

SHS PTO Minutes
Feb. 13, 2016

Attendees: Elisa Bennett, Sarah Pearce, John Huelskamp, Christy Bangerter, Dana Halvorsen, Sonia Niebergall, Jennifer Dixon, Jill Eilers, Beth Gilstrap, Tamara Kawasaki

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. The January minutes were read and approved as written. Later in the meeting, we corrected the minutes to clarify “shifts” not “games” for concession volunteers.

Treasurer’s Report: Sarah Pearce

See treasure’s report. Concessions is still doing well. A Benevity (employee matching grants) donation came in for \$1,473. Write a check funds have been spent for this year so all further money requests will come from the discretionary fund.

Write-A- Check Requests:

- The Emotional Growth Center requested a pizza maker for \$33.27. \$50 was approved for the pizza maker and supplies.
- The Key Club Requested \$500 to help with travel expenses to their district conference. \$250 was approved with the opportunity to work 5 shifts in the concession stands.

College and Career Center:

Mock interviews for Juniors will be held this week.

Concessions:

Preparations are being made for Track & Field and Lacrosse concessions that are coming up. It would be helpful to get some signs to direct people towards the concessions. Arrangements were made to get the signs made.

Grad Party: No report

Merchandise: Jill Eilers

We are preparing for sales at Curriculum Night by lower commons.

Staff Appreciation:

“Souper” Bowl was very successful and greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Coordinator: Sonia Niebergall

We are looking for replacements for many of next year’s board members.

Principal’s Report:

The district did a good job getting the snow days replaced and the plan for making up missed days communicated to the community. All finals days were made into full days and staff development days will be teaching days now.

We have 5 hot spots that students can check out from the library if they don’t have internet coverage at home.

Women's Basketball Cram the Stands had a great turn out. Men's Basketball Cram the Stands will be this Friday, Feb. 17. Nike is donating all the shirts that are being sold to raise money for Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

Our partnership with Nike is helping to define how we would like Sunset to be perceived by students, faculty and the community. Students will be working with Nike's video production department to help create some videos aimed at empowering students and having them help empower others.

Curriculum Night is coming up on Feb. 22. It will include current Westview 9th graders and parents that will be attending Sunset next year as 10th graders due to boundary changes. Additionally, the 8th graders and parents from other feeder schools and current students should attend. A curriculum fair will be held on Friday, Feb. 17 during 8th period so current students can find out more about elective options and departments.

The District will finally allow SHS to give parents access to their students' Canvas accounts. It will be rolled out by teachers/classes and is not school wide yet.

SHS Service Day is Saturday, April 29. Project planning is under way, including a Media Center renovation with a laminate flooring.

The water fountain that was donated by the Class of 2016 will be installed over spring break.

As part of our on-going signage improvement project, some temporary signage is up to starting to get feedback. The project is well underway.

New Business:

Collette Cassinelli gave a Library Enhancement Presentation, sharing about their vision to create a culture of reading at Sunset. Classroom libraries have been increased to about 200 fiction books that students have ready access to. We would like to transform the library to a learning commons where students can work, collaborate, do projects, art, and read, etc. We will be looking for people to be on a library advisory committee, with skills such as design, community outreach, long-range planning, and fundraising. We would like to get more multicultural books and books in different languages. #Sunsetreads. We will discuss further PTO support, perhaps a yearly donation to the media center, at a future meeting.

Please let Beth Gilstrap know if you have something to post on the SHS PTO Facebook page.

The 2018 Grad party committee will be starting to meet this spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.
Minutes submitted by Christy Bangerter

