

Sunset High School PTO Meeting
May 9th, 2022, 7:00pm
Meeting Held In Person and via Zoom
Minutes

Attendees: Kristin Hamann (Secretary), John Huelskamp (Principal), David Butler (President), Tristan Baker, Bradi Knight Gates (Volunteer Coordinator), Sara Thorn, Michelle Chesire, Amber Ferschweiler (Treasurer), Leslie Hmura, Kim Lozito, Hannah Wood Donohue (Webmaster), Julia Gupta, Lisa Knutson, Sarah Sperbeck-Koenders & Sarah Sullivan. Note: Names were gathered from Zoom profiles & in-person sign-in sheet.

Call to Order & Acceptance of April Minutes

David Butler, President

- Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.
- April Minutes accepted for publishing as submitted.

Principal Report and Q & A

Principal Huelskamp

- **Assistant Principal** Chris Bick will be moving to Southridge High School. His last day is June 30, 2022, as is Mr. Huelskamp's. The District is handling the hiring process for our new principal, and they should be in place in the next two weeks. Malindi Zimmer, from Beaverton High, is our new Assistant principal.
- **Junior/Senior Prom:** is this Saturday, May 14th at Rock Creek Country Club. Will be held outdoors under the large party tent. Expecting 750 attendees.
- **Service Day Sunday May 22, 2022:** Run by Student Leaders. Primary focus is Cornell Road & our main stadium to get ready for Graduation
- **Graduation:** Expecting 4000 attendees (8 per senior) Friday June 10th in one event (vs. 2 sessions last year). Also have a drive-up option on Thurs. June 9th for those that prefer a smaller setting. 500 graduates.
- **Upcoming Bond Measure:** The passing of the Bond will completely replace Sunset's track (current safety hazard) + install A/C in the Auditorium.
- **Parent Question:** With the new district superintendent, who is a strong proponent of district equity, will we see any significant changes regarding equity & funding at Sunset? We should be slightly better in terms of our class sizes next year.

President's Report

David Butler

- **Major Project Committee Update:** Put on hold for now due to the changing of administration. The \$14k earmarked for this project will be put back into the budget for next year.
- **Nominating Committee Update:** Open positions for next year: President, VP of Communications, VP of Fundraising & the Grad Party 2023 lead. Anyone interested, please contact president@sunsetpto.com.

Treasurer's Report

Amber Ferschweiler

- **Apollo Giving Grants:** Money is still available. See below.

- **Staff programs:** Broke even.
- **Budget:** looks good for the year. Major Projects will roll over to next year due to previous discussion.
- **Budgeting 2022-23:** In June, we'll discuss & vote on the 2022-2023 budget. Last year we budgeted based on Covid being in the mix. We're anticipating getting back to normal soon, and will budget accordingly. One line item (Staff Appreciation) was called out by Mr. Huelskamp, saying the staff have loved our support this year, and it makes a huge difference. So continuing to fund that is really important, and to even increase the amount budgeted, would be great.

Committee Reports

Various

- **College & Career:** Jennifer Gordon has agreed to return next year as the committee chair. Thank you, Jennifer!
- **Concessions:** 2 new committee members for next year.
- **Staff Appreciation (Sarah S.):** Last week held a snack bar & a lunch. Will have one more event in June.
- **Volunteer Coordinator (Bradi):** Sunset Service Day, May 22nd. Need team leaders and volunteers. Also help is needed in Kristi Miller's Chemistry class this week. Concessions need help for the final week of Spring sports & playoffs.

Apollo Giving Requests Review and Voting

David Butler

- Initial Budgeted Amount: \$10,000. Have Paid \$5279 to date. \$365 left if all grants that were awarded are fulfilled. Free to Breathe/Acapella Choir is not going to NYC so their previously awarded \$1500 will not be needed. \$1865 is now available.
- **Motion made by Tristan Baker to fund Apollo Giving Request #1 as submitted for \$834. Motion seconded by Sara. Vote taken and PASSED unanimously.**
- **Apollo Giving Request #1 – APPROVED at \$834**
Requestor: Mary Tassone - Teacher
Department: Art
Request: New Drying Racks for Student Art
Requested Amount: \$834

Miscellaneous / Announcements

Board Members

- **Next meeting: June 13, 2022 Annual Meeting. Budget Approval, Elections. Board members, please attend in-person if possible, due to the nature of the meeting.**
- **Casual get together after June 13th meeting at a place TBD.**

Adjournment at 8:25pm