

Sycamore High School PTO

General Meeting Agenda- Minutes
Friday, September 8, 2023 - 9:00am
Room 1809
Minutes approved via email 9/11/23

Call to Order

- How to open QR Code sent to your phone *demo*
- Welcome and Introduction of the Board
 - 📄 2023-24 Committee Chairlist
- Announcement about membership and PTO voting privileges

Aves Hangar Product Showcase

Angela Brock (aveshangar@sycamoreschools.org)- *new black hats, polos, new parka hours TUESDAYs - Friday 11-1pm, many pop ups, Open this Saturday 12-4; link to volunteer and hours are in this week's newsletter, pop up shop at JH open house, need volunteers for tomorrow. Location : old attendance office, by flagpole.*

Treasurer's Report

Shiri Ayalon (hsptotreasurer@sycamoreschools.org)

- Review and approval of 2023-24 budget
 - [Proposed Budget](#)
 - *-bookstore main fundraiser of HS pto*
 - *CLASS is for improvement and "seed money" for bonds/levy*
 - *Goal to build up reserve for future needs, PBIS is a new line item*
 - *Principal's breakfast- TP meets with 8-20 students monthly*

- *Voting to approve 15 yes in audience; preliminary approved, opportunity for online or not here can vote , have 3 days to weigh in*

Principal's Report

Taylor Porter

- *Introduction- has oldest in BAE started this year, hopes all students are off to a good start, he is a blue ash resident, happy to answer questions*
- *Homecoming weekend - Sept. 29-30*
 - *Monday kickoff- Sat dance on 30th; spirit week during the week;*
 - *Parade to return- student council is spearheading it- thursday afternoon, scaled down; community tailgate- food trucks bounce houses, bonfire- community bonding, route is still TBD- possible- no perfect date of time- Friday- game and band*
 - *Saturday- Homecoming dance should take place in the commons this year; students with IEP and 504 - will there be supports and access early for these students- so these students can also have a positive experience? TP - appreciated this being brought to his attention, thinks it's a good idea, gave a contact name and recommended parent to follow up with him separately*
- *Academic Growth - Tier 1*
 - *MTSS - stands for multi-tiered system of supports - it is an academics and behavioral support system designed for students this year- it is designed to answer "how do you take care of students form academic and behavioral standpoint"*
 - *Last year TP felt like last year was a roller coaster, goal is to be intentional with academic and behavioral supports*
 - *Teachers have new communications system- PBIS rewards- aligned with other schools in district- one benefit to this system is communication and flow*

- *Piloted- summer bridge- partnered with JH admin team; regarding attendance and academic assistance, targeted students that would benefit from extra attention/connections prior to the start of school year. Focus : Relationship building and positive experiences*
- *Ms. Pitts- has an active role in this system. Academic achiever center- do something more proactive and restorative than in school suspension, building relationships - do a factory reset for those students this pertains to, involves a re-entry meeting after suspension - scheduled meeting prior to return to school involves admin and Ms. Pitts, parent, and student.*
- *Academic standpoint- supports*
 - *Goal this year is to over communicate grading, syllabus and how to contact the teacher so that in January/feb there isn't a "I didn't know this" from parent or student*
 - *Focus study halls- executive functioning, grade checks, grade supports and possible passes to reach out for academic opportunities- optional?- not for 9th grade levels- resources part of curriculum - upperclassmen can choose to take advantage of these opportunities,*
 - *What about 9th graders and don't have a study hall- check in with counselor, and be intentional around aviator bell; counselors are grade level Mrs. Brenner and Mrs. Rose- 9th grade counselors do address these topics with class meetings. freshman aviator bell- students have options of academics- pass for support for teacher as example, may have opportunity for social connections; AVES bell teacher checks in with students once a week with each student regarding grades and*

possibly assignments; overall aviator bell is more flexible than study hall; TP to share Aviator bell of FAQ's,; are cell phones allowed? Based on individual teachers preference

- *Aviator bell-*
 - *TP - did a "be a student for a day" and it was eye opening. Noted need times for decompression needed for students, built in aviator bell after 2 bells aves, then bells 3 & 4, lunch and then bells 6 & 7.*

School Safety:

- **Student Discipline**
- **Lunch Bell Conflicts and Solutions** *different lunch bell than 2022-2023 year went from 2 bells to 3, last year we almost exceeded capacity for fire safety- so could eat in hub and almost anywhere, but then staff spread out as well. This year 3 lunches but not grade level lunches.*
 - *Parents and teachers may need to support and encourage new friendships/ connections for lunch.*
- **ID through McDaniels-** *another order placed and to be delivered mid-September . The contact person works in the HUB if the ID needs to be ordered.*

Presidents' Report

Brian Laughlin (hspto@sycamoreschools.org)

- **Meetings will be held at the high school and streamed via FaceBook Live-** *always in room 1809, and stream via FB live*
 - *Please park in marked visitor spots or in spots without painted number in the new bus ramp area on the Northwest side of the school*
- **Communication from PTO-** *communicate school and community updates in addition to school /district related - on various platforms*
 - *Weekly Aviator Update emailed on Fridays*

- Sycamoreschools.org website
- Facebook: Sycamore High School PTO
- Twitter: @pto_shs
- Instagram: sycamorehspto
- Wednesday, Sept. 27th @ 9am first Coffee with the Counselors
 - High School room 1809
 - Will be streamed via FaceBook Live

■ **Coffee w/Counselors Wednesdays**

- **Sep 27th** - Welcome back and College Applications
- **Oct 11** - Canvas
- **Dec 6** - Paths and Resources for Junior Year Planning
- **Jan 17** - Scheduling & Academic Planning
- 9am, live in room 1809 or on Facebook Live

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- Senior Class Update-

- [Class of 2024 Senior Parent Letter](#)

- **Senior Class**

- *Chairs: Elizabeth Otterman & Summer Mangano*
- *Recent events: 1st Day Welcome & Senior Cookout*
- *Upcoming event: Senior Halloween*
- **Senior photos and Baby Ads due Oct 1**
- *Link in agenda for Parent Letter*
 - *How to volunteer!*
 - *How to donate!*
- *Follow of Facebook - "Sycamore High School Class of 2024 Parents"*

- Odd Couples -open to all grade levels- March 16, 2024 @ 7pm- *great success last year PTO needs - there are experienced people to help but need a leader to spearhead - Kim Respond and Joanna to lead- thank you!!*

- Need co-chairs ASAP
- Lots of support lined up to help

- Prom/After Prom - April 27, 2023

- Chairs: Wendy Andersen & Dana Pischotti- *need junior parents to lead/gain knowledge*

- Looking for a Junior class parent to learn for next year

VP of Operations' Report

Kenna Wahlquist (hsptovp@sycamoreschools.org)

- Academic Achievers - students recognized for their academic achievements
- Projects- *teaches/staff can request funding for specific projects*
 - Applications will be open Sept 15-30th

VP of Bookstore's Report

Christa Lloyd (hsptohangar@sycamoreschools.org)

- Aves Hangar- is open 530-700 pm *Fridays for home football games; Tuesday - Friday 11am-1pm*
 - Volunteer opportunities
- Email Angela Brock (aveshangar@sycamoreschools.org) and Christa Lloyd (hsptohangar@sycamoreschools.org) with questions
- Shop online at aveshangar.com
- *Aves Hangar open for Homecoming 12-7pm friday sept 29th*
 - *Hours listed on weekly newsletter/smore*

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Paige Rodgers (hsptocorresponding@sycamoreschools.org)

- Staff Appreciation and Hospitality committee updates
 - *4 opportunities / year- during conference days (2) conferences are virtual so like box lunches and in May all staff meal*

Recording Secretary's Report

Lisa Thomas (hsptorecording@sycamoreschools.org)

- Thank you to all our volunteers who helped out at Schedule Pick Up and Picture Day
- Volunteer List - Thank you to Karen Ronnigen - if you are a chair looking for volunteers contact karenronningen@ymail.com
- Meeting minutes will be posted on our website and FaceBook page as pending
 - If no objections are received during the first 3 days, the motion to approve the minutes will be accepted

Community Partners

- Parent Mentor & Resource Coordinator
 - On behalf of Mandy Friend
 - She will be at next meeting
- GEAR - Anjali Mathur- <https://www.sycamoregear.org>
- SPEAR - Jenny Motley _ bit.ly/SPEARFBGROUP
- *Cincinnati cottoncandy- giveback model and fundraising -*

Adjournment

Coffee with the Counselors Wed, Sept. 27th @ 9am
Next PTO meeting is Friday, October 13 @ 9am