

SYCAMORE HIGH SCHOOL PTO

General Meeting Minutes
Friday, Oct. 9, 2020 - 9:00am
Via Zoom

Call to Order

Karen Wolter

- Approval of General Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve: Missy Reardon
 - 2nd: Ashley Werthaiser
 - September 2020 minutes approved unanimously
- [Minutes from September 11, 2020](#)

Principal's Report

Doug Mader

- Parent/Teacher Virtual Conferences
 - Parents will receive a Google Meet link and teacher will have to admit parent into the meeting
 - May be the future of Parent/Teacher Conferences depending on how it works this year
- Senior Halloween
 - 2 tentative plans
 - Plan A: "Showcase" at the end of the day (not a "Parade") for seniors at the soccer stadium with parents/families socially distanced in the stands
 - Plan B: Socially distanced "Showcase" in the gym that is lived streamed, no parents/families allowed due to space restrictions
- Commitment Form for moving from virtual to F2F being developed for spring semester
 - Working on a plan to see how many students can move from virtual to F2F based on social distancing requirements, many

F2F classes are currently at maximum but there is space in the commons area for additional F2F students

- Working on a capacity plan for finding/designating additional classrooms
- Confident we can accommodate those who want to come back to F2F, it will just take planning
- PSAT October 14th
 - Students will be socially distanced in the Gregory Center
 - Doors/windows will be opened, weather permitting, to allow as much fresh air in as possible
 - No school on Oct 14th for Seniors
- Visited virtual teachers last week at their homes
 - Delivered book bags and items purchased for them by the district
- Our students are doing great following the social distancing/mask rules
- Question from parents:
 - Adding plexiglass to lunchroom to reduce need for quarantine if exposed at lunch?
 - Would add too much time to the sanitization process
 - Result of quarantines?
 - No quarantine student has become positive
 - Testing fairness between virtual and F2F
 - Different departments are handling it different ways
 - Some have gone to open book for all tests
 - Some relying on software to monitor
 - Good opportunity to teach students about integrity
 - Changing mode of transportation for next semester?
 - Parents will be allowed to change at semester
 - What indicators are you looking at for if Prom will be held
 - Watching the restrictions being placed on groups by the state and seeing how they are changed after the new year

- Hoping for Homecoming Dance in January/early February, Prom in the late Spring, and Graduation at Cintas Center as normal in addition to the personal graduations for those families that would like that option

Faculty/Staff Representative's Report

Ann Delahnty-Koenig, Counselor

- Mrs. D-K was unavailable, presented by Karen Ronningen
- Coffee for Counselor topic: Navigating College Preparations in this Unusual Year for October 21st @ 9am

Presidents' Report

Alissa Simms/Karen Ronningen

(hspto@sycamoreschools.org)

- Odd Couples 2021 has been cancelled
 - Difficult to start planning because under the current restrictions an event like this is not even possible
 - Other resources (custodians, etc) are strained right now
 - Will have too many events in the Spring if restrictions are lifted unless some are cancelled now
 - PTO is hoping to help sponsor some of the events that might be able to be held in the spring (Homecoming)
- After Prom and Scholarship funds from the other Sycamore schools
 - In the past, the 4 elementary schools, Greene, and Junior High have donated to after prom and scholarship fund
 - Due to financial restrictions/lack of fundraising at other schools this year, HS PTO has asked that these donations not be made this year to help them out
 - High School PTO's fundraiser (bookstore) is still generating funds and several budgeted events are not taking place
 - Motion proposed to not request donations from other schools this year for After Prom and Scholarship fund and

HS PTO will cover these funds (this year only): Karen Ronningen

■ Second: Carrie Dippold

- Senior Class Update
 - Questions email: hsptoseniorclass@sycamoreschools.org
 - Follow their Facebook page : Sycamore High School Class of 2021 Parents
 - Ordered and distributed 250 senior class face masks and will have a second order soon, deadline to order is Oct 15th
 - Order via PTO page on the school website
 - Senior parents are frustrated with the lack of dates on the main school calendar (example: Senior Skip Day next week)
 - It is making planning events for Seniors difficult, but they are doing the best they can with what they have

Treasurer's Report

Amy Courtney

(hsptotreasurer@sycamoreschools.org)

- Financial Update
 - Expenses are much lower than normal at this point in the year
 - Incoming is only slightly down compared to a normal year
- Profit & Loss
- Balance Sheet
- Looking for individuals to help with the audit of last years financials

Vice President of Operations' Report

Michele Neat

(hsptovp@sycamoreschools.org)

- Project Cycle
 - Staff and students can submit applications now
 - Currently have 12 requests for different items
 - Deadline for application is October 12th
 - Committee meeting is October 19th, with the intent to have decisions announced by October 23rd
 - May have a second project request cycle in the Spring

- Academic Achievers
 - Students recognized for academic achievements
 - Usually recognized at football games, but Mr. Mader has requested it be done at basketball games, if possible; if basketball is not an option, will look into getting posters or something to hang in the school as recognition

Vice President of Bookstore's Report

Carrie Dippold

(hsptohangar@sycamoreschools.org)

- Pop up sales
 - Mobile sales set up for Symmes next Friday, Oct 16th
 - Talking to other schools about mobile/pop up sales, contact at above email or aveshangar@sycamoreschools.org
- In Store Updates
 - Open for students and staff during lunchtime
- Online Updates
 - Over 450 online orders, with over 300 being deliveries
 - Masks are back in stock
- Volunteer
 - 18 volunteers in the store and 5 who have been helping with deliveries

Recording Secretary's Report

Karen Wolter

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- DirectorySpot
- Membership
 - Current: 266 family members, 102 teacher members

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Sarah Baker

(hsptocorresponding@sycamoreschools.org)

- Staff Appreciation
 - Pre-ordered box lunches will be provided for health and safety considerations and will also reduce food waste

- Provided Graeter's last month and it was greatly appreciated
- Working on getting a Coffee Truck in a couple of weeks to treat both the high school teachers and those at the Virtual Commons/Aves Academy
- Supporting other schools by including the Virtual Commons. To be decided per event
- If people need volunteers, please reach out to Elizabeth Otterman at eotterman@cbtcompany.com

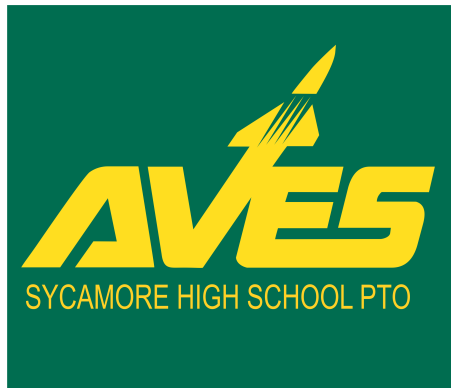
Other information

- Question about school clubs meeting in person
 - Superintendent is requesting that they continue to meet virtually, if possible
 - Clubs can meet in person after approval by school administration
 - (Information per Christine Katzman after viewing school board meeting)
- Will there be a location for kids to put coats as the weather gets colder?
 - Board will bring this question to Mr. Mader

Attendance

- 29 Zoom attendees
- 15 Facebook live viewers

Adjournment at 10:19am



Coffee with the Counselor is Oct. 21 @ 9am
Next PTO meeting is Friday, November 13 @ 9am