

## SOUTH COUNTY PTSO

Type of Meeting: General Membership

Meeting Date: February 13, 2019

Meeting Location: 7:00pm, Library/Media Center

1. Call to Order at 7:02 with quorum

2. Minutes: Review of minutes from September 10, 2018 meeting – approved as written

3. Officers' Reports

- President's Report (Nannette Henderson):
  - We are halfway through the year and everything is in good shape. Biggest event remaining is the All-Night-Grad Party—need volunteers, including under-class parents to help support the night of the party and we are still looking to fill the chair position. It would be ideal if parents of Junior class students could run the event. Membership is a bit short but not going to do another big push for membership. The Craft Show was a big success this school year—higher attendance and more booths than last year. We have provided funding to many clubs and classrooms through the minigrant program. The Academic Letter Ceremony was held in October and close to 500 kids were honored. For the first quarter honor roll, random names were drawn for Dunkin Donut gift cards which were to go to 100 students, but not all gift cards were picked up; still refining the process to best acknowledge those students who make honor roll. Teacher and Staff Appreciation week is in May, a luncheon is planned.
  
- Treasurer's Report (Julie Hopkins)
  - The treasurer gave her report as of 1/31/19. We have met our budget for fulfilling teacher requests, but waiting for receipts to be turned in before they can be paid. The Craft Show produced a higher revenue this year, admission was up 15 % and about 40 % of the vendors who participated were new.
  - Approval of CAD equipment funding (\$3,0000)
    - *Our Technology Education teacher, Mr. Ebrahim, is in need of 3D mice for his Computer Aided Drawing Program that has uses with his CAD and Architectural Drawing classes. These classes lead toward a certification in the use of CAD, and allow our students to be industry standard marketable right out of high school. The cost of the mice is \$4,256, and SCHS can cover \$1,256 out of the CTE program. The PTSO is being asked to cover the balance of \$3,000.*
      - A motion was made and seconded to fund the \$3,000 needed for the mice. A discussion took place regarding the benefits of the students being able to achieve an industry standard certification that is marketable upon graduation from High School and ensures these

students are prepared to go into the workforce already certified, and/or this would enable students to be above the curve when entering college. A vote to fund the \$3,000 took place via a show of hands; it was approved unanimously.

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

- The school staff is still focusing on the cultural development within the building and trying to ensure the students feel they have a trusted adult to go to when they need to.
- Standardized reading—15mins at beginning of Focus has been implemented. Reading helps in literacy.
- For the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Honor Roll it was said that we should give out Gift Cards again, Mr. Morris ensured the staff will try to correct the problem with some teachers not turning on the TV for Morning Announcements—he did address it with the teachers. It was stressed that consistency across the building such as all teachers have on the News Show and disengage from instruction during this time.
- Tomorrow is the anniversary of the Parkland shooting, they will ensure safety if the students want to assemble for about 10 to 15 minutes, beyond 15 minutes will not be supported, but up to 15 minutes will be allowed.
- School security has been on the lookout for the braided balls on a string that contain a metal ball inside the braided string which has been used as a weapon at other schools.
- Tardiness in the morning has been an issue. One day last week a staff member stood in the hallway during student arrival and counted 127 students who walked into the building ; it appears because they went to Starbucks.
- Several surveys are expected to come out regarding technology, discipline/safety and health services; Mr. Morris expects positive results, and encourages parents to come forward with any concerns.

5. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Guest presentations after adjournment:

FCPSOn: Mike Pflugrath, Leslie Lewis

School Board: Karen Corbett-Sanders