

Minutes Sycamore High School PTO

General Meeting Agenda

Fri, Apr 12, 2024 - 9:00am

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Call to Order

- Reference files posted online
 - Agenda
 - [Presentation](#)

Principal's Report

Taylor Porter (portert@sycamoreschools.org)

- Graduation and Celebrations- *Prom is on the horizon*
- *graduation May 26th 10 am doors open about 9 am; seniors should have received graduation info- check with your students*
 - *May 22 senior walk*
 - *May 24th picnic and rehearsal*
- *Senior Launch during the school day on May 3rd - celebrates post grad plans for all students*
- *Staffing Updates- music and band- new band director and piano teacher, new STEAM teacher- focus on computer programming, Science- retirement opened a spot, ELA open position; Counseling position- Mrs. Rose will move to Greene, new AD .*
- *School Safety Updates- when do we push out large scope info push vs. all? This week the incident was only 2-3 people. No weapons. Taylor and district weighting pros and cons of announcements and protecting student privacy*
- *Traffic flow and parking- will get better this next school year*

Counselor's Report

Brian Sweeney (sweeneyb@sycamoreschools.org)

- *Brian unable to attend today see newsletter going out later today- lots of good info*

- Please see today's (Fri 4/12) Counselors Newsletter for lots of new information, including year end items and summer opportunities

Board Updates

- President: Brian Laughlin (hspto@sycamoreschools.org)
 - *Final meeting in person and online*
 - *Kim Respond- Odd Couples- very successful. DJ had to tell people to leave. Kudos to the committee*
 - *After Prom- safe space to be at the high school 1100-3am, tickets are \$20; open to the public on Friday night to see what it's all about- can also sign up to help run friday night*
- Treasurer: Shiri Ayalon (hsptotreasurer@sycamoreschools.org)
 - Updated Financials:
 - [Balance Sheet](#)
 - [Budget vs Actual](#)
- VP of Operations: Kenna Wahlquist (hsptovp@sycamoreschools.org)
 - [2024-25 Committee Chair List](#)
 - *Scholarship committee has completed their selections*
 - *Brian motioned to approved the slate, Lisa T. 2nded, can vote on chat of call or text Brian at 513-708-4704, Brian is tallying ; remember have to be a member to vote; Brian called vote closed 13 yes 0 nos and slate is approved*
- VP of Bookstore: Christa Lloyd (hsptohangar@sycamoreschools.org)
 - *Don't forget about volunteer opportunities. Many volunteers are graduating.*
 - Bonus Hours! Thursday, April 18th 5:00-7:30 pm during theater freaky Friday & Tuesday, May 7th 6:00 - 8pm- Orchestra night
- Corresponding Secretary: Paige Rodgers (hsptocorresponding@sycamoreschools.org)
 - ANNUAL PTO SURVEY UPDATE [Click here to take the survey!](#)
 - Launched April 9th for parents, students, and community via email and barcode
 - Last year's pilot had 179 responses; this year's expanded survey already matches that total- *already matched performance from last year; 68 students- share with your students and spouses- this one is PTO focused - students and staff-*
 - Survey Close Date: Friday, May 3rd, 2024
 - STAFF APPRECIATION:

- ~150 teacher birthdays celebrated with personalized cards and treats- *brought back from pre-covid status; Betsy Reinhart helped- kudos to her!*
- May all staff event- *May 3rd*
- Recording Secretary: Lisa Thomas (hsptorecording@sycamoreschools.org)
 - Looking for volunteer for schedule pickup day August 8/6 and 8/7- Anne Berg is potentially interested
- *Surplus with Odd couples- maybe not reuse decorations next year- can we have a budget boost for decorations for next year? The board will address this with next year's budget.*
 - *Roll over- senior parent, after prom and Odd Couples- this is an area for us to clean up in bylaw language*

Adjournment 1010 am

**Next PTO meeting is in person
SHS Room 1606 (“book room”)- possible hybrid
Fri, May 10th @ 9am**