

Sycamore High School PTO

General Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 11, 2022 - 9:00am

Via Zoom and FaceBook Live

Zoom participants: 20 members

FaceBook Live participants: 7 members

Call to Order

Karen Wolter

Call to Order: 9:02am

Approval of January 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve: [Angela Radakovich](#)

2nd to approve: Michele Neat

District school Board Report

Paul Balent, School Board President, and Melissa Weiss

Roles of School Board in the Sycamore School district

Primary focus is the benefit of the students

District goal setting

Approval of all hires

Financial stewards

Master Facility Plan Update

2019 bond levy passed

Multiple construction projects currently underway

All on schedule and on budget

Always an Aviator Campaign

Raising funds for athletic facilities

Approximately 60% of High School project will take place Summer 2022

Ratified a new 3 year contract with teachers union this past summer

Classified staff union contract will be negotiated before the end of June

Developing one year goals for "AVES" Strategic Plan

Academic Evidence

Vibrant Community Partnerships

Excellence in Operations

Student focused culture of learning

Questions:

What is the status of additional funding needed for sports facilities and baseball?

Board continues to raise funds through corporate sponsorships, facilities naming rights, etc.

Phase 1 is fully funded, additional funding will go toward additional renovations

Will take ideas of making funding goals more transparent to the community and offering the ability to donate funds to a specific sport/phase of the project

How many tennis courts will be at SJHS?

Unsure, but will get back to the parent who inquired

Forum for School Board Candidates

How do you feel about the online/Zoom format?

Thought it was a successful way to hold the forum as it remained available for community members to access the video after the forum was over

In the future, exploring a hybrid option might be something to look into if the technology allows it to be done well/fairly

Having questions from the community ahead of time and categorized worked well

Stadium Timeline?

Breaking ground this summer for completion in early fall, may need to have first few football games as away games

Principal's Report

Doug Mader

Construction Update

Finalized furniture bid this morning

Scheduled to arrive early summer so all new furniture will be in by the start of next school year

Old furniture will be stored until it is determined if it is needed elsewhere in the district

Will donate unneeded furniture to other local schools that are in need
Parents suggested that the district let community know what is done with unneeded furniture

Feb 24th

Movers coming to move furniture to prepare for new phase

Diagram will be available for students to learn new flow of traffic for next phase

Construction crews have testing schedules and staff will work to move students to quieter locations when needed

Graduation planning has started

Cintas Center

Can boxes be reserved? Yes, will get prices from Cintas when he meets with them, but usually anywhere between \$500-750

Senior Class has been phenomenal with being models of good behavior for underclassmen and younger students

Faculty/Staff Representative's Report

Brian Sweeney, Counselor

Bengals Spirit Week pre Super Bowl

Pep Rally today

Junior ACT Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Students can leave as soon as test is completed, do not have to stay until the end of the school day

Collaborating with Mason High School for a College Fair on March 9, 6-8pm at Mason HS

Register online

Students get barcode for each school to scan to share info with school

Students can control what information they share

Will get a summary email listing all the schools they interacted with

Scheduling

Pushed back to allow teachers to work on recommendations and talk to students

Feb 18: Students will receive usernames and passwords to select electives, core classes will already be preselected

Anyone who is interested in College Credit Plus (CCP), please refer to website or reach out to your students counselor

Prom

Anyone who needs assistance with purchasing a dress, please reach out to counselors for information on Cinderella's Closet

Summer Programs and opportunities are continuously updated and added to counselors newsletter

Scholarships for seniors only

Deadlines is March 11 for local scholarships

PTO Scholarship deadline is today, Feb 11

College Visit Form

Please fill out prior to visit day to ease burden on attendance office

CCP and Credit Flex planning

Can counselors help or should the student do it independently?

Should be student driven, student needs to take responsibility but the counselors are there to answer questions students may have

Counselors will help students determine what college classes will work for credit flex

Presidents' Report

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

Odd Couples Money

Motion made to re-allocated \$2500 of \$5000 budget to an Odd Couples sub account since the event will now be held every other year and remaining \$2500 to Projects for this year

Voting open for the next 2 days

Any concerns can be emailed to any board member

If concern is not able to be resolved, the motion will not pass

If no concerns or any concerns are resolved, motion will pass

After prom - [Angela Radakovich](#)

May 14/15th, open to all Juniors and Seniors even if they don't go to Prom

Student survey completed

Busy fundraising

Looking for business sponsors

Committee members are hard at work

Several students helping committee

Instagram account: @AviatorAfterProm

Need parents to help encourage students to attend

Only \$20,000 party going on that night!

Senior Class - Baby Ads due Feb 28

In back of Yearbook and available for senior parents to purchase

Senior Class Parents

Looking for a parent to lead the Senior Letter Writing project

Students write a letter to a teacher or staff member who has made a positive impact on their lives

Treasurer's Report

Shiri Ayalon(hsptotreasurer@sycamoreschools.org)

Budget and Profit & Loss Review

On budget for the year

Question: What is being done with Class of 2020 funds that were unused?

½ is going to Operation Give Back

½ is going to Alumni fund for the class of 2020 to use in the future

VP of Operations' Report

Michele Neat(hsptovp@sycamoreschools.org)

Project Update

Nominations

Few openings for next year

Sycamore Ambassadors

Odd Couples co-chair

After Prom co-chairs

Difference Makers

Email Michele Neat if you are interested in helping

Scholarships

4 \$1000 and 1 \$500 scholarships for seniors, deadline to apply is today, Feb 1

VP of Bookstore's Report

Carrie Dippold(hsptohangar@sycamoreschools.org)

Pancake Day(Feb 26) - AVES Hangar will be open

Aves/Bengals T-shirts

Available for purchase on the Hangar website for PickUp only before 2pm today or at the JV basketball game tonight

Recording Secretary's Report

Karen Wolter(hsptorecording@sycamoreschools.org)

Nothing to report

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Stacy Crook(hsptocorresponding@sycamoreschools.org)

Staff Appreciation Meals

Junior/Senior awards will be final event

Has become more of a challenge with COVID

Working with Mr. Mader on ideas

Staff Appreciation General

Date for the Coffee Truck could not be found

Provided staff with 12 dozen "Who Dey!" donuts today

Looking to stuff staff mailboxes with goodies over the remainder of the year

Adjournment

Next PTO meeting is Friday, March 11 @ 9am

Coffee with the Counselors is Wednesday, March 30 @9am