

Sycamore High School PTO
General Meeting Minutes
Friday, Sept. 14, 2018 - 9am

Board Members in Attendance: Angela Radakovich, Alyssa Schmeling, Elizabeth Bruggeman, Carrie Dippold, and Alissa Simms

Call to Order: 9:05am

- Welcome by Alyssa Schmeling and introduction of board

Approval of May 2018 Minutes - Alissa Simms

- Minutes from the May 11, 2018 were approved as read by Tammy Fales and Erin Shuholm

Principal's Report - Doug Mader

- Interim time already
- Choir is performing in The Who's Tommy In Concert at Cincinnati Memorial Hall Sept 14, 15, 20, and 21 @ 8pm - THANK YOU to Kenneth Holdt for all his hard work on this
- Athletics are doing well
- Marching Band is going to its 1st competition in Campbell County on Sept.15
- Oct. 10 - College Visit Day for Seniors
- Oct. 10 - Big Testing Day to prepare students for the ACT and SAT
 - being given a 40% discount on these practice ACTs and practice SATs because our school is in a study for the college board -students will be given 14 extra questions that will not count against them if answered incorrectly but can benefit students if answered correctly -school is paying for all students because of budgeting and the 40% discount
 - Juniors can opt out but then they will take the practice ACT with the sophomores -sophomores are taking the practice ACT and freshmen are taking the ACT Aspire
 - Sycamore takes all this data from all these practice tests to find our strengths and weaknesses so we know where we need to focus
- Oct.16 - full length practice ACT

President's Report - Angela Radakovich/Alyssa Schmeling

- Reminder to become a PTO member for this school year 2018-19 (only PTO members have voting privileges)
- Parking tips - if all PTO and Visitor parking spaces are full, you can park along the bus ramp for meetings during the school day (NOT during drop off and pick up hours)
- Communication from PTO
 - Weekly Aviator Update (Smore) emailed from the school on Fridays
 - Website, www.tinyurl.com/sycamoreHSPTO
- Coffee with the Counselor, changed from Sept. 19 to Sept. 21-Topic: It's never too early to start thinking about College Admissions

- Senior Committee -a committee of Senior Parents who help make Senior year unique and special -this committee is NOT funded by the PTO, it is funded by the Senior Class -Mader is following up with dates Senior pictures are due -decorated entrance of the school instead of lockers this year
 - Senior Service Day -Oct. 16
 - Senior Halloween -donate gift cards and candy by Oct. 10
- Odd Couples (March 9, 2019) - students take a parent, grandparent, etc. -easiest if parents organize a group to sit with -funded by ticket sales and sponsors
- After Prom (April 28, 2019) -funded by ticket sales and sponsors -this will be Tami Comerford's last year to chair this event so we would like to find a Sophomore or Junior parent to work with Tami who can chair next year -540 students attended last year -considering Under the Sea theme this year -need raffle prize chair -do NOT need to go to Prom to attend After Prom -normally \$20/ticket

Treasurer's Report - Carrie Dippold

- Review and approval of 2017-18 budget - similar to last year's budget
 - Decreased vending machine income because now we are down to 1 machine
 - Increased Kroger awards because last year was higher than budgeted
 - Increased Insurance and Audit fees because we have Bond Insurance renewal this year and fees for additional insurance
 - Shelia Kidd and Sherri Yuskewich approved the budget and all in favor
- Bookstore www.tinyurl.com/avesstore -ahead of where they were last year at this time
- Community Fundraising
 - City BBQ weekend is Oct. 20(Flight Fest) to earn money for Scholarship Fund
 - Pipkins receipts collected in front office
 - Kroger Community Rewards - sign up for funds to go to HS

Vice President's Report - Missy Reardon presented by Angela Radakovich

- Academic Achievers -at home games, a student, chosen by school administration, is recognized for their achievements -they are given a certificate and a gift card (gift card is provided by funds from the PTO)
- Projects application will be available around Oct. 1 -requests are due Oct. 12 -\$13,900 budgeted -this is for teachers, students, clubs, parent groups, etc.
- Principal's Breakfast -PTO funded but teachers make the nominations

Recording Secretary - Alissa Simms

- THANK YOU to the Picture Day Chair, Patricia Rohr, and the many volunteers who made the Picture Days a success
- Membership/Volunteers - have membership list here if you need to check -THANK YOU to Anne Lumby(Membership) and Mary Tyler(Volunteers) for chairing these positions
- Directory - Kathy Long (chair) should be receiving information in the near future to begin work on the directory

Corresponding Secretary Report - Elizabeth Bruggeman

- TIP Coffee -money generated goes to special needs students to help build life skills -they use the house located next to EH Greene School -they provide the coffee for PTO meetings and Coffee with the Counselor meetings
- Hospitality at Open House - THANK YOU to Maria Wright, Becky Dawson, and Missy Reardon for organizing
- Staff Appreciation(chairs-Mary Jo Hertlein and Vivian Kapourales) -will serve dinner to staff during conferences on Oct. 4 -please sign up to donate an item
- Recycling -now using real cups for coffee versus disposable for PTO meetings and Coffee with the Counselors -place your textiles(clothing, curtains, sheets, etc.) to be recycled in the white bins located at the schools(the money earned goes to the Green Team) -composting and recycling stations in each school

Announcements

- Coffee with the Counselor dates for the year (some dates have changed)
 - Oct 23 (EVENING DATE) -6:30-8pm -Dr. Rich Gilman Help Your Child Flourish
 - Nov. 14 -Bring your questions for a Q&A with the counselors
 - Jan. 23 -All About Scheduling
 - March 6 -Career Exploration
 - April 17 -Planning for the Next Stage

Upcoming Events

- Oct 12 -Homecoming parade and tailgate (Student Council) -City BBQ catering -more interest than ever in the parade -looking into a new route
- Oct. 13 from 8-11pm -Homecoming Dance (Student Council) -looking for volunteers -dancing will be in the gym because it can hold more students, easier to cool down, and saves on decorations -students can still come out to the commons where it will be quieter

Adjournment - 9:55am

Next PTO Meeting is Friday, Oct. 12 @ 9am