may change due to school closures around COVID-19.
 - Due to the extraordinary circumstances surrounding school closures around COVID-19, A motion to approve the special project of the counselors (see below) by the project committee at this meeting was presented to approve money for \$2500 from the project budget by Angela Radakovitch. It was motioned that this money should be carried over to next year's budget if the event can not be held due to school closures because of COVID-19. It was seconded by Victoria Parks and voted unanimously in favor by the quorum in attendance (Jane Close, Rachel Horne, Denise Franklin, Erin Shuhom, Carrie Gause, Victoria Parks, Mary Tyler, Camilla Millar, Angela Radakovitch, Alissa Simms, Karen Ronningen, Camilla Millar, Jen Smilg)
- April 16th, Fundraiser at Tahona all day. Must say you are with the PTO to get discount

Recording Secretary Report

Camilla Millar

- Symmes Ambassadors Committee Meeting, March 25, 9:00 A.M.

Corresponding Secretary Report

Sarah Baker

- Staff Appreciation- Meal was put together by the Staff Appreciation Committee. It wasn't super well attended, but those that did attend appreciated it.

Old/New Business

- There were some questions about when a parent meeting should be held for rising seniors. Last year it was held in April. It was really more of an administrative meeting that the Senior chairs attended. Victoria (one of the chairs for next year) was encouraged to contact administration.

Announcements

- Terry let us know that the Wellness Event has been cancelled on April 5 but will be rescheduled for the future.
- Coffee with the Counselors on April 15 is still scheduled.
- PTO meeting in April has been cancelled.

Upcoming Events

Adjournment, 10:12 A.M.

Coffee with the Counselors is Wednesday, April 15 @ 9am