

September 21, 2017

Saline High School PTO Meeting Minutes

Present: Lisa Rentschler, Laurie Dawson, Dawn Ducca, David Raft, Michelle Doran and Debbie Houde

I. Welcome/Approval of Minutes

a. PTO Reminders:

- i. The week before, meeting date and topic goes to Betty (Lori H).
- ii. Then Betty will send email to families one week in advance (to advise of PTO meeting)
- iii. Agenda items due to Debbie the Tuesday before meetings.
- iv. Day of meeting Debbie will send agenda to Laurie, and she will send to go out to parents as well.

- b. Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Michelle seconded - motion passed. Minutes will be filed.

II. President Report

- a. Homecoming - Lisa is coordinating volunteers. Whoever is in charge of any event for Homecoming should send a list of volunteer needs to her, and she will send list of volunteers (and/or recruit as needed).
- b. Review of Hornet Time and student resource center (brief) - this is being tweaked on an ongoing basis. The goal is to have each student have someone that they can EASILY identify to go to if they need help. The calendar is coordinated to interfere least with academics but maximize on facetime. LINK crew leaders are meeting weekly with their team. Freshmen get the same teacher for all four years.
- c. Positive Messages Project - Laurie is gathering pictures. Inspiring and related to currently relevant mood boosters.
- d. October Meeting - Scot Graden will come and talk about upcoming initiatives coming up on the ballot.
- e. Debbie will talk to Dr. Sohoni about a meeting date that would work for her to come and speak about suicide prevention at a PTO meeting.

III. Treasurer Report

- a. Updated budget \$13867.94 as of this morning in hassle-free fundraising funds. Money is still trickling in.

- b. Adding CONNECTING line item for t-shirts annually for \$1500 and taking the money out of School Projects and Grants.
- c. Alternative Ed may request PTO funds as needed as they don't have a PTO currently and are technically part of the high school. We are still determining whether this needs to be a formal process - TBD.
- d. Special Education program staff are investigating options for purchasing items for their program's adaptive skills training (rugs, chairs, couch covers, pots/pans - for example). This discussion led to the identification of the need for a grant-type program, so there is a formula to making requests for funds from the PTO. Laurie and David will work on this together regarding implementation.

IV. Speaker

- a. Kim Bryant, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions at The University of Michigan gave a presentation on admission guidelines.
- b. Kim Bryant email [kjbryant@umich.edu](mailto:kjbryant@umich.edu) <https://admissions.umich.edu/secondary/counselors/602>