

STCE PTO Minutes October 27, 2020

Mary Gerkin called meeting to order at 6:30pm

In Attendance: Mary Gerkin, Katie Robak, Megan Grohe, Mr. Jim Richter, Kathryn Reda, Mr. Keith Glavan, Aracely Curtis, Crissy Webbe and Valerie Kelly

September 2020 Minutes were approved

School Reports

Student Council reported by Kathryn Reda:

Food Drive to benefit The Salvation Army will take place November 13-14th. Student council is organizing food donations to be picked up or dropped off on November 9th. Food Drive flyers will be going out this week. "SAINTS WAY" video will be sent out to the student body through morning announcements.

Teacher Liaisons, Keith Glavan:

Many thanks poured in about all the great things...coffee mugs, gift cards, ongoing support
Ms. Dandre passed on special thanks for fall decorations in the planters outside Door #1 & Door #40

Saints ISO

Participated in the Special Olympics Illinois Region C bocce event in mid-September in Northlake, IL. Teammates Blake Fifield (Transition program), Hayden Haneberg (East HS) and Mitchell Hahn (Transition program) all earned FIRST Place in their divisions. The team was so excited to enjoy the outdoors this fall for practice with an additional 5 teammates and looks forward to upcoming activities. The remainder of the year is still being planned by Special Olympics Illinois, updates forthcoming. Sincere thanks for continued recognition and support of our teams from the PTO.

Math Department News

Math resource room is open (virtually) so students can get extra help. Math Honor Society is also offering tutoring on Thursday night. Math team is competing! Codes for all help and for the math team are in the Orange and Black.

Business Ed News

DECA (Business Club): 2 remote meetings so far with an average of 20 members. Just elected officers: Chapter President- Sarah Hydar, Chapter Secretary- Aadi Patel, Chapter Public Relations Officer- Shiv Patel. Virtual competitions this year. For more information contact Ms. Shannon Stone or Mr. Robert Livermore.

SkillsUSA (Career Club): Focus on leadership and careers. First meeting held...approximately 20 members. Remote competitions and development activities. State and National competition structure to be determined. Contact Mr. Keith Glavan or Ms. Liz Savickas for more details

VEI (Virtual Enterprise International): 3 firms in place - Electric Avenue, Clever Contraptions, Xtreme Comfort. Students interviewed for and are placed in positions in the firms. CEOs Mia Verrier, Connor Schwind, Isabel Panek. All remote activities from national and regional offices - using technology train students and get them interacting with each other in virtual trade shows

INCubator / ACCErator - Entrepreneurship: **In need of a mentor for the “glasses fog” team below. Once a week remote meetings via Zoom/Google Meet.** 4 New Teams - Business Areas; Running shoes (mentor Greg Buck), Plant care (mentor Eric Jens), Water bottle noise and annoyances (mentor Paul Lencioni), Glasses fog (primarily from COVID Mask) - **Mentor needed.** ACCErator returning teams that got funding to move forward; Xtended Comfort - Armrest divider for planes, busses, etc.-Mentor Lula Cassidy, ThermoStick - Hot beverage temperature indicator stick-Mentor Kate London.

Principal's Report, Mr. Jim Richter:

Students are back in the building. Orientation Days were beneficial.
Students adhering to wearing masks, spacing out, wiping down work spaces, and self certifying daily.
Fall Play - 3 part radio series, Fantastic job!
PSAT testing is almost done - Sophomores test Thursday
Sports are doing well - Boys & Girls Cross Country were Regional Champs, Girls Tennis were Sectional Champs.
Senior Night 2020- able to recognize senior athletes by holding ceremonies outdoors.
Parent-Teacher Conferences - received positive feedback on ease of signing in.
Principal's Newsletter - discussed how the community receives it electronically.

Treasurer Report, Katie Robak: PTO and Post Prom budgets were presented. The balance in the PTO checkbook is \$11,675.96 and the Post Prom checkbook balance is \$7,716.22.

Committee Reports

Grounds Beautification, Crissy Webbe and Valerie Kelly: Partnered with Heinz Brother's and created a budget per pot, per season. We decided to maintain the two pots at the entrance and created a Sign-Up Genius to adopt the two pots in the back of the school. We had two great volunteers sign up to design and fill the pots in the back given a Fall theme of mums, cabbage, pumpkins and pansies. This went over so well and we appreciated families stepping up to help out. The pots look beautiful! We need to follow up with Heinz Brothers to secure our budget for the winter. We will ask the current families if they would like to continue to do their pots or ask for new volunteers.

Post Prom, Katie Robak: Storage unit is paid through the end of the year. Yvette Stahl has volunteered to co chair the Post Prom Committee.

Student Activities, Mary Gerkin: Welcome Back Sign was well received. Coming up with creative ideas that adhere to guidance given for end of year activities.

Greater Education Foundation: None

District PTO Representative: None. **NEED A REPRESENTATIVE**

Senior Awards, Amy Sheridan-Dufresne: Will reach out in November to verify volunteer interest/availability and present a draft of the scholarship application to the PTO. Applications will be made available to students in late February with a deadline of early April.

Staff Appreciation, Aracely Curtis, Crissy Webbe and Valerie Kelly: Mugs filled with gift cards to Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts were given to staff, and a banner of gratitude was hung. National Education Week is coming up in November.

Senior Signs: Megan Grohe, Katie Hollman, and Bonnie Marinucci have volunteered to Co Chair this committee.

Senior Handprint Wall: Completed during Materials Pick Up.

President's Report, Mary Gerkin: none.

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Megan Grohe STCE PTO Secretary 2020-2021

Next Meeting November 17, 2020 Via ZOOM