

November 14, 2017  
PTSO Board Meeting

Attendees: Nannette Henderson, Janice Myers, Robin Myers, Barb Cammarata, Tracy Frye, Denise Krein, Maureen Cone, Dr. Ragone, Carla Olivo, Julie Hopkins, Becky Chavez, Luisa Powe, Suhana Rai, Valmik Rai, Anu Patel

Call to order- PTSO President Nannette Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

President's Report

Ratification of Prior Board Actions

A motion was approved to accept the following actions previously taken by the Board.

1) Approval of various school funding requests:

Title of proposal	Staff name	Requested	Approved
Shakespeare performance	Rumberger	\$800.00	\$360.00
APWorld Breakfast	Landrum	\$150.00	\$0.00
books	Wischum	\$200.00	\$200.00
books for Literacy (LAB)	Miller	\$200.00	\$200.00
geography	Chipurt	\$135.00	\$100.00
Drivers Ed day	Saale	\$200.00	\$200.00
High interest books	Floto	\$200.00	\$200.00
Historical fiction	Summers	\$200.00	\$200.00
BSU	Hicks-Johnson	\$200.00	\$200.00
Forensics	Romney	\$200.00	\$0.00
Dance team	Alexander	\$200.00	\$200.00
Partners Club	Katzberg	\$200.00	\$200.00
Social Club	Frost	\$200.00	\$200.00
Student Council	Wrubluski	\$200.00	\$200.00
Tech Social Skills Club	Katzberg	\$200.00	\$200.00
DECA	Scott	\$200.00	\$200.00
Black History month show	Hicks-Johnson	\$200.00	\$200.00
NCTE Conference	Romney	\$200.00	\$200.00
NCTM conference	Gero	\$405.00	\$200.00
Lights Cameras Action	Cameron	\$1,349.95	\$1,349.95
Laser engraving	Ebrahim	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Gardening club	Byrum	\$200.00	\$200.00
		\$11,039.95	\$10,009.95

2) Appointment of the following committee chairs.

- ANGP: Maureen Cone
- ANGP: Katie Buchholz
- Baccalaureate: Becky Chaves
- Baccalaureate: Deb Arquette
- Student Council Rep: Valmik Rai

Other

There will be a parent coffee on the morning of December 5; we have been experiencing good attendance and participation at the coffees so far this year.

Treasurer's Report (Julie Hopkins)- The Treasurer's report has been online and was reviewed and approved.

ANGP funds are coming in and White House ornaments are selling well. Outgoing funds for ANGP have yet to be spent.

Principal's Report (Dr. Ragone)- needs nominee for Teacher of the Year, deadline has been pushed back to late Dec. or early Jan. Director of Student Services, Carol Henry, is retiring. Veterans Day went well and hope to become bigger event with more students involved. Academic Awards ceremony went well. Dividing the alphabet helped the event run more efficiently. Mike Pflugrath is heading up a vertical integration model with the middle school for high academic performers and their transition to high school. After hearing from parents at a recent coffee, Dr. Ragone is continuing to follow up with other schools regarding JROTC, but no update at this time. Feedback for the current school website is appreciated. Then feedback should be collected at the school level and brought to the executive level. The "About" tab seems to contain all important and most requested information. Principal wants to continue a meaningful and direct communication with school population. He will follow up by looking at SCMS Mustang Round Up and what other principals might be doing. News You Choose is most helpful if you target the information you want to receive otherwise it can be overwhelming (parents choose to opt in to various components of News You Choose).

Academic Boosters (Suhana Rai)- The effort of making sure students and parents know who sponsors of groups are and how they can be reached is a high priority right now. Membership numbers are very good for the Debate and Forensics team that just began meeting this month. The Science Fair will be Feb. 2. Science Honor Society provides snacks. PTO to provide hospitality/serve lunch to the participants that day.

Amazon (Anu Patel)- Anu has been researching what Amazon will allow us to advertise through our affiliate arrangements. We can put special links on Twitter and Facebook and on our website. On our website now there is a button to link directly to Amazon so we can get the affiliate fees. Amazon Smile is different from this affiliate arrangement; we get much less money from Amazon Smile.

ANGP Committee (Maureen Cone)- Some critical spaces remain empty for ANGP. Looking for new people to step up and fill in wherever they are needed. Also, hoping future ANGP meetings will be better attended.

Class Liaisons/Directory (Nannette Henderson)-- We recently received the directory information from the school and the directory will be released in about a week. We will upload this information to Remind for the class liaisons to be able to use for communication.

Community Outreach (Nannette Henderson)—There was a discussion about the possibility of coordinating an effort with the school social worker to collect gift cards for needy South County families. The consensus was that it was worth doing. Dr. Ragone noted that Meryl Cox had

expressed an interest in starting a food pantry at the school; Deb Dudley should reach out to her and discuss.

Craft Fair (Carla Olivo)- Entries will be closed on 11/20/2017. 150 vendors have been confirmed. Road signs still need to go out this week and the following. Volunteers are needed to distribute flyers this weekend at other local fairs. A lead concessions volunteer is needed for the morning and afternoon shifts. A large discrepancy between the number of flyers passed last year (15,000) out to promote the Craft Fair and what has gone out this year (3000).

Giant Receipts (Julie Hopkins)- need to promote and increase the usage of this as it is free money and the school benefits.

Honor Roll (Janice Myers)- In the past, the PTSO has been doing quarterly honor roll celebrations by distributing donuts during lunch shifts. This quarter will be a celebration with cookies delivered to the students in the lunch line by cafeteria workers. Very high numbers of students making the honor roll has precipitated this change.

Membership (Julie Hopkins)-- As of today there are

- 201 family memberships
- 84 Adult memberships
- 28 Student memberships
- 68 Staff memberships

The total number of members is 860. There was a discussion regarding the large number of people we all know who still have not become members and doing a membership drive over the next few months to increase the numbers.

Military Connections (Nannette Henderson)-- Deb Arquette has worked very hard to make the military events a success and 75 attendees were at the flag raising on Veterans Day which was a first-time event.

Website/Social Media (Nannette Henderson)-- The webmaster of our PTSO website wants the attendees to use the website and provide any feedback for changes and improvements. There was a brief discussion on how to increase Facebook and Twitter followers.

Scholarships (Rob Myers)-- Advertisements for the PTSO scholarships will circulate soon; five people are needed to serve on the review committee.

Announcements- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting.

The motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm.