

Sidney Huntington School Parent Advisory Committee (SHS PAC)

January 16, 2017

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm. In attendance were PAC President Jenny Bryant, Vice-President Shirley Cleaver, Secretary Tim Bodony, and Treasurer Ayla Kalke. Also in attendance were Jared Carlson, Nick Schumacher, Jason Harris and SHS Principal Ken Essex.

2. Agenda approval: Shirley moved to add "Communication" as New Business item A. Tim seconded the motion. The amendment passed unanimously. Tim moved to strike "Approve minutes from PAC meeting 12/5/16" from the agenda, as he forgot to distribute the minutes (taken by Tamara Huntington) before the meeting. Ayla seconded. The amendment passed unanimously. Shirley moved to approve the agenda as amended. Tim seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the agenda was approved.

3. Principal's Report. (Note that the written Principal's Report submitted by Ken contained the wrong date for the meeting. The report is dated 12/14/16, but should be dated 1/16/17.)

-The January staff in-service was excellent. Teachers are finding ways to incorporate lessons learned from Achieve 3000 data.

-Admin is hoping that teachers can find ways/time to observe other teachers in action as a learning tool.

-62% of students at this time in 2016 had at least one failing grade; now that number is around 1%

-In order to minimize traffic across the new gym floor, the main door will be the main point of entry to basketball games now, bringing spectators into the gym via the library. Tim inquired about whether the GSCD could /should purchase a resurfacing machine to address annual maintenance needs for the floor, rather than continuously hiring non-local companies to do the job. Jason Harris replied that it would be a benefit to have professionals do the resurfacing for at least a few more years until a solid base is built up. Nick Schumacher added that the District already owns a machine capable of resurfacing.

4. Community Comments: Jared Carlson presented the Phlight Club's upcoming schedule; Community meeting for Phlight Club at the community hall January 17th 6:30pm, Jr. High Phlight Club January 19th 5-9pm, and High School Phlight Club from 5-9pm.

5. Old Business:

A. Bylaws: The updated version of the PAC Bylaws were presented from the sub-committee (Tammy, Jenny, Ayla) via Ken's board packet. It was decided to have the PAC go over the new edition during an executive session on Tuesday January 31st, at 6pm. After the executive session, the PAC would like to add a resolution to the February 6th, meeting to update the current Bylaws.

B. Volunteers: The volunteer subcommittee (Shirley, Ayla) gave the PAC a packet, which included a suggestion for different classifications of volunteers, interest survey, and a volunteer brochure. Shirley expressed the desire to have a State of Alaska background check for type A volunteers (volunteers who serve on a regular basis). Jason Harris suggested USA Swimming as a model. The PAC decided to review this information go over it during the work session on January 31st 6pm.

C. Student PAC member: There was one applicant for the position of student representative on the PAC: Tirzah Bryant. **Shirley makes a motion to accept the applicant. Ayla seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**

6. New Business

A. Communication: Shirley would like the school to have better communication with the parents of the SHS students. She suggested three points of contact: Yukon Wireless, e-mail, newsletters from classroom teachers. Parents would benefit from having the front desk be responsible for compiling and distributing a monthly school events calendar.

7. PAC Comments:

-Shirley was inspired by the elementary students' celebration of Martin Luther King Jr's birthday, and mentioned the possibility of the school celebrating the birthdays of influential local leaders. She also proposed that a volunteer group offer to do a deep clean on certain areas of the school during school breaks, as a means to improve school pride and appearance.

-Ayla inquired on the procedure for current volunteers to follow. Ken said that volunteers entering the SHS building should check in at the front office with Ken or Jason Harris, and sign in.

-Jenny proposed some ideas for gathering and preserving good ideas for school improvement. One concept is to have a comment board onto which sticky notes could be placed, by anyone.

-The PAC discussed whether it is appropriate to comment on the Superintendent transition process. It was agreed that issuing a resolution about a staff hiring procedure or school board executive session item was inappropriate.

8. Adjournment. Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Shirley seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.