

# SYCAMORE HIGH SCHOOL PTO

General Meeting Minutes  
Friday, February 12, 2021 - 9:00am  
Via Zoom and Facebook Live

## Call to Order

**Karen Wolter**

- Called to order at 9:02 am
- Approval of General Meeting Minutes
  - Motion to approve: Karen Ronningen
  - 2nd: Sarah Baker
  - January 2021 minutes approved unanimously
- Link to [January 2021 meeting minutes](#)

## Principal's Report

**Doug Mader**

- Construction update
  - Met with construction crew this past week and moved timeline up by 3 months
  - Expected completion date: Summer 2023
  - Every area of the school will be touched in some manner
    - Renderings and video from architects will be available online soon
- Message will be sent out next week about cancelling Prom and After Prom
  - Working on alternative ideas, especially for the Seniors (drive-in movie)
    - Outdoor prom is a potential, if allowed
  - Waiting to see how Governors restrictions and guidance changes
    - Planning 3 different graduation alternatives
  - After Prom committee would like to see money that was donated by Class of 2021 parents used for something for the Senior Class

- 450 staff members will get vaccinated this weekend (2/13 and 2/14)
  - Phase 2 of will be the following weekend
  - Shot 2 will follow 3 weeks after 1st shot

## **Faculty/Staff Representative's Report**

### **Ann Delahnty-Koenig, Counselor**

- Next Coffee with the Counselors will be Wednesday, March 3rd at 9am
  - Please email the counseling department with any topic ideas
- Scheduling
  - Current 9, 10, 11 students will receive username and passwords today
  - Each department now has a link on the online scheduler with course descriptions
  - Recommendations are also online and only recommended courses will show up on the students online scheduler
    - Course override forms will be available if a course that a student wants to register for was not recommended for them
  - Counselors will meet one on one with each student over the course of the next 6 weeks
  - PE Waiver information was sent with scheduling mailer mailed to each SHS household
    - Health requirement for one semester remains the same
- Onsite state ACT testing is February 23rd

## **Presidents' Report**

**Alissa Simms/Karen Ronningen**

(hspto@sycamoreschools.org)

- Superintendent Search Update
  - Board reached out to ASSPO and different focus groups to get input regarding qualities wanted in a Superintendent, challenges this district might pose a Superintendent

- New Superintendent should be selected by April 23rd
- By-Laws Review
  - Changes this year with moving to digital require some changes to the By-laws
  - Will present changes for review to the general membership later this year
- Senior Class - Baby ads due by Feb. 26
  - SHSLeaf.org has information for submission

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Amy Courtney**

(hsptotreasurer@sycamoreschools.org)

- [Balance Sheet](#)
- [Profit & Loss](#) - Expenses are lower than normal this year due to not being able to hold most events, Staff Appreciation expense is higher
- [This year vs last year numbers](#)

### **Vice President of Operations' Report**

**Michele Neat**

(hsptovp@sycamoreschools.org)

- Projects
  - 17 Applications have been received
  - \$16,000 budget
  - Meeting on 2/25 and will bring committee decisions to Coffee with the Counselors on March 3rd for approval
- Scholarships
  - Open now for Seniors to apply
  - Applications and information available in S'more and on the PTO website
  - Proposing to add an additional scholarship(s) this year due to lack of PTO spending in other areas
    - Michele proposes approval of additional \$1000 of funding for scholarships
      - Motion approved by general members in attendance

- Nominating - open positions, if you would like additional information please contact Michele Neat
  - After Prom
  - Academic Achievers
  - Difference Makers
  - Sycamore Ambassador
  - Odd Couples

### **Vice President of Bookstore's Report**

**Carrie Dippold**

(hsptohangar@sycamoreschools.org)

- Bookstore Update
  - Behind by approximately \$10,000 in profits this year
  - Additional first time expense of paid bookstore manager is included in that profit change
- Funding Changes for Staff Appreciation & Scholarships
  - Scholarships typically use \$4500, but will have \$5500 this year
    - No funds will be collected this year from other district PTOs as normal
    - \$720 was donated by PTO members during PTO registration and specifically designated for scholarships
    - PTO has a scholarship equity fund for years when there is either an overage or a lack of fundraising, additional funds needed this year will come from that equity fund
  - Staff Appreciation extra funds
    - Have been making extra efforts to show the staff our appreciation this year due to difficulties caused by COVID/remote learning
    - Motion made requesting approval to use an additional \$4500 on Staff Appreciation from other line items
      - Motion approved by general members in attendance

**Recording Secretary's Report**  
(hsptorecording@sycamoreschools.org)

**Karen Wolter**

**Corresponding Secretary's Report**  
(hsptocorresponding@sycamoreschools.org)

**Sarah Baker**

- Upcoming Staff Appreciation
  - Surprising staff today with Chick-fil-A brownies and cookies for Valentines Day
  - Working on upcoming boxed meal for conference night in March
  - Looking at making Yard Signs for teachers, coffee truck, yoga night
- CITYBIRD Fundraiser TODAY
  - Funds raised will be split between Operation Give Back and Sycamore Bridges
- Looking for committee members for next year, please contact Sarah Baker if interested

**Attendance**

- Zoom attendees - 19
- Facebook live viewers - 20

**Adjournment at 10:25 am**

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