

SEHOME HIGH PTSA 8.3.100

Name: SHS PTSA Board meeting
Date: October 9, 2018
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: SHS Lower Level Conference Room

Facilitator: Veronica Douglas
Scribe: Vicky Reardon

Attendee		Attendee	
	Veronica Douglas		Else Sokol
	Linda Kirker		Sam Faris
	Marid Hendrickson		Deanne Kanenaga
	Vicky Reardon		Rachel Williams
	Grace Munson		Angie Scofidio

Agenda

ID	Time	Duration	Item	Presenter/Lead
1	11:30	5 min	Call To Order and Introductions	Veronica
2	11:35	2 min	Approval of 9/11/18 minutes	Veronica
3	11:37	20 min	Treasurer's Report: Monthly report, college fair update/ college readiness line item, any adjustments to Budget for approval at General Membership mtg? Notify check recipients if checks not cleared, taxes update	Linda / Veronica
4	11:57	3 min	Scrip: Update	Sam
5	12:00	5 min	Membership: Current numbers, Have we paid? Are all board members and booster parents now PTSA members?	Else
6	12:05	5 min	President: PTA trainings, club advisor gift update, updated calendar update, Dr. Baker attending 11/14 mtg	Veronica
7	12:10	15 min	Principal: Construction updates, possible PTSA purchases, Book / chapter study? Super Wednesday. Alumni / Bellinghome game / communication out to families	Michelle
8	12:25	5 min	Teacher Grant Request: AP Psych - Mark Kerr, \$70.15 for 5 sets of AP Psych Flash cards; approved w/ email vote: AP Biology - Julie Ross-Buckmaster, \$943 for a trip to Woodland Park Zoo for 31 students (\$243 for Zoo entry, \$700 for transportation)	Veronica
			COMMITTEE REPORTS	
9	12:30	5 min	Vol Coordinator / Staff Appreciation – Committee chair needs	Rachel
10	12:35	7 min	Communication: Directory update, Mariner Memo, PTSA communication	Veronica
			NEW BUSINESS	
11	12:42	5 min	PACS: notes attached	Veronica
12	12:45	3 min	HCL PAC: update	Vicky
13	12:48	3 min	Co-Secretary position: Angie Scofidio - need to approve at General Membership mtg	Veronica
14	12:51	5 min	Plan for General Membership mtg: 10/15/18 at Regency Apts, include Standing Rules, Secretary vote, final budget approval, approve prev Gen Memb mtg minutes, share financial review, refer to survey & actions that are being taken (school spirit, communication), equip purchase? (5 min)	Else
15	12:56	3 min	Insurance: review coverages to verify amounts desired, add endorsement for BSD	Veronica
			OLD BUSINESS	
16	12:59	2 min	Master Mariner / Good Sam: filling request this week	Veronica
17	1:01	5 min	Standing Rules: review changes, present 10/15/18 for Gen memb approval	Veronica
18	1:06	5 min	Booster Clubs: forms update (5 min)	Veronica

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19	1:11	10 min	Other/Ms Bobovski's Bellinghome language courtyard part idea/Quenby Scholarship Idea	Else
20	1:21		Adjourn	

Next Board Meeting (~~8/27~~, ~~9/11~~, ~~10/9~~, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/4)

PACS NOTES 09/27/2018 Meeting

- We are here to learn, have discussions and give input to the superintendent. Please bring information back to each of our schools, share it and take back questions or concerns from other parents.
- Please arrange for a parent substitute to attend PACS if you are unable to attend.

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Baker thanked people for attending and welcomed attendees' reflections and questions:

Program Updates:

- o Forest School is a new program for third graders that we're starting this school year at the Gordon Carter Environmental Education Site. This new field trip is a cooperative program between our district and North Cascades Institute. We are working on designing a new facility there to complement Forest School and allow all - weather access.
- o Traffic Safety (Driver's Ed.): We are the only district in the state to bring back driver's education. We currently have 400+ students enrolled, and by providing this program at our high schools, we are helping each of those students' families save more than \$400.
- o Preschool at Options: We have expanded our childcare opportunities for our GRADS students, and we now have a new preschool at Options to address the childcare gap; we were previously caring for kids from birth to three.

Capital Projects: Sehome High School is on target to open (early) in late Jan. 2019. We plan to move students and staff into the new school at the start of second semester; the rest of the Sehome campus won't be complete until Aug. 2019, which is consistent with our original schedule. Our new Central Kitchen is nearing completion, and we anticipate serving more whole, fresh foods to students starting in 2019. We are getting an appraisal for a potential site for a new district office. Parkview, Alderwood and Sunnyland elementary schools are slated to be rebuilt and open by 2022. Design advisory groups for Parkview and Alderwood met last spring, and we're currently working with the city and county on some complexities around land use.

Budget: The McCleary decision, the legal case brought before the State Supreme Court in 2011, has changed the state funding landscape for preK - 12 education, and it's still evolving. You may have seen in the news that teachers' labor groups negotiated raises across Washington state (not just Bellingham) after our legislature gave a one - time bump in funding to school districts. The Washington Educators Association (WEA) saw this additional funding as an opportunity to push for raises for teachers. Many districts around the state gave larger than anticipated raises and now many, including Bellingham, are looking at ways to reduce spending. We are hopeful that the state will step in to allow us to continue to collect the same amount of money through local levies that we have been able to collect in the past.

1:1 Technology: Dr. Bill Palmer, director of teaching and learning who focuses on technology integration, and Kurt Gazow, the executive director of educational technology, gave an update on the 1:1 technology initiative, which provides one laptop to each student at all middle and high schools. Currently, Roosevelt and Carl Cozier elementary schools have one device per student (at school only) for grades 3 to 5. They discussed and answered questions about digital citizenship, the student technology ambassador program, internet filtering, the Apparent app (which allow families to check their child's laptop use at home), assistive technology and STEM labs.

Brainstorm Topics for the Year: Members got together in small groups to discuss topics they'd like to learn more about this school year.

Announcements

- Squalicum High School PTA is doing a donation drive from 9a.m. to noon on Sept. 29 for items smaller than a coffee table. Bring goods to the lower parking lot.
- Whatcom Farm to School is looking for volunteers in school cafeterias. If you're interested, contact Cindy Scott.
- Sunnyland Dash is Sept. 28.
- Middle school PTA fundraiser kicks off Oct. 1 .

Next Meeting: Nov. 1, 2018, District Office, Board Room