SHS Parent Teacher and Student Organization (PTSO) General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2017

Attendance:

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<th>Executive Board:</th>
<th>Wendy Lei</th>
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<td>Lisa Busse</td>
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<td>Parul Samdarshi</td>
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<td>Susan Carter</td>
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<td>Sarah Hung</td>
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<td>Annie Ying</td>
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- Staff: Paul Robinson (Principal), Brian Safine (Assistant Principal), Alinna Satake (Guidance Counselor), Tim Galleher (Service Learning Coordinator)

Guests:


Agenda:

1. General Meeting - PTSO Business
   - Fundraising
   - Membership
   - Financial Report
   - Minutes from Last Month
   - By-Law update & 2017-18 Board
   - Essay Writing Update

2. Parent Talk - Summer Internships for Your High School Students- Brian Safine, Alinna Satake, and Tim Galleher

Call to Order: The General Meeting was called to order at 8:43 am by President Elect Ashley Chao.

Motions:

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<td>Minutes from last month</td>
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<td>Ashley Chao</td>
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<td>Ratification of checks # 1562 – 1575 totaling $13,282.20</td>
<td>Sheeba Garg</td>
<td>Susan Carter</td>
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PTSO:

- Fundraising – we are short on donations. Please use eScrip, Amazon Smile, goodshop and select Saratoga High School PTSO as your organization to support. These are other ways to donate rather than writing a check. Susan V. handed out cards with the links. We will remind others in the newsletter.
- Membership – We are still short $11K for this year. Please spread the word to donate next year. You can join online in July.
- Bylaws – Exec Board reviewed Bylaws since they hadn’t been revised since May 2011. Minor updates were made to BOD member job duties. For Exec BOD meetings, the quorum for the meeting was adjusted from requiring 100% of the BOD members to 2/3’s of the BOD members present to constitute a quorum.
- PTSO Board 2017-18 – Nominating Committee is still working, will present the slate at the May General Meeting.
- PTSO has sponsored Essay Writing workshops for rising Seniors. Two parts – Part 1 - learn what you need to do, go home and write. Part 2 - Get feedback. Costs us $750 to run each workshop. Education Committee proposing
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charging $10-20 rather than free to decrease no-shows. Discussion: Just need to make sure that we run it as a break-even. Create a wait list - Looking at doing it in June right after finals.

- Next year, Parent Speaker Series will only be free for PTSO members.

Parent Talk: Summer Internships:

- Three speakers – Brian Saffine, Alinna Satake, Tim Galleher

Saffine:

- Most of us have heard about the summer programs with Cosmos Program, Stanford Summer Programs – so many applicants for these, look beyond these programs.
- Don’t worry about what looks good for college. Conversation starters with your kid: Ask what would you like to spend more time on during the summer that you didn’t have enough time during the year? In what ways would you like to help people? What problem do you want to help fix?
- Don’t rely on a limited sample to determine your plans – Use resources to broaden search, Naviance, Blayz.com
- Don’t pursue a summer program just because it’s at a selective college – Expensive, no guarantee of college acceptance.
- Don’t schedule every day of the 10 weeks of summer – Allow kids time to recharge and have unstructured time.
- Partner with your student, but have the student do the outreach for opportunities themselves.
- Summer paid jobs are still a great option. Work permit info is available in the office. Kids as young as 14 can work but have limits on # of hrs. Kids can learn amazing real life skills and working can be an eye-opening, enriching experience. They learn what their latte and burrito’s really cost!
- Sleeping – let your kid sleep this summer.

Satake:

- “Class of xxxx” folder in your kid’s Canvas account has her 2 sided flyer “How to Spend Your Summer”
- No right or wrong answer for how to spend time in summer.
- Try classes at West Valley Community College: Intro to Business, Forensics Science, etc. SHS kids can sign up in May. Students have to be an incoming Jr or Sr and classes are free.
- De Anza has specific programs by grade levels.
- Rising Seniors – more info for parents of this group during a meeting on May 18th. Two common things kids this age do during the summer is sleep and work on college essays.

Galleher:

- Tim is our Service Learning Coordinator. His email is timgalleher@gmail.com. His flyer “Service Opportunities” lists community service organizations and their websites and also a list of future events. It can be picked up in the office.
- 1440 Foundation and other organizations are realizing the benefits of integrating community service with academics.
- Kids doing service are typically checking the box, but when service is integrated with school work, it’s a much more rewarding experience.
- MAP students have been doing outreach work and integrating it into their studies.
- Tim sets up field trips for classes and individuals. He is the SHS voice to the organizations.
- His suggestions for summer service: City Team, Sacred Heart, Loaves and Fishes Family Kitchen (do as a family), Sunday Friends – all great organizations. Volunteering at these organizations is a great way for kids to learn about poverty.
- Special Olympics – big event coming up on May 6th
- Olympico – Nancy Rafati – Free summer program for underprivileged kids, is looking for TA’s.

Announcements:

- 4/15 Junior Prom
- 4/21, 22, 23 & 4/28, 29 Musical: Legally Blonde
- 4/30 SMB Pancake Breakfast
- The next PTSO General meeting will be May 11, 2017, at 8:30 am in the SHS cafeteria.

Adjournment: The PTSO business portion of the meeting was adjourned at ~9:05 am by President Elect Ashley Chao. The Parent Talk lasted about an hour.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Carter
Recording Secretary