

## SOUTH COUNTY PTSO

Type of Meeting: Board

Meeting Date: January 14, 2019

Meeting Location: Nannette's home (due to school snow closure)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Nannette Henderson. A quorum was in attendance.
  - a. Attendance: Nannette Henderson, Suhana Rai, Cassy Gilmore, Gary Morris, Julie Hopkins, Angela Franklin, Rebecca Bythewood, Barbara Cammarata, Carla Olivo, Janice Myers, Patty Klunder and Valmik Rai.

2. Minutes: Review/approval of minutes from November 12, 2018 meeting (Stand as written and approved)

### 3. Officers' Reports

- President's Report (Nannette Henderson)
  - Appointment of Patty Klunder to Recording Secretary (vote was held - Approved)
  - Nominating Committee formation (Need three people on the committee and it needs to be voted in by March)
  - Notice received from Remind (Verizon wants to start charging Remind a large fee for texting, so as of the end of January, text notices will be unavailable for Verizon users—we are hoping this is reversed if Verizon gets enough pressure. We will wait before informing the General Membership of this change in case it is resolved so as to not confuse anyone. Coaches and teachers use it, possibly there is a school plan that the PTSO may use, but people would need to re-sign-up for it. Only a Verizon issue.)
  - Maximizing use of furloughed workers for volunteer projects (Maybe they can do some volunteer work such as look at the Bingo set to ensure we have all the balls with the numbers, mailings, computer program work such as Excel, registration stuff, app for all night grad party, etc. Turn this over to the volunteer coordinator to handle)
- Treasurer's Report (Julie Hopkins)
  - Report as of 12/31/18: The Craft Fair was a success, we still have some outstanding debts/Expenses to be paid about \$500.00, but the Fair brought in a profit, about \$3,000.00 more than expected—not sure because there are still some outstanding expenses and we do not have money from Band Boosters for the silent auction. Membership is low, haven't received any new members in about a month, we are about \$1,000 under. Got a donation from IBM (Janice's husband). Some Clubs haven't requested money yet, but probably will. We have about \$8,000 left to spend if we want the year to come in at breakeven. There was a discussion about how the money could be used by the school; Principal Morris expressed an interest in using it for math sub funding to get the teachers some more planning time. He will check on quantifying the amount with Wendy Alexander. Janice suggested he check with staff to see if there was some technology equipment that could be purchased; a drone was mentioned. Nannette will check back with Principal Morris to finalize so a recommendation to change the budget can be ready for the February membership meeting. We can roll over some of the money to next year, but we have more in reserves than necessary and no identified long term funding goal, so it's better to make this year breakeven.

- Approval of funding for Step Club (vote). Approved for \$200.

#### 4. Committee Reports

- ANGP (All-Night Grad Party)(Nannette Henderson). Still no one has volunteered to run it or run the activities, Nannette is currently overseeing and has reached out to entertainment companies for quotes. We have to have several volunteers step up to overall be in charge the night of the party. A mailing re: ANGP will go out to senior families this month requesting help. Ideally, we would like to get some junior parents (or sophomore/freshman) to take on a few of the positions that are currently open to help with year to year continuity.
- Directory (Nannette Henderson for Kidada Bivens). The school has only provided email addresses to us this year, not street addresses and phone numbers due to a new privacy law. FCPS interpreted the law so that parent cell phone numbers were excluded as well; we have raised the issue with FCPS to try to get cell phone numbers next year. Email went out to get verification from members regarding what is in the directory for their family. The principal will put something out in his weekly letter encouraging people to verify their directory info. Parents can add addresses or phone numbers in the verification process if they want to.
- Science Fair (Suhana Rai). PTO provides about \$500 worth of pizza, bottled water. Friday, FEB 1<sup>st</sup> 3p.m. to 7p.m. Suhana will put together a SignUp Genius.
- Teacher of the Year (Nannette Henderson for Sage Patel). We have 20 applications, not revealing yet who the teacher is. The form is complicated and may make it difficult for parents to nominate a teacher, so maybe we should simplify the form. Need to still select the date for the reception.
- Student Council (Valmik Rai). PRIDE events are being done in the cafeteria.
- Honor Roll (Angela Franklin). 900 Honor Roll kids and 125 won Gift cards. Not all teachers had the announcements on for the kids to hear their name announced. Angela to check and see if all have been picked up.

#### 5. Principal's Report (Gary Morris).

- Working with Middle School to build a connection, relationships with the teachers and counselors.
- Rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade camp this summer at the HS.
- Student patio/deck is going to be built for the Seniors to eat lunch on, about 40 Seniors can use it at one time (off of the cafeteria to the right of the doors when facing them from the outside); this was funded by a donation from the 2018 graduating class and should be completed before the end of the year.
- Recent vandalism issue in the bathrooms is being resolved; involves a group of kids who were involved in a different vandalism issue.
- They are starting to plan for the upcoming school year, what would they do differently? A program is in process similar to what Annandale did to help the rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders who may otherwise not be successful or struggle. SCHS plans to have a cross communication among teachers in support of these students.

#### 6. Announcements

- Baccalaureate: June 6 at St. Bernadette's
- Golf tournament: June 10

- Membership meeting 2/13; Karen Corbett-Sanders to attend, may look for another speaker to help entice people to attend. Need enough people to vote on the budget change.

7. Adjournment at 8:35