

Saline High School PTO Meeting
October Minutes: 10/15/15

Attendees: Barb Saylor, Jodi Koerner, Laurie Dawson, Lisa Rentschler, Carmen Woods, Lori Holloway, Jennifer Kowalchik, Michelle Doran, Julie Helber, Jason Pickett, Mark Schuby, Bev Hoerauf, Lorna Hildebrandt, Chris Walker, Julie Garska, Kristen Geary, Amy Long

1. Call Meeting to Order: Carmen Woods

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

2. Introductions: Carmen Woods

3. Secretary's Report

The President asked for a motion to approve minutes as submitted

Motion by Lisa Rentschler

Second by Lori Holloway

All approved

4. Treasurer's Report

- There has been one deposit since the last meeting. Hassle-free fundraise income will continue to come in throughout the year.
- Principal Helber will send out a reminder email to donate a few more times this year. Continue to promote Facebook page to get more donations.
- Chromebooks - 35 have arrived. Cart hasn't arrived yet. We can pay half and we will pay when we receive more donations. \$11,540.00 with reserves from last year.

5. Principal's Report - Julie Helber

- Principal Helber thanked the PTO for help with the homecoming dance. The set up this year was different which helped spread the crowd. Students loved the DJ. Sold 1,100 tickets.
- First trimesters conference attendance was 20% which is typical. Participation declines during the year. With new technology it is easier for teachers to communicate with parents throughout the year. Parents better able to keep track of student's grades.
- PSAT will be given this week. No makeups.
- Engage survey given to Freshman.
- All Juniors will take SAT in the Spring.
- Hornet Hour will be conducted again next week, topic will be social technology (i.e. cell phone, texting, Facebook, etc.)
- Had safety training 10/14/15 for staff to prepare for the unexpected situation when there is no procedure (like an intruder), evacuation vs. hide in lock down. School district is very concerned about Open Carry laws, they will continue to monitor proposed State legislation and will communicate to parents when more information is available.
- December 2nd - 1/2 day of school. Staff will again practice safety situations with students.
- Safety updates and regulations for all district buildings are included in the November bond package.
- School continues to focus improvement on the bottom 30% achievers and special education students.

6. Ongoing Business

- The President asked for a motion to approve the proposed bylaw amendments
Motion Lori Holloway
Second Michelle Doran
Approved All
- Yearbook Ad - The board will vote electronically on a PTO sponsored advertisement for placement in the school yearbook.
- The President advised that parent advisors had been secured for each grade level. Parents will help class/teacher advisors when/where needed.

7. Guest Speakers - Jason Pickett and Mark Schuby School Social Workers

The presentation provided an overview of student's lives and detailed some mental health issues common to teenagers.

Hornet Hour gives students an opportunity for connections to peers. Many felt like they are just here to study. Each month they students get together in groups to make talk, there is a mix of grade levels to generate age diversity. The curriculum was developed to give students and teachers a chance to engage. First meeting held in September was about the different clubs and organizations offered by the school. Many students look back and wish they had been more involved. Second meeting will be about technology and social media.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

Important Dates

October 23 - No School

October 30 - NHS Blood Drive, Aux Gym

November 12 - Next PTO Board Meeting, guest speaker: Kim Bryant, U of M Admissions