

Strongsville High School PTA  
General Meeting  
May 13, 2021 | 9:30am  
Zoom

- I. Call to Order 9:34am
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Secretary's Report - Sarah Bass Volunteer hours are due to Sarah by 6/1. Please separate into Legislation, Fundraising, Service. Many things happening after our year end. Please estimate after-prom and prom hours.
  - A. Approval of April minutes-Approved by consensus
- IV. Treasurer's Report - Hilarie Yankello-Checking account balance \$5,133.79; after prom account balance \$8,235.50-The school asked if PTA would be willing to purchase a banner listing the names of all graduating seniors, cost is \$600. Laura Housum made a motion to purchase the banner for \$600; Katherine Schoenberger 2<sup>nd</sup>-Discussion-this is something PTA would like to provide every year for the graduating seniors. Laura Housum amends motion to adding a line item to the annual budget and funding with \$600 for graduation banner; Katherine Schoenberger 2<sup>nds</sup>-Motion passes.
- V. Teacher's Report - Mrs. Potter-thank you for our lunches for staff appreciation.

Spanish 2 & 3 Honors students are participating in WoolyCon, a comic contest where 5 countries are participating-

-During the 2020-2021 school year, the students in the High School's ASAP (Academic Social Advancement Program) were able to partner with Spice Field Kitchen and begin to "plant the seeds" for developing a deeper understanding and connection to the food system while improving their social-emotional skills. There were small group cooking demonstrations and plan to develop a growing garden. In August, these same students will begin the year using what was grown in the garden to continue to work on building culinary, self-awareness and self-management skills. Spice Field Kitchen will provide several live cooking demonstrations, field trips to their farm and guidance on year-round gardening. If you are interested in helping or are just interested in gardening, please contact me at [bedmonds@scsmustangs.org](mailto:bedmonds@scsmustangs.org).
- VI. 1st Vice President - Lori Silvis Lunch at Trivs May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. Thank you to the outgoing board members.
- VII. Principal's Report - Bill Wingler-Not in attendance
- VIII. President's Report - Carrie Dewes

-Council PTA's Leadership Workshop is Thursday, May 20 at 10am via Zoom. Once I have the link, I can share with anyone who is interested.

-Mr. Tumino has asked for a small group to review new textbooks for adoption. There are only 2 books to review. Lori, Laura, Carrie, and Katherine (if needed) volunteered.

-Thank you to Laura Housum for coordinating the staff appreciation lunch today. The number of donations from our families was amazing! 55 families donated totaling \$1305.

-Thank you to Lori Silvis for organizing our installation ceremony and membership lunch today.

-Thank you in advance to our After Prom committee and all of our parent volunteers. We all know, many hands make light work so please consider volunteering. Lots of food on hand to get you through the night.

-I want to thank and extend our best wishes to Katherine Schoenberger as her daughter Sarah graduates. Katherine's been a huge talent at the high school as our delegate alternate & webmaster, but also at Council. Her work especially with the Technology committee was immense. She helped bridge the gap when Google Classroom/Drive was being implemented in the district. Plus, I'll miss her excellent proof-reading skills.

-Thanks to our outgoing Council Delegates - Allison Applebee and Misti Schulz. We're lucky we get to keep them around as our Webmaster next year. Lori, Hilarie & Sarah - thanks for your service this year. I'm so glad you're sticking around for a 2nd year.

-Finally, thanks to all our members as we muddled our way through a year worth of virtual meetings. Your service, patience and continued support is appreciated! I hope to see everyone in person in the fall.

IX. Council Delegate's Report - Allison Applebee, Misti Schulz, Katherine Schoenberger  
Dr. Ryba Report:

Esser Funds Rec'd

-District is receiving approximately 6.1 Million dollars from Federal government to help support district. These funds have specific criteria on how they can be used. The funds must be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to Covid19 pandemic.

-At least 20% of the funds (approx. 1M) need to be allocated to loss of learning – summer learning programs.

-We have renewal levy in November, the Esser funds are completely separate dollars than the Levy funds.

The Esser funds will be used for summer programs, software/programs, professional development, capital improvements, creating new positions.

-Some of the new positions created are:

- 1) Secondary Math Coach – to address learning gaps in math grades 6-12
- 2) Elementary School Guidance Counselor – this would be the 5<sup>th</sup> one added to district so that every elementary will have one.
- 3) Elementary Assistant Principal – primarily focused at Muraski & Kinsner because of the larger number of students at those elementary schools. Also, will help with overall district needs.
- 4) Potential Position of a Covid Coordinator – this might possibly be a part time/contracted position. Still undetermined at this time.
- 5) Elementary Reading Specialists
- 6) MTSS Coordinators (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support). Possibly hire 2 for district.
- 7) Intervention specialist
- 8) Special Education Instructional Coach
- A. 9) Social Worker – currently have 1 1/2 , looking to expand to 2 full time.

Dr. Ryba also discussed Middle School Challenges.

Concerns with how kids are treating each other, the words used / hateful, mean spirited. Middle school had an assembly to address with students on 5/6 to start the process of

repairing and encouraging better respect towards each other and better support for kids/parents/staff to improve behavior.

Council Presidents Report – Katie:

Convention Dates for PTA June 11/12.

Ohio PTA Board is being voted on if anyone is interested in joining Ohio PTA.

Leadership Meeting for incoming Presidents, Membership and Treasurers – 5/20 @10am.

Founders Day – May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

Invitations have gone out – smaller ceremony than past years because of covid restrictions.

Council Scholarships

18 submissions were received. 2 scholarships awarded and names have been sent to HS counselors.

May 13<sup>th</sup> at senior night the recipients will be announced.

Fundraising

Council PTA will be selling Pull Tabs at Home Days this summer. Sign up genius will be sent out soon.

X. Committee Reports

A. After Prom - Robin Micko, Tracy Joniak, Lori Silvis-Please sign up. Need volunteers.

B. Parking Space Raffle - Lori Silvis-Done for the year

C. Bylaws & Standing Rules - Vicki Maloney-Carrie reviewed recommended changes as template changes made by Ohio PTA-Laura Housum made a motion to accept the changes as presented; Misti Schulz 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.

D. Health & Safety – Open-None

E. Student Grants - Stephanie Kunovich-None

F. Fundraising - Lori Silvis, Michelle Thall-None

G. Membership - Lori Silvis-None

H. Reflections – Open-Presented the entry from the high school a certificate and \$5 gift card to Michaels

I. Rockin' at the Rec - Open/Cancelled-None

J. School Board Representative - Laura Housum-Overwhelming positive response to summer school, 17 classrooms are filled.

K. Special Education - Teresa Karsnak-None

L. Staff Appreciation - Stacie Hershkovitz, Laura Housum-Lunches from DiBella subs were delivered today. Thanks to everyone who donated.

M. Teacher Grants - Tracy Joniak, Laurie Majka-None

N. Webmaster - Katherine Schoenberger-Outgoing-Thank you for your service, Msiti Schulz and Allison Applebee will be taking over next school year.

XI. Unfinished Business-None

XII. New Business: Form Audit Committee-Lori Silvis, Rosann Redd and Laura Housum volunteered. Katherine Shoenberger made a motion to approve the volunteers for the audit committee; Laura Housum 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.

XIII. Announcements-None

XIV. Adjournment 10:18am

Dates to Remember

- May 13 - Senior Salute, 7pm
- May 20 - Council PTA Leadership Workshop, 10am via Zoom
- May 20 - Board of Education Meeting, 7pm @ SHS Auditorium
- May 26 - Founders Day, 7pm @ SHS Auditorium (limited attendance)
- May 28 - Last Day of School
- May 30 - Commencement, 11am (A-L) & 3pm (M-Z) @ Catan Stadium
- June 6 - Prom, 6-8:30pm & After Prom, 9pm-12am @ Catan Stadium