

Sequoia High School PTSA Association Meeting

Tuesday Oct. 7, 2014

Principal Report

- Got through the teacher release days- each department worked in teams reviewing student data and assessments
- All district meeting was held for staff Monday Oct 6th with active effort to move towards common core
- Sequoia is all about access for students to be able to achieve and take more high level classes
- This is Homecoming week with lots of purple! Homecoming dance will be held in the new gym as a sock hop. Money was spent to buy lots of socks to pass out to the students
- Parent question about PSAT schedule- Oct 15th 10th will take the practice next year's PSAT (SAT is changing formats next year) and 11th grade will take the PSAT which can qualify them for National Merit. The test will be from 8:30 until lunch. 9th and 12th grades will be given at home college readiness assignments and then come to school after lunch
- Parent question on the college prep for 9th grade- college visits on Oct 21st for all 9th graders, meetings with councilors to make a 4 year plan, learning the A-G requirements with a C or better for college requirements, learning to navigate Naviance, Oct 22nd 9th grade level meeting for parents and students
- Parent question about what it would take to expand the allowable 7th period classes especially in the arts and for 9th graders- more funding since only 20% is now funded for students to take a 7th. Mr. Priest feels if they open more opportunity many more students would take them, setting up the school to be more of a pressure cooker. The way the schedule is set up now there is a pathway to complete any avenue including the IB diploma without adding more 7ths
- Parent question about college financial aid- Ms. Ignaitis is your best resource

Meeting called to order at 7:45 PM by Alice

In attendance: Gayle Hoch, Sian Davies, Alice Henderson, Betsy Parkhurst, Stephen Tarin Sr., Lillian Svec, Rebecca Joslin-Davis, Jayne Sungail, Lisa Hane, Lisa Pokorny, Aide Garcia, Camille Fischer, Julia Horak, Sherri Horan, Sue Anderson, R. Clifford Vrooman

Guest Speaker: Ms. Kim Vinh

She is the English and Journalism teacher and oversees the Raven Report (school newspaper). She has been a teacher at Sequoia for the last 10 years. The Raven Report comes out in print 8 times a year. There is also a web weekly report.

What journalism does for the students- leadership opportunities, convention presenters, invitations to meet leaders, hear from guest speakers, chance to be published, winning awards and attend conventions to name a few.

They will be attending a Washington DC convention Nov 6-9 with Bob Woodward as the key note speaker.

How parents to can help: like/follow/ share the Raven on social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram); buy a water bottle for \$10 to support projects.

Journalism is a 4th period class open to everyone.

Ms. Vinh thanks the PTSA for the continued support with mini grants.

Auditors Report by Gayle:

2 audits are performed a year- July 1st-Dec 31st and Jan 1st-June 30th

This is from the most current audit-

I have examined the financial records of the treasurer of Sequoia High School PTSA and find them correct (Joann Velayo)

Motion to approve audit as presented by Lisa

Motion carries

Budget presentation by Sian

See file proposed budget 2014-2015 on PTSA website

Motion to approve budget by Lisa

Motion carries

Treasurers Report by Sian

1034 Pokorny, Lisa Hometown Holidays May 2014 - Booth fees for 2016 and 2017
100.00

1035 Carrot, Beatrice Food for students May award night 167.24
 1036 Peyton, Susan Grad Activities 2014 Brunch - 500 Sunglasses for brunch gift 390.00
 1037 Barnes, Shoko Grad BBQ 2014, drinks 49.90+drinks 287.87+frisbees 518.81 856.08
 1038 Flynn, Rebecca Constant Contact, final month of 2013-2014 service 28.00
 1039 Barnes, Shoko Grad 2014 BBQ, toppings, for icecream 30.74
 1040 Turfside Grill Grad Night 2014 , Sports House, full price for 200 is
 \$14665.95
 9,665.95
 1041 Tedrow, James Grad night 2014 Magician, full price is \$320 290.00
 1042 Axelson, Marty Grad Night 2014 , skytracker, searchlight, full cost is \$350 350.00
 1043 Dave Hill Enterprises, LLC Grad Night 2014 Comedy Hypnotist. full price is \$1000 500.00
 1044 Games 2U Grad Night 2014 hamster balls and track, full price is \$761.50 761.50
 1045 Trenholm, Zach Grad night 2014 Caricaturist, full price is \$525 425.00
 1046 Family Fun Entertainment Grad Night 2014, airbrush tattoos. total price \$437.50 222.50
 1047 Mejia, David Grad Night 2014, caricaturist, full price is \$340 290.00
 1048 Hernandez, Jesus Grad Night 2014, Photoshoot and Green Screen, total \$1350 1,080.00
 1049 Spittin Image Custome
 Airbrushing
 Grad Night 2014, airbrush hats, tshirts, total \$837 418.50
 1050 Barnes, Shoko Grad Week - 2014 - BBQ 762.21
 1051 Medina, Rocio Grad Week Bbq - lifeguard 75.00
 1052 SHS Education Foundation May 2014 arena checkin webstore = \$5250-\$115.50 (2.2%
 webstore fee).
 5,134.50
 1053 SHS Boosters Club May 2014 webstore transacations for Sports Boosters 572.13
 1054 VPA Boosters May 2014 webstore arena checkin transacations for VPA
 boosters (\$100 general, \$25 to dance)
 122.25
 1055 Games 2U Grad Night 2014 - Laser Tag 375.00
 1056 cash Grad Night 2014 quarters for arcade games 100.00
 1057 A Casino Event Grad Night 2014 - Photobooth - additional time 9- 12:30 50.00
 1058 Pedicord, Larry Grad Week 2014 - Grad Bbq - propane tanks 87.07
 1059 Barnes, Shoko Grad Week 2014 - Grad BBQ - sigonas, cowabunga,
 smart&Final, amazon, googleexpress
 936.43
 1060 Covarrubias, Joel grad night 2014 DJ music, laser lights and video screens 250.00
 1061 Geraldo Cadenas grad night 2014 gift cards for raffle 1,000.00
 1062 Elliott, Terri Grad week Brunch - subway sandwiches 332.60
 1063 Geraldo Cadenas Grad Night 2014 gift cards and target 101.24
 1064 Barnes, Shoko Grad BBQ, AAA bbq rentals, balloons 606.67
 1065 Davenport, Melanie Grad 2014 -Brunch favors 130.99
 1066 Dierolf, Andrea Staff Appreciation, year end staff luncheon 689.23
 1067 Henderson, Alice Academic Awards Pizza 169.90
 1068 Sehl, Patricia Grad 2014 brunch foil pans and table cloth rolls 109.58
 1069 Barnes, Shoko Gard 2014 BBQ 6.20
 1070 Warner, Karyn Grad 2014 Brunch - balloons 150.00
 1072 Kiraly, Virginia Replace ck 1033 which was voided. DECA championship 300.00
 1073 SHS Boosters Club June 2014 boosters membership from Arena checkin
 webstore
 97.80
 1074 17th District PTA membership passthrough disbursement to District and CAPTA 260.00
 Signature

 1075 Hornblower Cruises and Events Grad Nght 2015 Deposit - Booking # 12638 2,500.00
 1076 Christle Waters New Teacher Grant - Reimbursement - Classroom Supplies 133.08
 1077 Mary Esther Vizzi Filippuzzi New Teacher Grants - Reimbursement - Gift Baskets 367.55
 1078 Sequoia High School Education
 Foundation
 Sequoia High School Education Foundation: August -
 September webstore donations
 7,500.00
 1079 Sequoia High School - VPA Sequoia High School VPA Boosters: August-September
 webstor donations
 750.00
 1080 Sequoia High School Sports &
 Spirit Boosters
 Sequoia High School Sports & Spirit Boosters: August-
 September webstor donations
 600.00
 1081 Donna Fiorre Reimbursement - Staff Appreciation - Staff Lunch August 15,

2014

116.59

1082 Shari Schussel New Teacher Grant - Reimbursement - Classroom Supplies 150.00

1083 Catherine Sterne New Teacher Grant - Reimbursement - Classroom Supplies 150.00

Motion to ratify checks as presented by Julia

Motion carries

Programs Report by Alice

PTSA programs and activities 2014-2015:

8th grade family welcome

Academic awards reception

Arena check in

Class liaisons and parent socials

Communications: The Sentinel, constant contact, website and webstore

Freshman family welcome

Junior scholarships

Liaisons for IB, SHSEF, and library

Mini grants for staff and student clubs

New teacher grants

Reflections arts recognition program

Senior graduation activities: safe and sober grad night, brunch, and BBQ

Sequoia international festival

Special projects

Support /grants for student excellence

Teacher appreciation

Teacher/parent volunteer awards

UNALIYI (family support)

Fundraising activities: Adult dance event at Fox, concession sales, eScript and gift cards, evergreen sales, Honey Bear trees, love bag sales

Motion to approve programs by Rebecca

Motion carries

Membership is now up to 425 on our way to 500!

Upcoming events:

Junior grad meeting Oct 15th at Alice's

Sophomore evergreen sales

Freshman Football social Oct 24th

19 mini grants have been submitted for the fall

Reflections by Betsy

This is a national art recognition program for K-12 with high school as a separate category. The theme this year is: The world would be a better place if....

Deadline for entries is Nov 14th. Spread the word

Next meeting is Nov 4th

Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jayne Sungail