

Sycamore High School PTO

General Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 11, 2022 - 9:00am

Via Zoom (10 participants) and Facebook Live (10 participants)

Call to Order

Karen Wolter

Call to order 9:04am

Approval of February 2022 Minutes

Will be available for review for 3 days from today, please notify us if you see any discrepancies

If no objections are made, minutes will be approved

Principal's Report

Doug Mader

Counselors are continuously meeting with students and master schedule will built soon

Working with a Sycamore student on creating a software program that can help build the master schedule

Planning for upcoming events - return to in the building

Can start planning to return to going back to normal a week or so after

Spring Break based on COVID-19 numbers

Construction Update

Phase 5 will start shortly

Phase 6 will start in June

Gym will be closed soon after Spring Break

Pool demolition will begin soon, it has been drained

Kitchens will be closed after Spring Break for remodel

Contracting with a company that will bring food in

Will need to move to a 4 lunch system due to spatial constraints

Will not affect After Prom

May actual help because there will be more outlets in that area

Stadium construction beginning this spring, will have to redirect some foot traffic for baseball and softball fields

New main entrance and drop off points will be open at the beginning of next school year

Attendance office will be moved to that area

Community use office (for PTO meetings, for example) will also be right near the new main entrance

Approx 50% of construction will be completed this summer and it is projected to be 100% complete at the end of summer 2023

Graduation tickets will be required by Cintas Center - ticket requests due March 20th

Administration will send out an email near deadline to confirm requests received and to remind those who haven't submitted a request

Will have a couple back up plans for those who need extra tickets last minute

Doug Mader will have extra as will Will Call

Faculty/Staff Representative's Report

Brian Sweeney, Counselor

Coffee with the Counselors March 30th @ 9am in person at the HS in the Team Room

Park on bus ramp and come in through the pool entrance, no need to check in at the office

Presidents' Report

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

Upcoming technology changes within the district

Considering switching from Blackboard platform to a different one

Will continue to use Google Classroom

Senior Class Update - Graduation May 29 @ 11am Cintas Center

All guests must have a ticket, but there is no limit on the number of guests

All seniors have received an email with a link to request tickets

Ticket requests must be submitted by Mar 20, 2022

SAC is looking for at large

members <https://www.sycamoreschools.org/domain/508>

After Prom - [Angela Radakovich](#)

Several committee members will be returning next year

May 14/15 10:30pm - 2:30am

Not a lock-in, students can leave when they want

Must check in by 11, once they leave they can not come back in

Must be present to win door prizes, which will be given out

toward the end

\$20,000 budget for food, games, entertainment, prizes

Will be a great way to safely spend time celebrating after prom

Decorating committee is now meeting weekly on Sunday evenings

Students will be able to help and get volunteer hours

Community Preview will be May 14 approx. 7-8:30pm

Parents, younger students, business sponsors

Parents can donate gift cards for raffle prizes or donate snacks/food for decorating committee and their volunteers and the volunteers who stay through the event

Angela will check with committee to see if there are any specific needs that parents can donate to/fulfill

Treasurer's Report

Shiri Ayalon(hsptotreasurer@sycamoreschools.org)

Financial update

On budget to date

Please direct any questions to Shiri at the email above

VP of Operations' Report

Michele Neat(hsptovp@sycamoreschools.org)

Scholarships - how many applications came in

5 available scholarships, had 45 applications submitted

Will be given out at Senior Recognition night

Nominations - available chair positions

Will vote on proposed slate at next general meeting, April 8, 2022

Proposed 2022-23 Executive Board Slate

Co-President: Karen Ronningen and Karen Wolter

VP of Operations: Michele Neat

Treasurer: Shiri Ayalon

VP of AVES Hangar: Christa Lloyd

Corresponding Secretary: Stacy Crook

Recording Secretary: Julie Szabo

available chair positions:

Odd Couples co-chair, After Prom co-chairs, Schedule pick up

volunteer coordinator, Community Fundraising coordinator

Projects - review results and vote

All project requests were able to be funded with budgeted funds

Athletic boosters matched our funds for Fencing Club request

Total requests approved: \$15,258.65

Several project requests were already covered by other sources

Move to approve Spring 2022 project requests

Motion to approve: [Angela Radakovich](#)

2nd: Diane VanderBrink

Motion approved

Difference Makers

Students can nominate teacher or staff member to acknowledge them for making a difference in the students life, academics, etc.

Luncheon will be held in April for the recipients



2022 Sycamore Difference Makers Award

Students: Nominate that special person at SHS!

Sycamore High School is filled with an incredible staff, who are flexible, resilient, creative, and persistent in their efforts to make your school year as successful as possible. Is there an administrator, teacher, or staff member at SHS who has made a real difference in your journey this year as a Sycamore HS student?

Please nominate your Difference Maker by filling out this Google Form: <https://tinyurl.com/DiffMaker2022> and tell that special person why you're nominating him or her. Each student can nominate up to two staff members and all the Sycamore Difference Makers will be invited to a special lunch held in their honor.

Nominations will be accepted through April 8th. Any person on the Sycamore High School staff can be nominated and this award is truly appreciated by those who receive it!

VP of Bookstore's Report

Carrie Dippold(hsptohangar@sycamoreschools.org)

Pancake Day update

Made over \$13,000

Hangar will be outside for the Spring Arts and Craft Show May 21st @ 10am
Working on having a couple pop up shops at elementary and Greene school events

Recording Secretary's Report

Karen Wolter(hsptorecording@sycamoreschools.org)

Nothing to report

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Stacy Crook (hsptocorresponding@sycamoreschools.org)

Next Staff Appreciation meal will be May 6th

Will provide a lunch for the staff

Will be asking for some donations of food items after Spring Break

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:58am

Next PTO meeting is Friday, April 8 @ 9am in the Team Room