

**PTSO General Membership Meeting**  
**September 13, 2017**

In attendance: A quorum was present. Deb Arquette, Katie Buchholz, Barbara Cammarata, Becky Chavez, Rajae Chbihi-Wahoudi, Susan Cotrell, Chris Eppard, Tracy Frye, Julie Gorski, Nannette Henderson, Earl Higgins, Lita Higgins, Julie Hopkins, Jason Knowles, Charlene Lane, Thomas Lane, Janice Myers, Mohammed Noori, Shahia Noori, Carla Olivo, Priti Patel, Bryan Phillips, Jennifer Phillips, Keegan Phillips, Miguel Quintero, Suhana Rai, Rayna Rodriguez, Alisa Romero, Samson Hebron, Georessica Saul, Terry Saul, Tyler Saul, Seena Tucker-Williams, Devon Williams, Harold Williams, Kidada Bivins, Min-Jung Kim, Jonghyuk Lee, Min Jae Lee, Elizabeth Miller, Dr. Matt Ragone, Officer Cary Petrovich, Caroline Bruni, Mike Bruni, Riley McConnell, Sejal Patel, Bharathi Shekar, Elisha Singleton, Shellie McKinney

Call to Order- PTSO President Nannette Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Charlene Lane made a motion to approve the last general meeting minutes from May 2017. The minutes were approved.

Presidents Report (Nannette Henderson)- The PTSO is trying to use social media/central communication spots to make announcements. Attempting to not generate so many emails and clog your inbox. Follow the PTSO on Twitter and Facebook. We can still always use volunteers and help throughout the year. Areas of need include: ANGP, Craft Fair, Honor Roll Recognition and PTSO Bulletin Board Prep. Leadership Volunteer Positions still needed include: Membership Directory, Special Education Liaison, Golf Tournament and Volunteer Coordinator.

Treasurer's Report (Julie Hopkins)- Summer audit of previous year was executed with only minor procedural findings.

Carla Olivo made a motion to approve the budget. The budget was approved.

Committee Reports:

Carla Olivo (Craft Fair)- this major fundraiser will be held 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December. Over 2,000 people attended the fair last year and hope to advertiser so we can break that benchmark this year. 91 vendors are committed to date. Many volunteers are needed to promote and execute the event.

Priti Patel (Membership)- We have 789 members as of now. You can still sign up on the PTSO website.

Deb Arquette (Military Connections)- A meet and greet was held in the library to kick off the school year. The USO hosted a tailgate when SOCO hosted Westfield. 60 families are currently members of this group. Students will host some sort of Veterans Day event led by Mrs. Pyreck.

Suhana Rai (Academic Booster)- The Science Olympiad team was named Rookie Team of the Year last year. October 5<sup>th</sup> will be Club Day which has proven successful in the past. Students represent and promote their clubs during each lunch. Speech and Debate teams under VHSL has been approved and will be led by Ms. Woodson and Mr. Summers. Science Fair this year will be February 1<sup>st</sup> and the group will be providing and serving lunch to the participants.

SAT/ACT Bootcamp (Alyssa Romero)- These clinics (bootcamps and practice exams) typically earn over \$5,000 for the PTSO and we are projected to do this again this year.

Student Council (Tina Wrubluski)- Council was created last year and used as a platform to assist all students to have a voice at SOCO. 31 students participate and are leaders for the school representing every background. They have created a purpose statement. The group is also beginning several projects with a Stallion Pride PRIDE theme.

Teacher of the Year (Sage Patel)- Encouraged both parents and students to go on to the PTSO website to nominate a teacher. The deadline for this is October 27<sup>th</sup>. All teachers, even new teachers, are eligible to be nominated; there is a separate award for new teachers.

Principal's Report (Dr. Ragone)- Thanked everyone for a wonderful back to school breakfast. Teachers are back to the routine and things seem to be running smoothly. He intends to put an emphasis on creating positive relationships, fostering a lifelong love for learning and the importance of attendance during this school year. Attendance is actually a national movement for the school system. Your student's attendance is listed on the report card at the end of each quarter. Research states that chronically absent and truant students are at an all time high throughout the country. Military families will continue to be made a priority as they are welcomed to SOCO. Initiatives for this year will be attendance and communication as he is committed to issue a weekly principal's message as the school's webpage is being updated. The Senior Experience is being revisited as an alternative to days spent at school after SOLs and finals are completed for seniors in good academic standing. If this were to be pursued it would be a chance to gain some work experience/ intern and would be led by Dr. Ward and Danny Southard. The first 9<sup>th</sup> grade coffee of the year went well. All change of address requests should go through the registrar. SOCO has

been recognized three years in a row for its academics. AP enrollment and SOL scores are very good. Some IB schools are adding AP courses as options to their students.

New Business- Amendment to the Bylaws (Nannette Henderson)- She provided an explanation of the bylaw amendments. They have been listed on the website all summer. Julie Gorski made a motion to approve the bylaw. The motion was approved.

Announcements- The next parent coffee will be Oct 11. The next general membership meeting will be in February. An academy program representative will be in attendance to speak. PTSO board member meetings will be held monthly.

Suhana Rai made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned. Attendees were encouraged to stay and participate in a discussion with Officer Cary Petrovich, our School Resource Officer.