

## Saline High School PTO Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2017

Present Debbie Houde, Laurie Dawson, Lisa Rentschler, Lori Halloway, Dawn Ducca, David Raft, Theresa Stager, Jennifer Barger, Claudia Hambleton

Absent: Michelle Doran

- I. Call to Order/Approve September's minutes
  - a. Dawn made a motion to approve last month's minutes, and Lisa seconded. Minutes will be filed with no changes.
  
- II. Principal's Report
  - a. Hornet Time Update
    - i. Rationale for revisiting this is that many students didn't feel as though they had one person to go to if needed for support.
    - ii. 29 minute chunk of time to establish a team and linking younger students with other higher grade students and mentors. Building relationships.
    - iii. Messages about social media and impact it can have on students with their parents being completely unaware.
    - iv. "Learning to Breathe" - Mrs. Mussio - a popular class at this point to help students to practice relaxation strategies and with stress management.
    - v. SADD messages regularly as well.
  - b. Homecoming went well. There was some fall out from the community related to the freshman float but this has been addressed and handled.
  
- III. Sinking Fund Update (Theresa Stager)
  - a. Vote November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to continue the funding.
  - b. The sinking fund pays for short term needs with recurring funds.
  - c. Now covers technology as well.
  - d. Security needs will be covered as well.

CARES Fund - This is a renewal - if this doesn't pass then we will need to find alternative ways to recoup the costs for the following programs within our community

- a. Senior Center
- b. Arts
- c. Community pool and community education/recreation
- d. Many other community grants have been given as well to support various programs

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT BALLOT - Won't say "CARES" - it will say something about "Playgrounds, etc." (read through the ballot and it will be obvious which is for CARES - which is our acronym). Sinking Fund will be listed as such. RENEWAL - not a new initiative.

#### IV. Treasurer's Report (Laurie for Michelle)

- a. Budget for 2017- 2018 school year to be reviewed and approved. It has been updated and circulated for review. Highlights of some changes include-
  - i. More programming to allocate funds to directly impact students.
  - ii. Lisa will work with David on reviewing grant applications to bring to board.
  - iii. Money for grants will be spent first come first serve.
  - iv. Reviewed additions/changes to budget as previously discussed.
- b. In discussion, one update to budget as currently printed - \$500 for scrips versus \$1000 - have Michelle change. With edit - Debbie makes a motion to approve the budget as is with the aforementioned change, and Dawn seconded. Motion carries. Budget approved.
- c. Around \$14,000 in from hassle free donation fundraiser.

#### V. President Report

- a. Volunteers for homecoming worked well and the evening was successful overall.
- b. DPC - this is now going to be open to all PTO and PTA board members. Invites will be going out. Lisa has been going to these monthly. Next meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- c. District has applied for Labor Day waiver (to begin school prior to Labor Day). It is of note that even **if** we are approved for the waiver, doesn't mean we have to use it. This will lead to more conversations prior to implementation.
- d. Scot Graden is having a town hall meeting October 26 at 7PM in the Liberty Media Center.

VI. New/Old Business

- a. Prom is May 5<sup>th</sup> at The Big House
- b. Graduation Date is June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Meeting Adjourned 8:03 PM