

**SHS PTO Minutes  
October 10, 2016**

**Attendees:** Elisa Bennett, Sarah Pearce, Tamara Kawasaki, Dana Halvorsen, Jennifer Boverman, Peng Ge, RayAnn Armony, Beth Gilstrap, Jill Eilers, John Huelskamp

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm. The September minutes were read and approved with no changes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sarah

With all the ins and outs over the month of September, we are still holding steady with where we were last year. Merchandise doesn't look as good, but it's early and will even out.

**College and Career Center:**

Some people are volunteering already. Names of juniors that we will be working with are ready so mentor letters will be going out soon. They are sending out college visit information on Canvas.

**Concessions:**

Football concessions aren't as profitable as last year but other concessions stands are doing well. Five students who requested money from PTO volunteered at football games and had a blast. They did great! They had so much fun and told their friends.

**Grad Party:**

Meeting tomorrow night. Things are moving along.

**Merchandise:**

The weather during Homecoming was miserable and so not good for sales. YTD expenses about the same but revenue is off by \$4K. The boundary changes hurting us – freshman families aren't investing in merchandise. We made an investment in knickknack type product but they aren't selling yet so we are going to offer specials. But some products, like hoodies, are selling quickly and we have had to reorder. They are planning to spruce up the merchandise cabinet. We had \$1,000 less than last year for homecoming sales, probably due to the terrible weather.

**Staff Appreciation:**

Coming up next week on Oct 21. Everything is signed up for except we still need hardboiled eggs.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Nothing to report

**Student Requests:**

We have two requests from clubs and one from an Eagle Scout. Both groups are more than happy to volunteer in concession hours.

- 1) I Am That Girl: a new club, empowering girls and helping girls become more confident. They need \$700-\$1000 to hire guest speakers. Discussed that we need to decide how we “pay” for concessions work? Last time we did \$50 per shift per person. We will offer the 5 person \$250 deal to I Am That Girl.
- 2) Leadership: requesting money for Random Acts of Kindness speaker, Keith Hawkins, to speak during RAK week. His fee is \$2200. We agreed to give them \$1000 now with a commitment from them to work 20 shifts of concession time before Winter Break. We would like those 20 shifts to be during next two football games.
- 3) Eagle Scout, Colton Morgan, is building a path along the third base dugout, where the grass gets muddy and wet. He needs money to purchase pavers, no specific dollar amount requested. There are five Eagle Scout Projects going on at Sunset right now. We agreed to give \$125.

**Principal’s Report:** Principal has charged our Counseling department to find additional ways to support our student body. We are piloting a mindfulness class for students. It will be run during 8<sup>th</sup> period. It has a 25 student limit, and we are trying to figure out how to populate it.

Helping to support our parents – We are looking into hosting a screening of the film *Screenagers*, a documentary on how tech time impacts kids’ development. Several staff members will be screening the full film. We are hoping to set up an event and fill the auditorium, maybe followed by debriefing in classrooms. They would look to PTO for event support: food, picking best date, etc.

FAFSA changed their dates. Oct 1 marks beginning of FAFSA window.

Homecoming dance was big success. We breathalyze every student every dance. This encourages them to make good choices before the dance. Prior to this we had 2-3 issues per dance. Since we instituted this policy we have had no issues.

BTSN – good turnout. Overall tone and energy was positive. Good teacher and parent feedback.

Coming up is board meeting for boundary change. The Superintendent released his recommendations. Sunset’s student population would be 2,150. We are over 2,300 now. The five comprehensive principals are working together on implementation. We will bus students to their new school one day in the spring. We are trying to make the transitions together and equal. They are also reinventing 8<sup>th</sup> grade fly-up with the new feeder system. The district is coming up with funding for transportation.

IB expansion continues to be positive. 2700 seats in IB. Keeping a close eye on IB History SL.

Jersey Mike's Grand Opening is Oct 12-21: Every time someone uses the coupon they will give \$3 to Sunset. The plan is to give out the flyer during AT on Wednesday and make an announcement. We will also do an email blast to parents.

New Business: Beth Gilstrap is doing our SHS PTO Facebook. If there is anything you want on the Facebook page, please let Beth know.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.  
Minutes submitted by Tamara Kawasaki