SHS-SPTC Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

7:00PM, Room D172

Present: Interim Principal Patrina, Shawna Becene, Nhung Nguyen, Stephanie and Blaine Civitello, Angela Gomez, Jeanette Pulley-Nieto, Rose Niehay, Alysandrah and Jennifer Ireland

Acknowledgements by the President

 Welcome: meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Principal’s Report: Interim Principal Patrina

 The report highlighted:

-SHS’s rolling out of the vision of the graduate. What are the skills you need for going forward.

 1) Global Citizenship-Gaining perspective from another lens.

 2) Identifying Struggling Students-Teachers being able to know early so they can have a

 particular focus for the identified students.

 3) Safe and positive school climate-SHS has hired a Director of Safety and Security. Also

a nighttime security person. Passion and pride in the building helping to create a positive school climate. Dialogue began last year about race and equality with set outcomes that are being enacted this year.

4) Provide opportunities for teachers in professional development-Encouraging teachers to delve into their passions. Teachers wanting students to also find their passions if they haven’t yet, and teachers tapping into it.

-New front doors are being installed on Saturday 9/14. It is going to be a double door system.

-The nets have been repaired in the field.

-There is new school signage in the front of the building.

-It is official that there will be a new bell schedule beginning in the 2020/2021 school year. It will be a six period a day rotating schedule dropping two classes each day.

-There are new credit requirements per the State of CT beginning with the class of 2023. More information to come.

-Third annual Athletic Hall of Fame will be taking place the first weekend in January 2020 at The Riverview.

Treasury Report by Nhung Nguyen

 SPTC balance in the currently in the checking account is $7,355.21. Many membership checks still to be deposited.

New Business:

Blaine Civitello and his mother Stephanie have committed to redoing the school courtyard. They are looking to make it a more calming and peaceful environment. More of a relaxing Zen garden. The are looking to plant 2 Japanese Maple trees and bamboo in addition to many other ideas that will all depend on funding. The committee has partnered with Warner Nursery for maple trees, Flamig Farm for mulch and Vincent’s for screen printing. The hope is for the tech ed department to assist with benches and art students to help with kinetic wind sculptures. They are looking into grass alternatives as there would be no mowing. They are looking to do fundraising. They have created a SHS Courtyard Gardens FB page. They are looking for volunteers to come out and help with project on Saturday mornings from 8-10. Mrs. Roberts is planting a tree in memory of Class of 2020 Senior, Thalles de Costa Lima.

Committee Reports:

1. Beautification: Angela Gomez-Planting has been done around the flagpole. The planters have been changed to mums. The memorial area will be completed soon.
2. Communications: Position is currently open-anyone interested, please let Shawna know.
3. Directory-Martha Hillier-waiting until membership applications have been sorted through. Hope to have compiled by 10/1/19.
4. Faculty Luncheon- Rose Niehay-finally have it down to a science! Pastels caters, chips, water and watermelon were also provided.
5. Hospitality-Jeanette Pulley-Nieto-Freshman orientation went well.
6. Senior Celebrations-Jennifer Ireland and Diana Yeisley-many checks already received. Meeting was held with Mrs. Smedick this morning to discuss logistical planning. Meeting scheduled with Senior Class officers and class advisors for later this month. Contracts have been signed and deposits have been given to Boppers for both Post Prom and Post Grad celebrations.
7. School Gift-Shawna Becene- Last year’s gift was money to purchase a new table.
8. Junior Celebrations Stacie Windisch and Cheryl Paddock-No Report
9. Special Project Funding-Robotics is looking for $500. The request is being tabled at this time as the true 2019/2020 budget is not known until the membership forms have been logged in.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM, Room D172

Next Meeting: November 13, 2019