

# General PTSA Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday, October 8, 2019

**In Attendance:** Jim Mulcahy (SHS), Chip Hill (STEM)  
Wendy Herren, SHS Vice President, PTSA  
Kristin Sareault, STEM President, PTSA  
Maya Carpenter, Treasurer, PTSA  
Laurie Tompkins, Secretary, PTSA  
Heather Swett, Hospitality Chair, PTSA  
Julie Heyer, Chair, Last Best Craft Fair  
Jennifer Lacasse  
Beth Cummings Ohman  
Kristen Pomajzl

### AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order – 7:00PM

Introductions

Principal's Report -STEM

- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class elections
- Camp Burgess was a success – 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip
- Wellfleet Audubon – 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip
- Fall Snack Shack a success
- 10/18/19 – STEM class picture retakes
- 10/30 and 10/31 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade SOS Health Screening (suicide prevention)
- 11/4-6 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade SOS Health Screening
- STEM ROV Competition scheduled for May 9, 2020
- Mr. Duffany and Mr. Hill building informational kiosk for vernal pool

Principal's Report – SHS

- October 30<sup>th</sup> – Senior Class Masquerade Ball (SHS tradition)
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sandwich Showcase Night – Highlights of SHS curriculum, club activities and sports
- Halloween/costume guidelines: students welcome to dress up if they want, no full face make up or weapons of any kind
- October 28-29<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences. Information will be sent out next week. The link to sign up the week prior to conferences
- New schedule is working out well; teachers acclimating, seniors as well-they feel the change the most.
- Knight-Time – lots of feed back coming in some positive, some not. New software glitches being worked out, students have just been given the responsibility to schedule their own time this week. Advisory teachers have been assisting. Some classes filling up, teachers do have ability to override. Library is filling up fast. Students at this time cannot schedule their Mondays out of Advisory – but should be changing in the future.
- Wednesday Schedule changes discussed. Teachers meet each week by 1:15PM for PD, either a one hour or two-hour training. Will evaluate effectiveness of schedule at the end of the year.
- SHS Bright Program – in exploratory stage; a check in program to address or identify students who may be in fear of falling through the cracks. (no funding currently).
- Parking Lot vandalism – students and parents address the vandalism immediately. Police investigating – no additional information at this time. STEM/SHS Cultural Committee reviewing lesson plans and reaching out to social studies/history teachers to address anti-Semitic message so teachers can address in small group settings, letting the students drive the discussion.
- Credit for Life Fair – Seniors participating in real life planning, financial scenarios. Sponsored by Cape Cod Five.

- New for 2019-20 – Business Teacher on staff offering DECA/Business program classes
- MCAS results mailed out this week.

### SHS/STEM CALENDAR ITEMS

October 15 – spirit Week (T-Spooky Day, W-Wear Pink, TH-Decades, F-BKP Day)

October 18 – Pep Rally

October 19 – PSAT testing

October 19 – Homecoming Football Game 3:30PM against Nantucket

October 19 – Homecoming Dance 7PM-10PM

October 25-25 – Heritage Halloween Event (PTSA fundraiser)

Junior, Senior and Sandwich Soul participate in profit share

October 28-29 – Parent Teacher conferences

October 29 – NHS Induction Ceremony

November 7<sup>th</sup> – term one grades close

November 15-16 & 22-23 – Fall Play Dates “FAME”

Early November – 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade health screening (SOS/Suicide prevention)

TBD November – Powder Puff football game

#### Class Fundraising

Class of 2021 – Popcorn Fundraiser

NJHS – Wreath Sales

After Prom – What’s next? Not well attended last year, thinking of surveying students and parents to see what direction this event should take.

#### PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Kristin Sareault

- Developed independent website to allow for control over page content and to ensure it was current information.
- Allowed for online membership in response to School District going paperless
- Membership is ongoing - email from admin has gone home
- Faculty has been briefed on the PTSA grant program for curriculum enhancement.
- Since August we have provided a total of \$900 in grant money for activities to our students, recipients were 7th and 8th grade classes
- Provided teachers a lovely, locally sourced Welcome Back Breakfast organized by Heather Swett
- Provided Fall Snack Shack of donuts and cider to STEM students, and a few non-STEM students
- Provided 7 volunteers plus parent donations of snacks and candy to the STEM dance in September
- We have a new Box Tops for Education Coordinator, Tina Schultz. Box tops will be going clip-less but we can turn in any clip-able ones up until they expire so please turn those into the PTSA mailbox in the STEM office

#### GRANTS (3 grants considered and passed)

Mr. Rigazzio (\$450) Chairs, plants, cements to finish up student space outside of cafeteria. Benefits all students.

10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Street Law Class (\$100) to offset transportation/field trip

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade A/P Computer Science (\$100) field trip to (Marconi) to offset transportation costs

## **FINANCE REPORT – TREASURER**

Account Total: \$12,806.78

Starting Balance: \$7,654.16

STEM Account: Starting was \$1,162.56 now \$2,161.30

SHS Account: Starting was \$1,620.93 now \$5,774.81

After Prom Account: \$4,870.67 balance has not changed

### **Credits:**

Stop and Ship A+ Program: \$2,896.32 from 2018-2019 year gets applied to next year

Bay State Textiles: \$276.25

Citizen's Bank General Donation: \$1,250.00

Last Best Craft Fair: \$1,555.00

Membership payments and donations: \$1,219.61 = 40 Members so far

### **Debits:**

Grant for \$400.00 for 8th

Grade Mass Audubon Field Trip

Grant for \$500.00 for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Burgess Field Trip

Heritage Halloween prizes/costs: \$297.42

Stem Dance: \$30 for prizes

Teacher Welcome Back Breakfast: \$367.39

Last Best Craft Fair Advertisement: \$75

STEM Welcome Back Snack Shack: \$201.68

## **LAST BEST CRAFT FAIR – Julie Heyer, Chair**

10/31/19 Crafters deadline to register

Vendors of previous years all been contacted – registrations going well

Requested PTSA supply coffee/pastries the morning of event (Laurie Tompkins)

Will need a few volunteers – Julie will email the board needs so we can reach out to members.

Library Renovation – Tammy McDevitt, Friends of the Sandwich Library sent in remarks to be read at the PTSA meeting that passed on information on the benefits the library renovation would provide to our STEM/SHS students and requested folks attend town meeting scheduled for 10/28/19 and vote.

Mr. Mulcahy – suggests inviting speakers to general meetings may draw more participants

Next General Meeting – December 3, 7:00PM in the SHS Library

Adjourned