

**Sycamore High School PTO**  
**General Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**  
**Friday, May 11, 2018 - 9am**

**Call to Order** - 9:08am

**Board Members in Attendance** - Molly Polasky, Suzanne Van Den Brink, Mary Tyler, Elizabeth Bruggeman, Susan Mihlbachler, and Alissa Simms

**Approval of April, 2018 Minutes** -

- Minutes from April 13, 2018 were approved as read by Victoria Parks

**Principal's Report** - Doug Mader, Principal

- 11th grade ACT results in(100% have taken) - last year average was 23.5 this year 24.2  
-strategies are working -Ashley Warren has been looking into the past 3 years of Aspire data, preACT test data, and ACT test data to find student's weaknesses and strengths -guiding current 10th graders into intervention bells and 1-2 days a week during aviator bell meeting with teachers in each department to review data to show them the strengths and weaknesses then setting up goals for each department -hoping for 1.5 increase in English -current freshman are above where sophomores and juniors were because of these new strategies -meeting with the board of education in the fall to say what is working and what isn't working
- US News and World Report has recognized Sycamore as a college ready school -reading scores were the highest -scientific investigation scores were the lowest
- Final stages of approving schedule for next year
- Met with both construction crews -deadline is August 10th for both
  - begin demolition on the science wing the morning of graduation -1st floor closed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of exam week -on May 18, the second floor will close at 2:20pm
  - Little Theater Construction for Synnovation Lab will begin May 14th by starting to take the seats out -100 people in seats and 100 more on steps -moving speakers and screen so when we have an event like the craft show we can move furniture, close curtain, and still use the Little Theater
- Senior class has been remarkable -positive attitude -senior prank moved Mader's office -seniors want to bring in super balls but there will be consequences if super balls brought in -plan for more adult supervision at that time
- Drug dogs periodically brought in by local law enforcement on their schedule -7 dogs came in and searched several classrooms and parking lots but nothing found except for 4 girls in bathroom stalls vaping so stationing more staff there

- New Cell Phone Policy -teachers are struggling to get student's attention in the classroom  
-Ann DK said most staff have said cell phones are a problem and they are willing to enforce the new cell phone policy in their classrooms -goal is for students not to get in trouble  
-students will not be allowed to use phones during class time
- Mitch Barns CEO of Neilson is the graduation speaker -a few years ago, he was named the number 1 CEO to work for
- Graduation 2020 will be on a weekend in the morning -right now we assume the same weekend but not sure if it will be Sat or Sun depends on when Xavier graduates

#### **Faculty/Staff Representative's Report** - Ann Delahnty-Koenig, Counselor

- Counselors busy with seniors who aren't committing to graduating -also meeting with students who have schedule conflicts to work this out before summer
- Rich Gilman, head of Cincinnati Children's Hospital post trauma ward, is speaking on Oct 23rd at 6:30 pm - Helping your Child Flourish and Building Resilient Kids -PTO will help with getting the word out and refreshments -Suzanne Van Den Brink suggested we add this to the budget for next year
- Robin Wells-Kamp retiring after 39 years in education and will not be replaced -reconfiguring counselors -each counselor will keep their current Juniors -Robin Wells-Kamp will have her seniors and Chelsey Rose's seniors as well at the start of next school year -final stages deciding new plan -can't publize it yet but communication will come out in June about the new plan -there will be some change but it's a good plan -wanted to protect our current Juniors so they will keep their current counselor

#### **Treasurer's Report** - Susan Mihlbachler

- The Hangar - finishing up sales and paying out project grants to the staff -some income and expense at the end -1 week left closing next Friday-bonus hours Wednesday night
- Treasurer Laptop - Thanks to Charlie Stoker the incoming treasurer will have a laptop
- Net Income \$30,190

#### **Vice President's Report** - Mary Tyler

- Nominations from the floor for Carrie Dippold as Treasurer
- Vote on slate - all in favor to accept motion -Charlie Stoker, Erin Shuholm, and Jen Smilg approved slate -no one opposed
- Slat for next school year 2018-19
  - Angela Radakovich and Alyssa Schmeling - Co-Presidents
  - Missy Reardon - Vice President
  - Alissa Simms - Recording Secretary
  - Elizabeth Bruggeman- Corresponding Secretary
  - Carrie Dippold - Treasurer

- Looking for a co-chair for Odd Couples and a co chair for After Prom - also need volunteers for raffle prizes and decorations

### **President's Report** - Molly Polasky and Suzanne Van Den Brink

- After Prom (Tami Comerford) - SENDS A BIG THANK YOU to all its committee members - Thanks for helping to make After Prom a HUGE Success!
  - 540 tickets sold this year which was more sold than in 2017
- After Prom Preview - 100 people stopped by and there was positive feedback
- Senior Seed Packet -have been sent out -leftover seed packets to take
- Senior Class 2018 -finishing up the school year with launch day, picnic, and graduation rehearsal
- Seniors turning in chromebooks - can get refurbished computers from Cincinnati Computer Cooperative in Woodlawn on border with Wyoming off of Pike and Charlie Stoker can help
- Senior class 2019 -starting to plan Senior night for next school year -visiting Main Event -considering decorating senior parking spaces -could decorate on the first day of school -we could get donations of sidewalk chalk and decorate sidewalk and parking spaces -parent with drone might be able to get some aerial pictures -some parents decorate their student's car while they are at graduation rehearsal
- Graduation Tips - take pictures the night before -plan a meeting spot at Cintas -have one person taking pictures of the Jumbotron and another person taking pictures of your actual student
- Charlie Stoker presented
  - Senior Prom May 10, 2017 -attendance was disappointing but this was the 1st year and other facilities like Twin Lakes were also holding events
  - Laptops for Senior Citizens -can get free laptops from CCC but they won't have a hard drive or operating systems -wanting to give them free to senior citizens and then have students train seniors on how to use them
- Directory Spot (Kathy Long) - those who are not PTO members now do not have access

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report** - Elizabeth Bruggeman

- Staff Appreciation - went well and great feedback from staff -Thank You to all those who donated food!!
- 3 retirees - Robin Wells-Kamp, Carol Combs, and Susan Murphy (nurse) -Marnie May is working through Oct. 2017
- PTO recognized volunteers and parents whose youngest child is a senior
- Emily thank you for all your time and effort in bookstore

### **Announcements**

- Upcoming Events

- May 19 @ 9am - Graduation
- May 21st-May 24th - Exam Week and Last day of Classes

**Adjournment - 10:08am**

**Next PTO Meeting is Friday, September 14 @ 9am  
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**