

SAHS PTO, December General Assembly Meeting

SAHS Media Center

December 13, 2021, 6:00

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00

Members in Attendance: Jen Stevenson, Jennifer Sartiano, Jo Ellen Parkey, Teresa Smith, Brent Bechtold, Cliff Harris, Susan Connor, Kathy Weed, Suzanne Stauble, Dr. Graham

A. Welcome/Approval of Minutes

Jen Stevenson welcomed all members. Jo Ellen Parkey requested assistance with November minutes.

B. Principal Report/SAHS Updates

School Updates

Dr. Graham handed out samples of the "Life Cycle". He explained that the "5-year-plan" and the "Life Cycle" are two different things. He explained that the PTO was not the place to discuss facility updates. Those discussions are to be had in SAC meetings.

Dr. Graham expressed his disappointment with the PTO regarding the inclusion of facility discussions at PTO meetings. He told us that facility updates are not something the PTO should be involved in and that we should not include those discussions or invite speakers to speak to facility issues in future PTO meetings.

Action:

- ✓ All parents interested in facility updates should attend SAC meetings to have those discussions.

C: Treasurer Report - Dana Evans

Dana Evans went over our budget, line by line, and answering questions.

Action:

None.

D: Business Partners Report - Jen Stevenson

We are still looking for a Business Partner Liaison. Members were encouraged to ask local business contacts to become SAHS PTO Business Partners. Business Partner recognition in the form of signs has ended for the year, but we will never turn away money and any new Business Partners will of course be recognized on our website and in all social SAHS PTO Social Media accounts.

New banners have been ordered for the front fence and posters have been ordered for the hallways and will be posted on our new sandwich boards.

Action:

- ✓ All attendees were encouraged to continue their outreach to recruit new business partners through their connections in the community.

E: Membership - Jennifer Sartiano

Outreach. Jennifer is continuing her outreach efforts through social media, and school newsletters. We will try to attend any and all events where parents gather to educate parents on what we do, how they can help, and how the students will benefit from their participation.

Power of an Hour. This event is scheduled for January 20th at the White Room. Teachers and Staff Members are being encouraged to submit their ideas for consideration. Jennifer will be given time at

the Holiday Breakfast to remind the faculty and staff about the event. Applications are due January 7, 2022.

Focus Group Update. The quarterly Superintendent Focus Group included discussions of the new “FAST” testing plan. 2022-2023 will be a calibration year, with finalized changes coming in 2023-2024. Attendees were encouraged to pay attention to the School District Legislative updates. All are encouraged to pick an issue important to them, personalize it, write letters, and prepare their elevator pitch in case they end up face to face with the right person.

Action:

- ✓ Dr. Graham will supply Jennifer with the email contacts of sponsors, coaches, and parent leaders for the clubs and teams in the building to aid in her outreach.

F: Teacher Grants

Jen Stevenson updated us on all outstanding Teacher Grants.

Mr. Westhall presented his request for 2 mics and lights to assist in the production of the SAHS news programs.

Motion to approve: Jennifer Sartiano

Second: Jo Ellen Parkey

Motion approved.

Coach Simpson requested a monthly license to Study.com. He has been paying for this on his own and believes it to be the most useful resource he uses all year. The concepts are summarized, reviewed, practiced and all benchmarks are included.

Motion to approve: Kathy Weed

Second: Susan Connor

Motion approved.

Further discussion regarding Coach Simpson’s request lead to a motion to approve the purchase of this license for all those teaching classes appropriate to its use. The PTO hopes that this pilot program could lead to District-wide use of this valuable resource. The motion was for an amount not to exceed \$1000.

Motion to approve: Jo Ellen Parkey

Second: Teresa Smith

Motion approved

Action:

- ✓ Jen Stevenson will continue to follow up on outstanding Teacher Grants.

G. Miscellaneous Staff/Admin Requests

Senior Party for each semester. PTO has been asked to sponsor a party in January.

Jacket-Up Luncheon. Shannon Harris’ uncle, Alan Shepard, has offered to sponsor this event. Ms Hudson and Dr. Rannick will send the information to Shannon Harris.

Character Counts Breakfast (Mr. Gregos). We are looking for a “title sponsor” for these events. Bojangles donated the December station.

Possible Speaker: Simon Simpson. Dr. Graham was not impressed by this speaker. He requests that we keep looking for another option. His suggestion is his friend, Jon Gordon.

Action

- ✓ All members are encouraged to reach out to businesses looking for a title sponsor.

✓ The PTO will look into hiring Jon Gordon, per Dr. Graham.

H: Hospitality - Shannon Harris

Weekly Treats for faculty and staff. Weekly Treats will continue every-other-week after the Holiday Break.

Coffee Cart. The Coffee Cart was a screaming success. Not only did the faculty and staff love it, but Shannon got us a designated refrigerator to use in the cafeteria!

Holiday Celebrations. The PTO will be hosting a Holiday Breakfast and a Holiday Dessert Bar the week of December 13th. We are in need of prize donations for door prizes and desserts for the Dessert Bar. Cash donations will also be welcomed.

Action:

✓ PTO Members will solicit donations for door prizes and desserts for the Holiday Celebrations.

I. New Business / Old Business / Questions

Mrs. Stauble presented an idea for the PTO to create postcards for purchase by the staff to send notes to students. This is a tradition that pre-dates Dr. Graham, but she would like to bring it back and believes that the PTO could use it as a small fundraiser. The idea was well received and will be put on the list of ideas for next year.

Action:

None.

J. Meeting Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Jo Ellen Parkey

Second: Jennifer Sartiano

Meeting adjourned: 7:00

Next Meeting: January 10, 6:00pm, SAHS Media Center