

PTSO General Membership Meeting

December 7, 2015

Attendance:

Julie Gorski	Nannette Henderson
Kidada Bivins	Katie Buchholz
Janice Myers	Angela Benson
Elena Jordon	Sandy Woods
Priti Patel	Tracy Frye
Sarah Lei	Liz Mullany
Jin-Feng Wang	Mr. Ragone
Shirley Norman-Taylor	Luisa Carrein Lowe

Farhat Ahmad

President's points of discussion-

- President Janice Myers called the meeting to order at 7:05.
- At 1/7 meeting PTSO will be at half way mark for their year; want to create a smooth transition for any changes in board.
- 2,186= SOCO enrolled students ; 763=1st quarter honor roll students; 1/3 of the student population made honor roll.
- Mrs. Myers wanted to thank everyone that has made the PTSO a priority and volunteered their time to make what we do a success during these last few months.
- Dec. 18th = 1 year anniversary of Principal Ragone.
- Motion to approve Nov. minutes made by Janice Myers.
- Elena 2nd the motion, minutes were approved.
- More details to come about Stress Less Week scheduled for April 25-29.

Julie Gorski, 1st VP-

- SAT or ACT Prep to occur Jan. 1; link on the PTSO website.
- Baccalaureate date determined as June 16, 2016. Jennifer McDonald to chair this event.
- PTSO Scholarship Application must be in by Jan. 31st. Student or parent must be a member to qualify.

Chrissy Park, 2nd VP-

- Giant A+ reward 330 families/members.
- Amazon \$428 earned in Aug but Nov was a big month. Exact numbers to follow.
- Zero Day- author offered to match money earned on Amazon when her book is purchased.
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Liz Mullany, Secretary-

- 25 nominations made for Teacher of the Year Award.
- 22 different teachers were nominated as a small number was duplicated.
- Winner to be announced Friday, Dec. 11.

Kidada Bivins, Treasurer-

- Reviewed previous months treasurer report.
- Final numbers from craft fair the previous weekend were not final.
- 486 combined adult and student members of the PTSO; 128 staff members.

Elena Jordan, ANGP-

- 114 ANGP tickets sold to date.

- Emma Nerad, senior, awarded \$100 Amazon gift card for early ticket purchase.
- Everyone from 1st day of sales until now has received 20 extra raffle tickets for ANGP; which will be huge reward the night of the party.
- Next ANGP meeting will be Dec. 9th.
- A few White House ornaments are still available for purchase.

Academic Boosters Report, given by Janice Myers for Suhana Rai-

- 12/5 Team competed in Latin Competition.
- NHS induction letters go out 1/14.
- More details to come about Stress Less Week in April 25-29.

Mr. Ragone, Principal Report-

- A big thank you for a well run honor roll celebration.
- Craft fair did extremely well; compliments about student volunteers and overall organization.
- At-A-Glance- school plan was presented and represents a small sample of a few SOCO goals.
- Based on analysis of last year provided detailed outline of next steps, goals and strategies to achieve.
- Smarter goals should always be measurable and admin continually working to meet with teachers; hold them accountable/assessment of collaborative teams. Assistant Principals are doing assessments.
- SOCO just starting a restorative justice training. A new/better way to mediate and handle discipline. Both sides agree to meet and work through things.
- Executive Functioning- in one Algebra II strategies class beginning now and eventually rolling out to more of the population.
- Depression screening was effective, lots of education on mental health between presentation and survey results.

- SRO- Officer Petrovich will be the new SOCO assigned officer. Seems to be a good fit for officer and school.

Sarah Lei, Class of 2018 Rep-

- Upcoming event- April 18 from 5-8 pm Sweet Desserts.
- Cookies with Santa was a success; over 200 kids participated.
- Dec 14-18 will be spirit week leading into break.
- Trying to organize movie night to potentially be held in the Spring.
- Pursuing a dance in the bubble to include student DJ, “less formal” attire and lots of fun. More details will go out in a KIT when determined.

Suggestions/Questions From the Parents-

- For seniors/transcript coordinator the application are online and more schools want them electronically.
- Can these be sent electronically?
- Future plans to invite Cheryl Taranto to meeting/coffee to answer these questions.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.