

## **STCE PTO Minutes**

**March 23, 2021**

Mary Gerkin called meeting to order at 6:30pm

In Attendance: Mary Gerkin, Katie Robak, Megan Grohe, Mr. Jim Richter, Lisa Dandre, Mr. Nolan Possley, Bonnie Marinucci, Amy Sheridan-Dufresne, Yvette Stahl, Stephaine Fullhart, Barb Fetter, Kris Galante, Molly Risberg, Valerie Kelly, Alison Murnane, Chrissy Webbe, Laura Wojdyla, and Michele Brown.

February 2021 Minutes were approved

### **School Reports**

#### **Student Council, Kathryn Reda:**

St Baldrick's Fundraiser to fight childhood cancer will be online this year. Virtual Shave on March 19th can also donate online. Elections for officers will be next month.

#### **Teacher Liaison, Mr. Nolan Possley:**

##### **Several Staff Members**

Thank you for ready, set, race to spring break scavenger hunt! Fun way to end the week.

##### **Cathy Dremel**

A date was approved for prom, which is being called "morp" this year since prom is the pandemic age is a little backward, and this will take place on May 1. There will be a rotation of activities for seniors to enjoy and more details will be shared soon.

##### **ISO - Sharon Young and Donna Wisely**

ISO will have a short track and field season during April. Eight athletes will train in a variety of events and take part in the regional event to be held at Marmion Academy on May 1st and 2nd.

##### **Athletics - Stephanie Ter Bush and Nolan Possley**

Water polo is thrilled to be back!

Coaching football and baseball, I am very excited for sports to be back!

##### **X-ray - Leslie Ladowski**

X-ray has printed its first paper issues since last school year. There are plans to have two more issues before the school year ends. They are looking for any East community businesses to help by advertising in print or online versions of the paper. Advertising funds are used to help support students attend local and national journalism events and conventions as well as compete in regional and national competitions such as NISPA, Quill, and Scroll.

##### **Mock Trial - Paul Sarmiento**

Mock trial competed in the state tournament on March 12th and 13th. They competed against Southland College Prep in round 1, and Maine South in round 2. They did not place in the top 8, but Justin Throneburg earned an Outstanding Witness award.

##### **Skills USA- Keith Glavan**

Ten SkillsUSA members qualified for the state competition. Mitali Kamdar - 7th place job interview, Julia Johnson - 5th place Job Interview, Jonathan Miller - 2nd place Job Interview, 1st place Early Childhood Education. State competitions will take place throughout April

##### **VEI - Nolan Possley**

Virtual Enterprise just finished up a midwest Trade Show where we had business competitions with over 40 schools across the midwest, and are waiting for the results

**Principal's Report, Mr. Jim Richter:**

Continue to meet with the Class of 2021 Celebration Committee with our next meeting on Thursday - currently working on 5 events. Wrapped up winter sports season and are now in our spring sports season. Activities/Athletics Future Saints Night is tomorrow (virtually) from 7-9 pm. Welcoming students back after spring break from a hybrid to a 5 day schedule. Spring Testing - SAT on 4/13; PSAT 10 on 4/15; PSAT 8/9 on 4/20.

**Treasurer Report, Katie Robak:** PTO and Post Prom budgets were presented. The balance in the PTO checkbook is \$6103.50 and the Post Prom checkbook balance is \$5970.73.

**Committee Reports**

**Grounds Beautification, Crissy Webbe and Valerie Kelly:** After Spring Break Committee will plant Spring flowers in 4 planters using the remainder of the annual budget.

**Post Prom, Katie Robak:** New budget introduced and approved. Event will take place on Sunday May 2, 2021 from 4-7pm. SignUp Genius for volunteers will go out to parent volunteers for security at the event. Letters requesting donations will be mailed out to businesses in the community, as well as to East families from School. Additional meeting will be held April 5th VIA Zoom.

**Student Activities, Mary Gerkin:** None

**Greater Education Foundation, Mary Gerkin:** Planning on a Spring outdoor event at Pollyanna Brewery on May 1, 2021. Organized a wine themed basket valued at \$300 on behalf of PTO for the auction.

**District PTO Representative, Alison Murnane:** Dr Pearson attended the zoom meeting and fielded questions regarding new guidelines on Covid restrictions, as well as addressed the approval for food at functions.

**Senior Awards, Amy Sheridan-Dufresne:** So far the Scholarship Committee has received four applications and questions from a handful of potential applicants regarding eligibility and what should be included in the application. The application deadline is April 5th and I anticipate receiving more applications closer to that date. The evaluation criteria will be tweaked a bit to align with the feedback I received at the last meeting and the rubric, along with applications, will be sent to Committee members a few days after the deadline. I will also be sending a list of applicants to Katie at that time to affirm eligibility. I anticipate having the preliminary winner's names to PTO leadership by the third week of April."

**Staff Appreciation, Aracely Curtis, Crissy Webbe and Valerie Kelly:** Committee is very thankful to all of Lisa Dandre's assistance in placing signs around the school describing different

travel destinations in the U.S. for “Spring Break” theme. Prizes were awarded each day. Planning a Raffle for the end of semester and will reach out to the community for prizes.

**Senior Signs, Megan Grohe, Katie Hollman, and Bonnie Marinucci:** Bill and Barb Fetter have generously volunteered to sponsor senior signs for The Class of 2021. Ordered 675 signs from Celtic Custom that are scheduled to be delivered May 7th. More info to come on volunteer sign up.

**President’s Report, Mary Gerkin:** *Need new officers and chairs for next year!*

President, Vice President, Post Prom Chair, Greater Education Foundation Chair, and Student Activities Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Megan Grohe STCE PTO Secretary 2020-2021

Next Meeting 6:30pm on April 27, 2021 Via ZOOM