

## **SHS PTO Minutes September 19, 2016**

**Attendees:** Elisa Bennett, Christy Bangerter, Sarah Pearce, Kathy Campbell, Lisa Hosen RayAnn Armory, Jody Hartley, Shari Byrnes, Mick Byrnes, Beth Gilstrap, Sara O'Donnell, Jennifer Boverman, Sonia Niebergall, Tamara Kawasaki, Sakineh Iliaifar, Lori Duffens, Dana Halvorsen, Susan Visintainer, John Huelskamp.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm. The June minutes were read and approved with corrections.

Danica Jensen Weiner, BSD AVID specialist, presented information about the district's AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) program and invited everyone to consider volunteering in this beneficial program that increases student achievement.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sarah

The proposed 2016-2017 PTO Budget was approved. Budget reporting will be done on Excel and be much more transparent. The Write-A-Check balance is \$2100.80. Elisa and Sarah will work on improving communication of how to get matching donations from employers for Back to School Night.

**College and Career Center:**

The information meeting was held last Tuesday, Sept. 13 and the training will be on Thursday, Sept. 22.

**Concessions:** Sarah

Concession is still our biggest source of income and we really need volunteers to run the concession stands. This Friday night's game is also Future Apollo Night so it will be busy! We will continue to discuss how clubs can volunteer at concessions stands to fundraise for their clubs and we can get better coverage on events.

**Grad Party:** Sakineh

The Grad party is coming along. 219 tickets have been sold. There will be a 50/50 raffle at the next three football games as well as a raffle basket. They are trying to get more parents involved in helping with grad party fundraising.

**Merchandise:** RayAnn

Merchandise has been sold during lunches before home varsity games and they have had good volunteer coverage. They are gearing up for Future Apollo Night.

**Staff Appreciation:** Susan

Events are planned that are similar to last year: a breakfast in October, cookies in December, a "souper" Bowl lunch in February and a Cinco de Mayo food in May.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Sonia

Volunteer Orientation will be held on Friday, Sept. 23 at 9:00. We need more volunteers for the concessions stands!

**Volunteer Fair:** Elisa

The Volunteer Fair will be held on Sept. 28 at 1:30 the Commons. The Club Fair will be in the gym. The PTO will be providing popcorn to students after they have visited a club booth and a volunteer booth.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Huelskamp

There are 2,315 students enrolled this year, plus the Special Ed students, bringing us very close to the 2,400 level. The three team rooms will be done by the end of October and one will be used as a teaching space during the day. There are 15 new teachers. The class of 2020, aka the Visionaries, has 615 students.

The majority of students are using the new Chromebooks and it is going mostly well. The glitches we are dealing with are the bandwidth capacity at school needs to be increased and the pre-loaded filters have a tendency to slow down the Chromebooks. Teachers are using the Chromebooks as the tools they were intended to be for their classes.

Canvas, a learning management system, has been implemented by a majority of teachers and is going well. We still have to use Synergy (ParentVue and StudentVue) for grading. Efforts are underway to get parents' access to Canvas.

AVID and IB programs continue to grow. This is the first year that every junior will have either SL or HL IB History.

Sunset had the highest average ACT scores in the district, including 4 perfect scores. The graduation rate for Latino students has increased to 76% and the graduation rate for students on free or reduced lunch increased to 80%. We still have work to do.

Future Apollo Night is Friday and elementary and middle schools that feed into SHS are invited. It is also toga night for students. It is a great community builder.

We are in the second year of the \$300,000 CTE grant that is improving technology and engineering education programs at SHS.

The Jersey Mike's grand opening promotion has SHS as the beneficiary.

The Class of 1966 alumni visited SHS and are looking for a way to give back to the school.

Thirty volunteers from Texas and the Remedy Church painted many classrooms and the upper gym over the summer, contributing over 200 volunteer hours.

There are a number of Eagle Scout projects that are taking place to improve the school.

The PTO donation for improved school signage is moving along. There have been bids from three companies. The process and project will take several months to complete correctly.

**New Business:**

There was a request by the Freestyle Dance Club for help with purchasing speakers for their music. A \$225 donation was approved with the stipulation that they have 5 volunteers help at the concession stand at Friday night's game. We will continue to explore a way to make donation requests fair, generous and meet our concession stand staffing needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm  
Minutes submitted by Christy Bangerter