

# SAHS PTO AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

August 28, 2023, 5:30pm

**Meeting called to order: 5:37pm**

**Members in attendance:** Jo Ellen Parkey, Jen Stevenson, Dana Evans, Melissa Owens, Janice Jones, Travis Brown, Twila Needham, Linda Thomson, Ashley Ciliberti, Kelly Patchen, Emily Gordon, Jenny Ranick, Amy Gibbs, Brent Bechtold and Shelly Erb

**A. Welcome/Approval of Minutes – Jen Stevenson**

Minutes from the end of the school year were already approved

**B. Principal Report – Travis Brown**

\*Thanked PTO for all they have done, and the support provided

\*Asked PTO about maybe doing a breakfast with parents and students one morning before school (muffins with mom/donuts with dad)

\*Expressed interest in PTO assisting with food for staff @ upcoming football Games. 40 staff volunteered at the last football game.

Principal Brown discussed his process for working with teachers to make all teachers desirable teachers for all students. Brown said that he will spend time in all classrooms with all teachers. He advised that changes that have been made for students this year are being implemented and are going well, no problems yet.

Principal Brown also introduced Linda Thomson, she is running for the school board. Linda told us a little bit about herself and that she is running for the school board for District 5. She had been principal at Nease when Tim Tebow was a student there.

**C. Treasurer Report – Dana Evans**

✓ Dana reviewed the budget ending last year and what our budget looks like starting this school year.

✓ Name has changed for Teacher Grants to Fast Track Funding

**D. Business Partners – Jen Stevenson and Dana Evans**

Reviewed what we have brought in so far this year. Jen and Jo Ellen are working on contacting passed businesses. Jen working on getting a volunteer to be in charge of this.

**E. Hospitality – Janice Jones**

➤ 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month will be coffee cart and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month will be teacher treats in the teachers' lounge.

➤ Coffee cart and teachers treats will be swapped in November and December

- Sign-up genius will go out to Stock the Lounge (donation or money)
- Janice advised there are 168 staff this year
- Sign-up will go out to get volunteers for hospitality.
- Luncheon for teachers coming up food will be donated from Odd Birds, Sign-up genius will go out for extras and side requests for luncheon
- Discussed getting mugs for teachers or requiring them to bring mugs, also discussed was a location for mugs if kept at school.

**F. Fundraising** – Jen Stevenson and Jo Ellen Parkey

- ✓ SAT Practice Exam \$20, sign-up to go out. Exam October 20<sup>th</sup> will be taken on computers in the library.
- ✓ Parking spots raised \$8,880.00
- ✓ Graduation briefly discussed
- ✓ Spirit Nights talked about (Chick Fil A and Zaxbys)

**G. Power of an Hour** – Jen Stevenson, Jo Ellen Parkey and Emily Gordon

Emily will be the Chair this year. 1<sup>st</sup> date October 10<sup>th</sup> and January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Emily will reach out to past winners to assist in reaching others for the event.

Emily discussed with Principal Brown setting a date to pick the final 5

Jacket Hub – Amy Hubber’s project was discussed (students to get Jacket Bucks)

**H. Kelly Patchen from the National Youth Advocate Program**

Kelly spoke about the need for Foster Parents and passed out a flyer. She asked if we knew anyone that might be interested to have them call her.

**I. WAVE (Women Against Violent Encounters)** – Jen Stevenson

- St Johns County Sheriff’s Department will put it on free of charge
- Only for female students
- Will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium after school 4:30 – 6:30pm, light snacks to be provided.
- Can have up to 150 girls (no parents just students)
- Event is sponsored by the PTO, not by the school

**J. New Student and New Staff Gifts** – Jen Stevenson

Jen discussed what was given to new students and staff. Principal Brown asked if he could get some new student things to give to new students throughout the school year. Jen will provide items to Principal Brown.

## **K. New Business**

Parent asked if we could possibly have someone come speak to students about being an organ donor, since kids are getting their licenses and are asked if they want to be a donor at that time. This was discussed and though it might go along with arrive alive before Prom.

PTO Venmo - @thehivepto

CheddarUp – <http://my.cheddarup.com/c/st-augustine-high-school-ptu-store>

## **Meeting Adjourned – 6:57pm**

**Next meeting** - September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm, Odd Birds (come early if you plan to get a drink before the meeting so we may start on time)