

Sandwich STEM/SHS PTSA - General Meeting
3/2/21

Call Meeting to Order – 6:30PM

In attendance: Kristin Sareault, Maya Carpenter, Wendy Herren, Christine Brown, Lisa Johnson, Tina Schultz, Beth Cummings, Jennifer O’Neil, Laurie Tompkins (notetaker) and Jim Mulcahy, Principal, SHS

President Report – Kristin Sareault

Since our last general meeting in January, the PTSA has:

- Approved parent presentation - Secret Lives of T& T in March
- Co-hosted Harry Potter Trivia event with Friends of SPL- 51 kids participating- \$200.

Principal’s Report – Q & A session – Jim Mulcahy

MCAS – Information is changing and updated frequently, information will be sent to families when it is finalized for grade 7, grade 10. MCAS is not allowed to be taken at home, accommodations will be provided to anyone home schooling will utilize library and/or cafeteria.

DESE does not give the option to “opt-out” of MCAS exams. At this time, there are many questions with scheduling, fairness to students, what the state will do with the information etc. 10th grade science, ELA dates up in the air.

IReady exam

The second round of ELA exams will take place on 3/3/2. These are baseline measurements to determine where students are currently in their learning. The exams are designed to answer questions until you cannot, not to research answers. Math portion will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

Senior Activities

Graduation breakfast – yes, we are hoping to be able to offer this.

Mr. Mulcahy recently filmed a PSA with the senior class officers on potential activities; prom planning, senior week, senior cruise (students looking at options closer to home/Cape)

Senior parent group working on lawn signs, goody bags, signs for business.

Graduation – June 5

Senior Week June 1-5 (tentative)

Still working out exams and AP tests schedules.

Teachers – eligible for vaccinations, just waiting on Governor to decide if/when we are returning to school.

School committee to discuss returning at meeting this week. There are many ideas being discussed.

Therapy Dog Update – Dr. Gould is in favor of this program and they will find monies in the school budget to purchase and support this program.

Mr. Mulcahy thanks group for their positivity.

Sports - discussion on sports, kids adhering to rules during practice and games. Cannot control what they do outside of school.

Fall II has started: football, basketball, and volleyball.

Kudos for the live streaming of the games (Beth Cummings)

Chorus - Singing now allowed in schools, and regulations are now in place.

When is program of studies? Later than usual this year, still working out date.

Financial Report – Treasurer – Maya Carpenter

SHS = \$6901.94

STEM = \$4714.99

After Prom = \$4870.67

Box tops fading out, a small amount has been mailed in. Box tops promoting app.

AGENDA ITEM/Senior Activities

PTSA will support the graduation breakfast as in years past.

Prom – senior and jr. class advisors/officers will reach out to PTSA if any help is needed.

Yard Signs approx. \$1,000. Jen O’Neil and Gretchen Mulroy coordinating and will pay for and ask for donations to cover cost. Asked PTSA to set up line item to collect funds to support this year’s seniors.

Motion/Passed – separate line item to be created for the reimbursement of lawn signs.

PTSA will create a link on our member hub page for this purchase, no monies of PTSA will be allotted to this project.

Heritage donating a movie night for seniors.

Teacher appreciation – PTSA approved spending up to \$150 for appreciation signs to be held at vaccination event on March 19th. Still waiting for approval from state.

PTSA sent out an interest request on a possible spring trivia fundraising event; only two responses returned. Idea tabled.

Teacher appreciation week – May 3-7

Grants

No Grant requests received this month.

Mr. Mulcahy will remind teachers grant monies are available.

Board Positions

PTSA will begin to solicit nominations for board position.

Secret Lives of Teens and Tweens – 99 registrations for March 4 and 11 presentations.

Next General Meeting Scheduled for 5/4 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Adjournment 8:17PM