



Sanderson PTO Board meeting

12/10/2020

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Deirdre Baker, Sarah Burton (Teacher Liaison), Becky Chapman, Vince Conzola, Gretta Dula, Leisa Glantz, Sarah Glover, Corrine Krumenacker, Katherine Pendergraft, Jennifer Pittman, Amanda Speer, Elizabeth Sullivan

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **7:02** pm by President Sarah Glover.

2. Review of minutes from the 11.11.2020 meeting

The minutes of the 11.11.2020 meeting were approved with no corrections.

3. Officers' Reports

a. President's Report

Sarah thanked the communications committee for the amazing PTO newsletter.

She mentioned the need for a Volunteer Coordinator to follow up with people who show interest in helping.

b. Treasurer's Report (Deirdre)

Deirdre presented a current copy of the budget to the board, which is posted on the PTO google drive. Outgoing money in November was for Square fees, payment to Michelle Allen for the college essay writing program, and expenditures for Spartans on a Roll and Teacher Appreciation.

c. Communications Report (Jennifer & Amy D)

Ideas for a gift for Cindy Jones, who has officially retired from sending the Yahoo emails containing SHS information, were discussed. She will be given a LewisArt picture of Sanderson.

The new PTO newsletter will be sent every two weeks. Parent groups will communicate announcements through the PTO, while the rest of the school will communicate information through Ms. Pendergraft. Ms. Pendergraft said she would forward an email about content and deadlines to the staff. Jennifer said that any big news from the staff would be useful to include in the PTO newsletter.

d. Fundraising Report (Vince)

Vince asked that information about LewisArt be promoted in the newsletter and on social media. Vince asked if any money has been received from Lewis Art sales, and Deirdre replied that nothing has been received yet.

4. Programs Report (Elizabeth)

a. Teacher Grants (Elizabeth)

Elizabeth and the Teacher Grant committee met this week to review two grant applications: 1 for \$1400 (calculators for every 10th grade math classroom) and 1 for \$300 (books). The application for calculators was over the limit but was approved. Approval of these applications came in under the budget of \$2200. Another round of applications may be accepted for the remaining money in the budget.

A total of \$3480 remains in the budget for in teacher-directed funds because no teachers have requested reimbursement.

b. Spartans of Excellence (Becky)

Teachers were asked to nominate students for Spartans of Excellence. As of this week, 52 students have been nominated. The criteria used this year included a new category of engagement because of online learning. The drive-through celebration ceremony will be 1/6. Ms. Pendergraft suggested they should budget 3 hours, and Dr. Dula suggested a rain/weather date or change of location. It was concluded that it should be held in the lobby because it will be January. A time of 10-1 was suggested. If students can't attend, they can pick up their certificates in the office or they can be mailed to them.

c. Hospitality

Because Lea Edmondson stepped down as chair, Susan Kruse, who is an event planner for Duke Energy, will be the new chair. So far, she is planning to do cocoa/cider and cookies for teachers on 12/17 for \$1-1.50 per teacher, something for Valentine's Day, take your teacher to lunch via a donated gift card in March & April, and a catered lunch on 6/11.

5. Unfinished (old) Business

a. No Fuss (Amanda & Corrine)

As of today, just under \$19,000 has been raised for No-Fuss. Amanda thanked Dr. Dula for her texts and the videos from the teachers.

Sarah asked about thank-you notes. When people donate through Square, an acknowledgement email is generated automatically. Corrine said they will send thank you emails to everyone in January so they can include information on the success of the fundraiser. Sarah suggested that thank-you emails should be sent to everyone in January but hand-written thank you notes should also be sent to those who donated \$150 or more.

The rest of the "Spartan Strong" signs will go out soon.

6. New Business

a. Gift for Cindy Jones

The LewisArt picture comes matted so the PTO will buy a frame for it.

b. Matching contributions for No Fuss (PTA vs. PTO)

Checks made out to the SHS PTA have to be deposited into the PTA bank account, which the PTO also owns. Therefore, money in that account can be spent on PTO

expenses. The PTO/PTA confusion can be problematic for matching funds so a solution is needed in the future.

c. PTA dues

The state PTA dues will be paid tomorrow. We owe Wake County PTA \$50, but they owe us \$220 for what we paid for last year's Teacher of the Year Banquet that was cancelled because of COVID-19.

d. Other

We were approached about helping to set up an ongoing student scholarship to honor Nolan Ford's father who died unexpectedly last spring. It was discussed that this is not an appropriate activity of the PTO and would be more appropriate for the SHS Foundation.

7. Principal's Report

Dr. Dula thanked the PTO for their support, especially for helping with teacher professional development. She thanked Elizabeth for her work with the Teacher mini-grants.

Mr. Pettis in the CTE department has been announced as a finalist for WCPSS's 2020-21 Diane Kent-Parker First Year Teacher Award.

There are currently four vacancies for instructional assistants.

Plans for returning to school on 1/20 are being fine-tuned. The administration will meet Monday at 9 am. Parents can also join the Monday meeting to help give perspective on how best to return. Please email Dr. Dula/Ms. Pendergraft if you would like to join.

Ms. Pendergraft reported that tomorrow's first group of 9th graders will tour tomorrow, and other tours will happen on future asynchronous days. The 9th graders have never been in the building and will probably have to come to take EOC finals. The halls and stairways are now one way.

EOC and CTE exams that have to be in person are on schedule. Teacher-made exams are 100% remote. If students choose to not take state exams in person, they will receive an incomplete, which will have repercussions like not being able to play athletics. In addition, they will have to take the exam in the spring. Senior exemptions apply to teacher-made exams (if they have a C or greater), but they can take the test if they think it will help their grade.

The student number for virtual for the second semester started out at 38-39% but is growing daily (each cohort is ~260-300).

Sarah Burton suggested the PTO promote the bus and health forms that need to be submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at **8:26** pm.