

SHS PTO Minutes
June 12, 2017

Attendees: Elisa Bennett, Sarah Pearce, Christy Bangerter, John Huelskamp, Sonia Niebergall, Beth Gilstrap, Tamara Kawasaki, Kathy Campbell, Kelli Mickelsen, Jennifer Dixon, RayAnn Armony, Dana Halverson, Gina Riley, Jill Eilers, Susan Vistainer

Introduction of attendees.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm. The May minutes were read and approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Pearce

Intel volunteer matching hours grant paid us \$5,180.00. The balance in the checking account is still \$19,540.69 after paying almost all of our expenses for the year. The totals from major fundraising efforts this year include \$15,765.70 from Concessions, \$2,746.87 from Merchandise, and 7,048.00 from Write-A-Check.

Write-A- Check Requests: None

College and Career Center: No report

Concessions: Sarah Pearce

There are extra Pepsi products that we need to get rid of before the summer. Courtney is in the process of handing over the concessions to Sarah O'Donnell and Jennifer Gordon.

Grad Party: No report

Merchandise: Jill Eilers

Sales at the Art Fair went well. We will be renewing our contract with TeamUni for the next school year. We donated 100 t-shirts to Leadership. Some of these t-shirts were used for new students and some were used for Student of the Week.

Staff Appreciation: No report

Volunteer Coordinator: Sonia Niebergall

The big push right now is getting Chromebooks returned. There are many volunteer slots available to help with this huge job.

August 22-23, 2017 will be Apollo Preview Days. We will be going more paperless, so there will be less need for August Angels and prep work.

We are looking for new coordinators for the Wednesday Work Crew and for the Library volunteers.

Old Business: None

Principal's Report:

- The 18th Annual Honor by Listening event for Juniors to hear Veterans' experiences was a great success.
- The Becoming an Apollo and ArtFest was also very successful. The ArtFest keeps growing each year.
- The district Flyover on May 30 for incoming 9th Graders went well. Our program and activities for the day were student led.
- Graduation was June 8 and it went well. The Grad party was great, too. The Class of 2017 donated a new bench for the school.
- Our partnership with Nike continues with NIS –Nike Innovation School. We are starting a "20 by 20" program, pairing 20 teachers with 20 Nikes professionals to help make curriculum more relevant.
- Andrew Heinz, an Intel engineer, continues to teach his Introduction to Engineering class on Tuesday nights. We will have 3 full time engineering teachers now. They are getting plasma printers as our Engineering Department grows.
- There are a number of summer opportunities in various areas – sports, engineering, drama, choir, language, etc -- to help get/keep students involved over the summer.
- Apollo Preview Days will be on Aug. 22-23. In addition to having more of the information available online, there will be an online payment option available.
- We will be going back to hard copy student planners in September.
- Our graduation rate for Hispanic students is up to 81% for the class of 2017. (Counted at the end of summer school.)
- We are completing our first year of IB for All. Even with all the Juniors in IB level history, the D & F grade rate in history went down compared to last year in history classes.
- On early release Wednesdays next school year, all odd or even day classes will be held, but class times will be compressed. Classes will be around 60 minutes each instead of the regular 80 minutes. Sports or other extra-curricular activities will not begin until 3:00pm. Students will be able to go to study halls or possibly do recreational sports teams/clubs through THPRD. We are looking into options to give students worthwhile activities during the time between when school ends and extracurricular activities start.
- The new internal signs should be installed over the summer.

New Business:

A recommendation for new volunteer Parking Passes was suggested. We will look into making hanging mirror tags that are similar to student and teacher tags.

New officers were voted in for the 2017-2018 school year. Jill Eilers will be the new President, Kathy Campbell will be Treasurer, and Gina Riley will be Secretary.

Auditorium Renovation Update: Thanks to the PTO's donation, we have \$20,000 seed money and are working on further fundraising efforts. We are applying for a grant and will do a donor wall outside the auditorium. The goal is to raise \$170k for a new sound system and enlarged sound booth and dressing rooms, costume room and shop space improvements. The District might be repairing some of the seats in the auditorium this summer. (23% of seats are broken.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.
Minutes submitted by Christy Bangerter

June 21, 2017 Addendum:

The 2018 Grad Party committee will have Debbi Nadell as the Grad Party Chairperson and Dawne Eddens will be the Grad Party Treasurer. These committee members were voted in at the 2018 Grad Party planning meeting held on May 24, 2017.