

PTO Minutes – August 27, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm by Rachel Cauteruccio

Board Members in Attendance: Lynn Anderson, Rita Sargent, Julie Arnaudo, Monica Woodworth, Maria Garcia, Rachel Cauteruccio

Approval of agenda: Agenda approved.

Approval of prior minutes: Minutes from April 2019 approved.

Presentations:

Patty Holahan, Counseling Department

There will be wellness, college counseling and career counseling meetings throughout the year for students and parents. Check the counseling website and school calendar for the dates and topics. One of the first events will be on **September 11** at 5:30 PM – “What every H.S. parent needs to know.” Also, **October 9** at 5:30 PM - "College Applications and More..." and **January 29, March 4**, etc.

There are also **student lunch meetings** with snacks planned throughout the year with topics like study skills and college scholarships. Skyline College does lunchtime workshops at the school.

The Counseling Department also visits every classroom throughout the year to see if the students are doing OK with high school and getting prepared for a career or college.

Ms. Spasic shows the students how to use the CALIFORNIA COLLEGE GUIDANCE INITIATIVE (**CCGI**) software this year to explore career and college options. She also helps the students to apply to go to Skyline College or other community college options or select four year colleges.

Skyline College currently has the **Promise Program** scholarships that help students get through two years of college or career preparation prerequisites and pays for the tuition, books, transportation, etc.

October 16 will be the PSAT and SAT for all students.

Ms. Calpotura is the wellness counselor. The students can visit her if they are having social problems, behavior problems or situations like a death in the family. She is also the Peer Helper supervisor.

The Link Leaders Crew of older students reaches out to the freshman students.

Voting for new board members –

All parents, staff teachers, present at the meeting are able to vote for the new members, not just the board.

Vice President - Tiffany Hanah was nominated. No other nominations at this time.

Tiffany was voted in by a majority.

Treasurer – Don Potter and Jennifer Guibadouline were nominated as co-treasurers.

Don and Jenni were voted in by a majority.

Secretary - There was a call for nominations, but no one accepted at this time.

The position remains open.

Fundraising – Maria Garcia and Monica Woodworth

For Back to School Night we had a coffee and baked goods table. (Thanks to Monica and Maria for the beautiful treats and to their kids for manning the table.) We will send out a Direct Ask-Membership letter to the families soon.

Teacher Appreciation Update –Julie Arnaudo and Rita Sargent

Stipends for teachers are \$100. We recently voted to make them \$100 for each semester. Ms. Carey sends out an email about this, but the teachers don't usually turn in receipts. How do we advertise this to them better?

Budget – Lynn Anderson

The current bank account totals are as follows:

Bank of America checking - \$84,235.72

Bank of America savings and overdraft account - \$522.33

Tri Counties Bank "Crab Feed" account - \$10,062.73

Total = \$94,820.78

Last year's Treasurer, Heather Campagna, has committed to closing the Crab Feed account by September and depositing the money into the BofA checking. We no longer need a separate fundraising account for large events. We voted to close it last year, but are just getting around to it now.

Now that we voted in new treasurers, we will present an annual budget by the next regular PTO meeting.

TNEF Update – Rachel Cauteruccio

None at this time.

Membership –

None at this time.

Of note, Ms. Carey worked with the school district to allow parents to give their emails to the school support groups, unless they opt out through the registration system. This contact list will make it much easier for the PTO to advertise special events and fundraisers to TN families.

Principal's Report – Megan Carey

The Leadership students planned a **Week of Welcome** for the students with quad games and popcorn. The new Link Leaders Crew met the freshman.

The **third floor construction is finished**. New railings we installed and the area was cleaned up just in time for school to start.

The field got **new turf** over the summer. The old turf reached its age limit. The new turf is designed to be less hot on a sunny day for the games student practice.

The **staff updates** include nine new teachers, one new vice principal and two new campus supervisors. (Kevin Asbra, former VP, left for a Principal job in the South San Francisco School District.)

JUHSD has a program to allow **teachers to come from the Philippines** to teach. Five teachers will come (some are already here?) – one to teach Math and four for Special Education at several location in the district. In the meantime, a Math class at TN is being taught with substitute teachers and APEX online software.

The PSAT and SAT are scheduled for all students on **October 16**.

Mr. Escalante and the Leadership students have a Twitter account that parents can follow. **@OfficialTNTiger** The twitter feed is also posted on the school website. They include sports highlights.

Chromebooks – The district will pay for one Chromebook cart per classroom, plus Special Education already has them. Five teachers volunteered for special Chromebook training so that their classrooms could get the carts first.

Peer Helpers are partnering with the North County Prevention Partnership and Mary Bier to come up with ideas to address vaping.

There was a false **Fire Alarm** recently. It was because of faulty air filters. The school might update the evacuation procedures with the help of the Pacifica Police Department.

The school has had some practice **emergency drills**. Each class has an emergency kit and the teachers know how to use them.

Fall sports are under way. The games are on the regular school calendar. September 10th is the first league games. The Athletics website is not up to date. The Athletic Boosters are discussing how to handle this.

There are **new water dispensers/drinking fountains** in the main office, cafeteria and third floor hallway. The plan is to add some to the gym in the future.

There are **updated security cameras** throughout the school and the school parking lots. They are not in the locker rooms for privacy and not at the stadium because of wifi issues. The cameras were recently used to catch a student doing vandalism.

Student parking is \$25 per semester with priority going to seniors.

Back to School Nights on Thursdays conflict with some primary schools' Back to School Nights. Ms. Carey says that the TN Back to School Night is on the same Thursday most years and the primary grade school districts know this. The next TNHS school year starts on August 10, 2020 and the Back to school Night will be on August 27, 2020.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39 pm.