

SHS PTO Minutes
May 8, 2017

Attendees: Elisa Bennett, Sarah Pearce, John Huelskamp, Lynne Mutrie, Kathy Campbell, Jennifer Boverman, Sonia Niebergall, Jill Eilers, Gina Riley, Michelle McHugh, Amy Lin, Tamara Kawasaki, Christy Bangerter

Introduction of new attendees.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm. The April minutes were read and approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Pearce

- See treasurer's spreadsheet report.
- Some things to take into consideration for next year's budget: \$2500 is a more realistic goal for merchandise earnings; we no longer use Help Counter so it should be removed; and we should reduce volunteer appreciation budget.

Write-A- Check Requests:

- Speech and Debate Club: Requested funds to help with travel to a national competition. After further consideration, it was declined since the school is not officially sponsoring the trip.
- James Farmer, the Drama Department and interested parents are starting the SHS Auditorium Renovation Fund. *See attached proposal sheet. They have come up with a prioritized "wish list" including a new sound system and sound booth. Proceeds from Mary Poppins (\$10,000) is being set aside to start the fundraising efforts. They are looking into getting grants, district funding and other funding.

It was proposed to donate \$10,000 for the Auditorium Renovation Fund. \$10,000 was approved.

College and Career Center: Michelle McHugh

Things are wrapping up in the CCC for the year. Mentors are writing Apollo-grams for Seniors. Junior should be having their 3rd visit with their mentors in coming weeks.

Concessions: Sarah Pearce

Spring concessions went well. There are only a few events left. Boy's Lacrosse brought in \$744, Girl's Lacrosse brought in \$155, Softball brought in \$521, and Track brought in \$1998.

Grad Party:

Things are going well. It is coming up!

Merchandise: No report

Staff Appreciation:

The Cinco de Mayo lunch last Friday was greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Coordinator: Sonia Niebergall

The board positions for 2017-2019 are mostly filled. The volunteer appreciation event went well last week.

Old Business: None**Principal's Report:**

- The 6th Annual Service Day was very successful. There were about 300 people that came to help, 200 of which were students. Sixteen classrooms were painted in G and H halls, 12 picnic tables were stained and fixed up. School grounds were spruced up. Many different groups participated in the projects.
- We will be adding Calc 253 and Linear Algebra through PSU next year.
- May 25 is the "Becoming an Apollo Event & Art Fair". Ninth graders transferring from Westview are invited to attend with their families. We will welcome new families and celebrate some unique things in our community.
- There are 2212 students projected to attend SHS next year.
- IB testing is in full swing. The new IB coordinator for next year will be Jill Boeschstein.
- Graduation is Thursday, June 8.
- During finals week, there will be full days of school to make up for some of the snow days.
- The Screenagers documentary viewing went well and was well attended. It should be the start of conversations about appropriate screen time. We will work on a new cell phone policy for next year.

New Business:

Lynne Mutrie, from BSD Safe Routes to School, came to discuss the pedestrian crossing mid-block on Cornell. We are working with the county to look at options for installing blinking pedestrian activated lights at that crosswalk to improve the safety of this heavily used cross walk.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.
Minutes submitted by Christy Bangerter

SHS AUDITORIUM RENOVATION FUND

BACKGROUND

•WHAT

•The Friends of Sunset Theater (FST) parent group is working to raise funds to renovate the auditorium facility and equipment.

•WHY

•The auditorium is showing its age and is long overdue for equipment upgrades and other repairs to fix safety issues, address code violations and bring the quality of the facility closer to the level of other high schools in the district.

•WHO

- All students would benefit from an updated auditorium. Many classes, performances, meetings and events are held in this space.
- Other schools also use Sunset's auditorium for their concerts and graduations
- The District also holds meetings and presentations for events such as College Planning Nights in the auditorium.

PROJECTS

•Sound System Upgrade

•The top priority for Sunset's auditorium is an upgrade of the sound system, including a new sound board, new speakers, wireless microphones and other equipment.

•Sound Booth Expansion

•The current sound booth is too small to house the current sound and lighting equipment and is an inadequate amount of space to teach all of the students who are interested in learning how to run the equipment so they can participate in performances.

•Other Projects

- Additional auditorium renovation projects such as replacement of the stage floor and upgrading the HVAC system are necessary to bring the quality of Sunset's main performing arts venue to the next level.
- Other desired theater program projects include remodeling of dressing rooms, creating a shop space to build sets, repairing/replacing some of the seats and remodeling the costume and props storage area

FUNDRAISING STRATEGY

•The SHS Theater department is committing \$10K from the proceeds of the spring musical to start an auditorium renovation fund.

•The FST is preparing a grant application for funds from the Reser Family Foundation – as much as \$50K could be awarded. The first stage of the grant process ends in September and the second stage ends in December, when awards are made.

•Fundraising campaigns and key donors will be pursued to try to raise additional funds starting next Fall.

•District Bond Funds

•The Beaverton School District's 2014 Bond provided funds to upgrade the auditorium lighting, wiring and stage grid in 2015 at a cost of \$797,213. The District is prioritizing safety and code issues for a possible second phase of funding, which is expected to occur during the summer of 2018 or later.

SHS PTO Write a Check program funds in any amount would be a welcome contribution to further kick-start the Auditorium Renovation Fund