

Sycamore High School PTO

General Meeting Minutes
Friday, Oct 8, 2021 - 9:03am
Via Zoom: 23 participants

Call to Order

Karen Wolter

Approval of September 10, 2021 Minutes

Motion to suspend approval and post minutes for viewing on PTO Facebook page: [Karen Ronningen](#)

Principal's Report

Doug Mader

Homecoming Review

Successful, very spirited homecoming last week

Parade went well, looking into some adjustments for next year

Dance

Despite rain, kids were safe and had fun

ACT on the 13th, Seniors are off that day for college visits/shadowing

Senior Halloween is Oct 28th

Rules will be distributed shortly

Parade will be outside and parents are welcome to attend

Parent/Teacher conferences coming up

Giving students some "life lines" for those transitioning from virtual to in person

ID Cards

Vendor has been contacted, school name was incorrectly spelled. Vendor will replace if student would like a new one.

Construction Update

New math rooms are anticipated to be ready at the beginning of November and will move into those soon after

Social Studies rooms will be done Nov 22

Odd Couples space availability

Commons, main gym and back gym will be available to use

Food prep area: team room will be available as well as side room near pool

Assistant Principal opening

Could not find someone everyone agreed on to fill the position, so it was decided to split up the duties among current admin instead of settling on someone that wasn't ideal

Faculty/Staff Representative's Report

Brian Sweeney, Counselor

Next Coffee with the Counselors Nov. 17th @ 9am

Presidents' Report

Alissa Simms/Karen Ronningen(hspto@sycamoreschools.org)

Senior Class - Angie Miller

NO SCHOOL for Seniors next Wednesday, Oct. 13 while underclassmen as testing

Senior Only Tailgate Friday, Oct. 15 5:30-6:15pm before last home football game/senior night

Snacks, Skyline coneys provided

Tailgate games (cornhole)

Senior Halloween Oct. 28th

Seniors allowed to dress up

Parade during 7th bell outside at the field/track

Class of 2022 window decals passed out to seniors last week

Senior Night in December at Main Event

Need parents willing to coordinate a FB page for the Juniors (Class of 2023) and Sophomores (Class of 2024)

[Angela Radakovich](#) pointed out that there is a page for the Class of 2023 and will share that link

Karen Ronningen found one for class of 2024

Will look into linking all class pages to the PTO page so they are easier to find

Start getting volunteers for the Class of 2023 senior parents

Jennifer Bain volunteered to help

Terri Srinivasan volunteered to help

AfterProm - [Angela Radakovich](#) May 14, 2021

Party after prom to help keep kids safe

Haven't had after prom last two years because of COVID

Will need to do some marketing to make sure current Junior and

Seniors know exactly what it is

In past, the attendance has been around 400 kids

Try to keep the cost relatively low (\$20-25)

Construction will be a challenge, space will need to be found

If interested in helping with the committee email:

hsptoafterprom@sycamoreschools.org

Tentatively from 10:30pm-2:30am

Prom will be from 7:00-10pm at Manor House and will include dinner

Candidate Forum Update

<https://youtu.be/Snrxlelty4Q>

Almost 2K views

Treasurer's Report

Shiri Ayalon(hsptotreasurer@sycamoreschools.org)

Profit & Loss

Reorganized into revenue and expenses

Will provide both a Year To Date (YTD) and Fiscal Year (FY) budget snapshot

YTD Revenue is over budget and expenses are under budget
 Balance Sheet
 Currently operating in the black

VP of Operations' Report

Michele Neat(hsptovp@sycamoreschools.org)

Academic Achievers - looking for a parent to be the PTO representative willing to hand out the award during halftime at boy's varsity basketball games - no speaking is required!

Possible Project Timeline

Staff and students can request funding

Looking at end of February, will put out specific dates when they are finalized

Need Difference Makers Co-Chair to work with [Jayne Close](#)

Difference Makers gathering (has been a luncheon in the past) planning usually starts in January

Staff are nominated by students and invited to attend the luncheon for recognition

VP of Bookstore's Report

Carrie Dippold(hsptohangar@sycamoreschools.org)

Sales are down some compared to last year

In store about the same

Online sales are down

Upcoming Events

Nothing currently planned for future bonus hours

Will be advertised on the website and Facebook when additional hours are finalized

Will be at the Arts and Crafts show in November

Look for some new items coming in soon

Recording Secretary's Report

Karen Wolter(hsptorecording@sycamoreschools.org)

Nothing to report

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Sarah Baker(hsptocorresponding@sycamoreschools.org)

Staff Appreciation for conferences Oct. 14th

Lunches from Tazikis will be distributed to teachers

Odd Couples

Now have 2 chairs who have volunteered and are meeting with previous chairs to start the planning process

Event will be held on March 5, 2022

Event open to all high school students and one parent/special adult per student (second parent can volunteer to help at the event in order to attend)

Guest Speaker

Learn about CASA

Deepika Andabarapu

Volunteer opportunity to be an advocate for children in the foster care system

CASA: Court Appointed Special Advocates

Visit [Prokids.org/volunteer](https://www.prokids.org/volunteer) for more information

Attend a one hour zoom “snapshot” information session for more information

Adjournment

Next PTO meeting is Friday, Nov 12 @ 9am

Coffee with the Counselors is Wednesday, Nov 17 @ 9am