

Sequoia High School PTSA Association Meeting

Tuesday April 7, 2015 7 PM

Reflections Awards:

- This year we had 12 entries
- There are 6 categories
 1. Dance Choreography
 2. Film Production
 3. Literature
 4. Music Composition
 5. Photography
 6. Visual Arts
- 5 winners were sent to the 17th district PTSA. All received awards: 4 1st places and 1 2nd place.
- 4 went on to State level (first time) where 2 received 2nd place awards
- Congratulations to all!
- Would love to see more entries next year. Reminder that it is open for all students not just art students.

Principal Report

- We have a great resource on campus that does not get a lot of attention.
- The teen resource center run by Judy Romero, is made up of three components
 1. Student Voice- the youth advisory committee puts out surveys to see the need of the students. These may include alcohol, drugs, stress, and nutrition.
 2. Crisis Intervention
 3. Long term counseling for those that do not have this available through their family or insurance
- International Festival is on Saturday April 11th 2-6 PM. Please come! Completely student run with many activities for all ages. The movie "Living on One" will be shown in the MPR. Stickers will be given to those who have watched to inspire conversation about the movie. Showings are 2, 3:30, and 5 PM (60 minutes long).
- Parent question asking Mr. Priest what sports he played in High School and College. He played Football, Wrestling and Track in High School and Football in College.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Alice

In attendance: Alice Henderson, Jayne Sungail, Jennifer Marino, Donna Fiore, Julie Horak, Beatrice Carrot, Rachel Levin, Grace Schulz, Sian Davies, Lauren Pachkowski, Heather Alexander, Glenn Bugos, Nick Rugh, Sherri Horan, Gayle Hoch, Betsy Parkhurst, Lisa Hane, Robin Walton, Rachel Krueger, Cecilia Marquez

Guest Speaker: Sharon Levin

Sharon is a Young Adult Literature Reviewer. She will be giving a book talk open to parents on April 29th 10 AM in the Sequoia Library about young adult books.

- Never look down on what your child is reading
- Graphic novels are a great escape especially given all the reading they are assigned for school
- Never worry about Lexile levels. They don't seem to be completely accurate.
- Don't censor the books your high schooler is reading
- Biggest thing is to encourage reading, listening to podcasts and anything that gives them a story

2015-2016 PTSA Slate:

Executive Board:

President- Lisa Hane

Executive Vice President- Beatrice Carrot

1st Vice President- Jayne Sungail

Recording Secretary- Rachel Krueger

VP communications/Historian- Grace Schulz

Treasurer- Sian Davies

Auditor- Gayle Hoch

Corresponding Secretary- Lauren Pachkowski

Motion to approve PTSA Executive Board Slate by Lauren

Motion carries

Presentation of Bylaw changes:

- Changing Financial Secretary to Corresponding Secretary
- Dropping fundraiser chair since funds are now coming from SHSEF
- Up to \$500 unbudgeted items may be approved by the Executive board without bringing it to the general membership for a vote
- Voting on changes will take place at the May Association meeting

Dues for National PTSA will be raised. We will not be raising our membership dues. We will absorb the increase and keep less of the dues from our membership drive.

March Treasurers Report by Sian

Membership is up to 520! New members due to March Madness and Junior Scholarships

Honey Bear Trees check for \$654 finally arrived for Senior Grad Night

150 Grad Night tickets sold so far

Mini Grants funded totaled \$5441.13

Checks written:

1116 Donna Fiore Reimbursement – Staff Appreciation \$221.03

1117 Sequoia High School Mini Grants Spring 2015 \$5,441.13

1118 Harrison, Beth Reimbursement -International Festival Movie \$221.55

1119 Alice Henderson Reimbursement – Staff Appreciation, Arena Day, 8th Grade Welcome \$644.35

Motion to ratify checks as presented by Lauren

Motion carries

March minutes approved as presented

Hospitality committee had a coffee cart and light breakfast for the staff on March 27th. The teachers really appreciated it. Donations by parents for food and service provided by the Leadership students.

We are 100% full for proctoring the IB and AP exams!

Meeting adjourn at 8:05 PM

Next Association meeting is May 5th at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jayne Sungail