

January 9, 2018
PTSO Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees: Nannette Henderson, Janice Myers, Julie Hopkins, Denise Krein, Tracy Frye, Dr. Ragone, Luisa Powe, Becky Chavez, Carla Olivo, Alissa Romero, Katie Bucholz, Debra Arquette, Anu Patel, Lita Higgins

Call to order- PTSO President Nannette Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. A quorum was in attendance.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting.

A motion was made and passed to ratify the following actions of the Board taken since November 15, 2017.

Title of proposal	Staff name	Requested	Approved
Dirver's ed	Miller	\$200.00	\$200.00
Puntoycoma Spanish mag	Beckmann	\$259.00	\$259.00

President's Report- (Nannette Henderson)- A license has been purchased to screen the film "The Race To Nowhere" at the May membership meeting. There was discussion about showing the follow up film "Beyond Measure" at some point in the future. The Golf Tournament, still needs a coordinator from the PTSO. A renewed effort will be made to get a few clubs working with the Mosaic group. If anyone knows anyone that would like to lead this group please let us know.

Treasurers Report- (Julie Hopkins) All deposits and payments have been made to date. The craft fair is the largest item on the budget and seems to be producing \$3,000 less this year than budgeted. The overall budget is set up to spend \$9,600 more than what we will take in; there is no reason at this point that we will not make the budget. SAT Bootcamp (Catalyst vs Kaplan) was a point of discussion for which one may be the bigger money maker for the school and if there would be another practice test given in the Spring is TBD.

Principals Report (Dr. Ragone)- Discipline reports are found on the county school profile under the safety and wellness tab. Before the break there were some issues from home spilling over into school. This seems to be quiet since school has resumed after the break. Nine infractions are posted for SOCO to date ranging from fighting, assault and battery, alcohol, marijuana or pills. This system is only updated once per year. These results are also reported to Federal Authorities. This is a means to compare our school to others in our area. We have more than

Lake Braddock and Robinson but less than South Lakes and Herndon. There tends to be a spike in the data when authority at the school is new. County wide and at the school level infractions are monitored from many perspectives: Special Ed, meaning was the infraction a manifestation of the individual's disability and which AP is assigning more detention. Dr. Ragone is looking for small group feedback to know what the "temperature" of the building is and how rumors can stop being spread. A number of parents present discussed and agreed that vaping is an issue at SOCO. Curriculum Night will be by Jan. 10, 2018 for rising 9th graders. The Senior Experience is a reality with the application process and deadlines being made official and Danny Southard as the lead. Students are to find their own internships this year. Hoping the program will grow and become a lasting and meaningful part of senior year. Social Media is the focus of a national initiative that will be implemented by 2019 for K-12th grade. AP tests are changing so that if you take more than six you have to pay for the ones following. If you do not want to pay for it you will not be required to take it. You will now get the extra 1.0 in academic credit for just for taking the class.

ANGP (Katie Bucholz)- Upcoming meeting is to be held January 23rd. There are still committee openings. Julie Gorski is working on duplicating last year's. Sign Up Genius for distribution so it will be ready to go. Numbers for attendees are on track or a bit higher than this time last year.

Baccalaureate (Becky Chavez)- The event will be held June 7th at St. Bernadette's. The venue change was in large due to the capacity of New Hope Church and the size of this year's senior class. There will be no limit on attendance in the new venue. The Pastor of New Hope will be invited to speak at this year's ceremony.

Directory (Nannette Henderson)- This is now a user-friendly app. Only twenty families opted out of being included in the listings. Class liaisons should be sending out messages reminding people to log on.

Community Outreach (Nannette Henderson)- The holiday gift card initiative was unsuccessful. Perhaps another means of communication would help future efforts. A reminder for people to look out for the KIT that goes out on Saturdays at 6:30 is recommended.

Craft Fair (Carla Olivo)- Attendance was down by 30% which is thought to be a result of less marketing. Vendors report they did well so those that came out were shopping. For next year it is hoped that school groups such as band, athletic boosters etc. will play a more active role in supporting the event from beginning to end. Set up on Friday was reported as difficult. There were a number of activities in the school which made the limited timetable even more challenging.

Honor Roll (Janice Myers)- We are doing cookies in the cafeteria as recognition and we have not seen a bill.

Membership (Nannette Henderson for Priti Patel) There is not a significant change since the last meeting. We should do one more final push by mid-February.

Military Connections (Deb Arquette)- Kids have done coloring pages at the previous events which have been sent off to the troops. We have heard back from the Battalion Chief and they want to start doing a possible pen pal scenario. Kids are needed to remove wreaths since the Stallion group went to distribute them.

SAT/ACT Bootcamp (Alissa Romero)- 55 SAT practice exam attendees, 18 ACT attendees to date and we are expecting another check for ~\$2,100.

Scholarship (Janice for Robin Myers)- He will need people to help him with the application review policy.

Social Media- No Report

Teacher of the Year (Nannette for Sage Patel)- MC Moshos, the Latin Teacher has been named SOCO TOY. Her name has also been submitted to the Region. The school will celebrate closer to those results being announced.

Webmaster (Christina McCloskey)- No Report

Academic Boosters (Nannette for Suhana Rai)- Science Fair will be Feb. 2. People are needed to serve food and provide water during the event.

Student Council (Nannette for Valmik Rai)- Homerooms are discussing what each brick in school mural will be when they next meet. The wall should be started soon.

New Business (Nannette Henderson)- A request for Sponsorship has come to the PTSO from two students wanting to do community service for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The difficulty to their request is the handling of any funds raised on behalf of the charity as the PTSO cannot filter those funds through their bank accounts for them. Dr. Ragone is going to meet with them again and work to find a solution.

Announcements- (Nannette Henderson) The next general membership meeting will be in February. A speaker will attend to discuss Academy Options in Fairfax County.

The next Committee Meeting will be held in April.

The motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm.