

Sunset High School PTO Meeting
January 10th, 2022
Meeting Held via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: David Butler (President), Kristin Hamann (Secretary), John Huelskamp (Principal), Raiban Raphy, Christine, Jenny, ECHS, Sophia Caffery, Hyun Birdsall, Kim Lozito, Sarah Thorn, Kristi Wallace Knight, Natalie Manoharan, Hannah Wood Donohue (Webmaster), Lianne Yanis, Julie Gupta, Enriqueta Perez, Michelle McGhee, Raelyhn, Lisa Knutson, Sheryl DSouza, Benjamin Gillette, Himanshi Shah, Jen Gordon, Amber Ferschweiler (Treasurer), Breanna Smith, Sailesh, Sejung, Kimiko Matsuda, Bradi Knight Gates (Volunteer Coordinator), Daniel V., Hana Samuel, Francis, Lauren Tompkins, Sarah Lee, Tristan Baker, Wendy Russell. – Note: names listed here were from provided Zoom profiles, so may be missing last or proper names.

7:00 PM

Call to Order & Acceptance of December Minutes **David Butler**

- Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.
- December Minutes accepted as submitted.

Principal Report and Q & A

Principal Huelskamp

- **Omicron surge & us:** District is closely watching attendance numbers of staff & students across all 53 schools. Returning to remote learning will depend on those numbers, and the decision to do so will be made at the district level. Sunset had 285 students absent today alone. While this is only 14% of our student population, we've had many staff out as well. As a result, the remaining staff are doing double duty, covering for their missing colleagues by giving up their prep periods to teach those classes. Hopefully by the end of January, we should be past the worst of the surge, per the CDC. Sunset has given out 200 Rapid Covid tests in the last 2 months, many in the last week. Our school nurse, Joni, is at Sunset every other day, as she covers 4 schools. Any symptoms from students or staff, we test. Also will test if a student comes forward and says they think they've been exposed.
- **Transition to remote learning?** If the whole district moves to remote learning: 2 day lag between in-person & remote. If only one school: 1 day lag.
- **In-person tours for next year's freshmen?** Due to current Covid protocols, only virtual for now.
- **April 5th, 2022 is ACT testing day at Sunset:** Most colleges have gone away from requiring standardized tests, but some scholarships and schools still look at them. Free test prep is available through the College & Career center.
- **Upcoming Dances:** Bali/Winter Formal is currently postponed from Feb. 5, 2022 to a later date, to be determined, and will be outdoors. Prom will also be outdoors, probably at Providence Park downtown. Still coordinating with Providence Park staff to find a workable date.
- **Finals:** Not comprehensive this year. Students will be given multiple opportunities in the final weeks to show proficiency.
- **What is the process if a student tests Positive for Covid?** We follow the current CDC recommendations. However, as circumstances and information change frequently, the best thing to do is refer to the district's covid protocol page:

<https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/departments/communications-community-involvement/back-to-school-information>

- **Do we meet the ideal spacing in our classrooms right now?** Yes, but high schoolers shift around while in their seats, making it harder to maintain the 3 feet of space. Lunchtime is the toughest challenge. We've tried to combat this by opening alternative eating areas down hallways & other places. But social distancing is tough while eating, and often students will sit closer than 3 feet.
- **Graduation will be at our stadium on June 11, 2022.**
- **"It's so cold in the hallways!"** A comment heard often from students. This is a good thing because it means we have good ventilation due to lots of open windows.
- **KN95s and surgical masks:** Free for all kids near the front office. The current KN95 masks have really small ear loops, and after 6 hours, can be really tight.
- **Sports, Clubs, Theater, Band, Choir Continuing?** Yes. Biggest change is attendance of fans/spectators. Only 4 attendees per participant. No more student sections or Pep Band at this time. This is only for the month of January's Pause. The district will re-evaluate at the end of the month.

President's Report

David Butler

- **Holiday Giving Report:** Thanks to our Sunset Community for their support of the Amazon Giving Campaign. Great Partnership with Tricia Buell and her student leadership program.
- **Major Projects Committee Report:** Next meeting is this Wednesday, Jan 12th at 3:30pm via Zoom. \$15K to spend this school year on a major project. Same Zoom link as this meeting.
- **Bylaws Committee Report:** Hannah Donohue & David have been meeting. The Bylaws haven't been updated in quite a few years.
- **2022/2023 Board Planning:** Looking at positions for next year. The President position will be open. Interested in joining? Email David at president@sunsetpto.com

Treasurer's Report

Amber Ferschweiler

- **Quiet month due to Winter break.** Some Matching funds have come in. Concessions have been quiet, but now they will be paused for January. Merchandise has been busy. No Apollo Giving disbursement this last month.

Matching Funds Coordinator

Julie Gupta

- **Quiet month for matching funds.** \$2700 has been received and is in process.

Volunteer Coordinator Report

Bradi Knight Gates

- **All volunteering is paused now due to current Covid regulations.**
- **Did you get a booster?** Don't have to update that in the Volunteer system.

Concessions Report

Jennifer Gordon

- **Concessions paused through the end of January.**
- **Need someone to take over Concessions next year.** Email David with questions. Concessions are such a big part of the game/event, and a great service to the community!

Merchandise Report

Breanna Smith

- **Holiday sale was very successful!** Already received almost half of the normal amount that comes in all year. So great to work with the Leadership student program & Tricia Buell.
- **Apollo Gear Merchandise & Website:** Relaunched today for orders to be placed every week, with pickups on Fridays at 3pm. Working with Portland Gear–new lanyards :) Link is on the PTO website, and can pay through Square.
- **Cram the Stands merchandise:** Starts in February.

College and Career Center

Jennifer Gordon

- **Onsite volunteers are paused:** Still able to connect with students through email and text.

Staff Appreciation

David Butler for Sarah Sullivan

- **Next event: Valentine's Day staff treats**

Grad Party

Jennifer Gordon

- **Numbers/ticket sales:** Looking pretty good. No scholarship kids right now.
- **Mod Pizza/Cedar Hills Blvd Fundraiser on Wed. Jan 12th**
- **Grad party 2023:** will need volunteers for next year's party

Apollo Giving Fund Requests

David Butler

- **None for this month.** Anticipating a big push for next month...

New Business

- **"Let them Sleep BSD" campaign:** Kristin Hamann asked Mr. Huelskamp for more detail. High school start times moved to 8:30 am to allow students more sleep. There's a Facebook group made up of parents who plan to present at the next School Board meeting. Mr. Huelskamp said it was tough, because someone has to stand in the dark to catch a bus, and no one wants it to be the young kids. Some schools (in other districts) have switched to that, and it's been successful. However, again, it's a matter of transportation and timing.
- **List of Open PTO Positions for next year:** Bradi Knight Gates asked if David could put one together, along with a description for each, that she can send out to our Sunset community.
- **David thanked everyone for attending, and adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.**
- **Next meeting: Monday, February 7th at 7pm–NOTE: this is a change due to our regular 2nd Monday being on Valentine's Day.**