



Sanderson PTO Board meeting

4/14/2021

Location: Zoom and Sarah's deck

Attendees: Maggie Barlow, Sarah Burton, Becky Chapman, Camille Conzola, Amy Darcy, Leisa Glantz, Sarah Glover, Jennifer Iglio, Susan Kruse, Jennifer Pittman, Amanda Speer, Elizabeth Sullivan

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **7:03** pm by President Sarah Glover.

2. Review of minutes from the 3.10.2021 meeting

The minutes of the 3.10.2021 board meeting were approved with no corrections.

3. Officers' Reports

a. President's Report

The PTO purchased software (\$1400) for the Math Department for AP exam preparation.

Sarah attended the Equity Team Presentation and said that the students' presentations were amazing. Ben Cashwell finished his presentation with the Maya Angelou quote: "every person needs a place that is furnished with hope".

b. Treasurer's Report (Maggie)

Maggie presented the current budget report, a copy of which is on the PTO Google drive.

c. Communications Report (Jennifer & Amy D)

The Spartan Voice email newsletter went out today. The open rate is 40%. The virtual meet the teacher email was the most popular.

Current social media stats: Instagram: 199 followers, Facebook: 142 followers, and Twitter: 111 followers.

We need to get freshman students/parents involved in PTO social media right away.

d. Fundraising Report (Vince)

No report.

4. Programs Report (Elizabeth)

a. Hospitality (Susan)

The Take-a-teacher-to-lunch drive raised \$2,655.

The June teacher luncheon will be on the last day of school because everyone has to be there to turn in keys.

b. Scholarships (Amy/Spencer)

A total of 46 applications were turned in. There will be 12 winners. The applicants will be interviewed on 5/5, and the winners will be announced on 5/12.

c. Spartans of Excellence (Becky)

Nomination requests will go out to teachers next week, and they can nominate students until 4/30. Another zoom celebration like the one in January will take place probably on 5/26.

d. Teacher Appreciation (Camille)

Jordan Miller and Liz met with Camille about Teacher Appreciation and Student Council. The Student Council will do a teacher supply drive and will ask the National Honor Society and other student groups to help. They can do Amazon ship to school. The Student Council will distribute the materials.

In addition, the Teacher Appreciation Committee plans to put video shoutouts by students about teachers on Twitter and do a drink cart one day, a grab and go lunch from Jason's Deli or Jimmy John's on Tuesday (Sarah Burton mentioned that teachers currently have to eat lunch during their planning time, so some eat during 1st period, 2nd, etc.), and a healthy grab-and-go breakfast (fruit, granola bars, etc.) on Thursday. In addition, they would like to get ~150 gift cards donated by parents for giveaways.

Next year, the Teacher Appreciation and Hospitality committees will be combined into one committee. Thus, we will need a bigger committee.

5. Unfinished (old) Business

a. PTSA Budget

A discussion occurred on whether Sanderson should continue to have both a PTA and a PTO. One disadvantage of having a PTA is the need to pay money to the NCPTA and National PTA. The National/State PTA provides support to PTAs but mostly at the elementary level. If we dissolved the PTA, Sanderson would be the only school in Wake County without a PTA. We will need to hold a meeting to dissolve the PTA, to which we will need to invite the Wake County PTA President (Amy Jones; email: president@wakepta.org).

b. 4.2 Recognition

Students (83 Seniors) with cumulative 4.2 GPAs will be recognized. In the past, the students were honored with a dinner and a gift. Ideas for what to do this year were discussed.

c. New organization chart

The VP of Fundraising position is the only open position, and Amanda Speer has agreed to be fill it.

The Hospitality and Teacher Appreciation committees will be combined.

Volunteers are needed for the following positions: Audit Committee, Nominating Committee, Scholarships, Senior Signs, Holly Days, and Alive at 25.

6. New Business

a. Slate for next year

The slate needs to be presented at the upcoming general membership meeting.

b. General Membership meeting May 19

c. Other

We need to find a project on which to spend some of the excess money in the budget, such as creating/improving a teacher outdoor area.

We will need to carry over funds through the summer (\$10-15,000?). Possible needs: supply boxes for teachers in fall, decorating halls in August, Welcome back event in August, helping students in academic trouble (especially in early fall), etc.

7. Principal's Report

Sarah Burton reported that teachers are hybrid teaching and eating lunch in the classroom. The student count on Friday was 580 when it could have been 800-900.

The meeting was adjourned at **8:39** pm. Next meeting will be May 12.