

Sequoia High School PTSA Association Meeting

Tuesday May 5, 2015 7 PM

Principal Report

- The Sequoia Stampede will take place this Saturday at 9 AM. It is put on by the Boosters Club to raise money for athletics. Come out and run the 5k and try and beat Sean Priest's last years' time of 25:08.
- The Student government will hold an election convention this year. Class reps will be in the MPR to hear opening remarks by Mayor Gee
- May 19th is the 9-11th grade award night. Invites have been sent out to parents whose children will be receiving a department award and/or have a GPA of 3.8 or higher. Junior scholarships will also be given out.
- Last week was the final emergency drill for the year. It was an earthquake drill and full school evacuation to the football field. The best time with lots of prep was 18 minutes. The time for this drill was 25 minutes with no preparation or reminders. Everyone did very well and the students were well behaved.
- The last rally of the year was held on Friday. It was a lot of fun with a pie eating contest involving the faculty. Dance, music and cheer all performed in front of their peers.
- Parent question of when is the Senior awards night. All is on the calendar. June 3rd in the evening is when it will take place.
- Parent question on clearing absences while the student is taking AP/IB exams. No need to clear these with attendance. The list of students taking the exams sometimes does not get entered before the robo call goes out.
- Parent question about 10th graders taking the life science test this month. Do they still need to take the test even if they are not taking a science this year? The answer is yes since this is one of those standardized tests.
- Parent question on when the construction project will begin. It is still in the bid stage but hope to break ground this summer.
- Parent question on how the mold is in the former Home Ec kitchen. The room has been gutted and no more mold present.
- Parent question if there will be arena check in in the fall. Most things will be done on line from home. Monday when the Freshman have orientation other grades may come to have their picture taken for student ID's and possibly get parking passes. It will be completely optional. The students will also be able to access and print their schedules from home.
- Parent question on how to excuse absences. Parent need to call the attendance office to clear these. Too many unexcused absences results in a FA or MA for the class. The teacher may be able to reverse these if the student has shown mastery of the subject.

- Reminder that the school play Red Hot Cole is this weekend (Friday and Saturday). Come and support our students.

Meeting called to order at 7:45 PM by Alice

In attendance: Alice Henderson, Jayne Sungail, Julie DiBono, Lisa Pokorny, Lisa Hane, Cecilia Marquez, Cecilia Canale, Sue Anderson, Beatrice Carrot, Rachel Krueger, Julie Willett, Nancy Schmidt, Gayle Hoch, Grace Schultz, Rachel Levine, Betsy Parkhurst, Glenn Bugos, Sian Davies

Thank you very much to Senior parents (whose babies are graduating) for all you have done for the school: Julie DiBono, Brad Driver, Jenny Dyer Friedman, Julie Grossman, Nancy Melmon, Marie Salema, Nancy Schmidt and Julie Willett.

Introduction of our newest Site Council member Glenn Bugos. Thank you for running!

Thank you to the outgoing PTSA Executive board:

President – Alice Henderson
 Exc. Vice President – Cecilia Marquez
 1st Vice President – Lisa Hane
 VP Communications/ Historian– Betsy Parkhurst
 Secretary – Jayne Sungail
 Treasurer – Sian Davies
 Auditor – Gayle Hoch
 Parliamentarian – Beatrice Carrot
 Grad Week Activities Chairs Nancy Melmon & Julie Grossman

We would like to welcome the new 2015/2016 PTSA Executive board:

President - Lisa Hane
 Exc. Vice President - Béatrice Carrot
 1st Vice President - Jayne Sungail
 VP Communications/ Historian– Grace Schulz
 Recording Secretary - Rachel Krueger
 Treasurer – Sian Davies
 Auditor – Gayle Hoch
 Corresponding Secretary - Lauren Pachkowski
 Parliamentarian – Alice Henderson
 Grad Week Activities Chairs – Cecilia Canale & Pam Ross

April Treasurers Report by Sian

International festival went well. Looks like we will break even.

PTSA Membership is now closed with a total of 520 members. It will reopen July 1st for 2015/2016 school year.

170 grad night tickets have been sold so far.

Checks written:

1121 17th District PTA Membership Dues pass through to 17th District \$172.00

1122 Sequoia High School International Festival - Student Clubs \$1,190.00

1123 Redwood City Parks and Recreation International Festival - Stage, Shade Canopy and Sound System \$2,100.00

Motion to ratify checks as presented by Rachel

Motion carries

April minutes approved as presented

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

Motion to adopt the new bylaws by Sian

Motion carries

Vote to increase budget for Junior scholarship by \$1,200. The funds would come from the reserves. The original budget was \$4,000 the total would be \$5,200.

Motion to increase Junior scholarship budget by Sian

Motion carries

Alice is still looking for someone to host the Academic awards night.

Arena check in is still evolving on the PTSA side. Thinking we may have office hours the two weeks before school starts for students to get their paperwork done, turn in text books, pay fines, get parking passes.

Teacher appreciation lunch is June 4th. Hospitality committee will be sending out a volunteer spot signup sheet soon.

Meeting adjourn at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jayne Sungail