

STCE PTO Minutes

November 17, 2020

Mary Gerkin called meeting to order at 6:32pm

In Attendance: Mary Gerkin, Katie Robak, Megan Grohe, Mr. Jim Richter, Mr. Adam Boyer, Kathryn Reda, Laura Wojdyla, Alison Murnane, Valerie Kelly, Crissy Webbe, Aracely Curtis, Yvette Stahl, Bonnie Marinucci and Barb Fetter

October 2020 Minutes were approved

School Reports

Student Council reported by Kathryn Reda:

Food Drive to benefit The Salvation Army was a great success with a lot of participation. Collecting donations for Salvation Army's Angel Tree Project which provides families in need clothes and toys. Purchase items online or Gift cards can be dropped off by Friday, November 4th at STCE.

Teacher Liaison: Mr. Adam Boyer

- Staff still saying thank you for the Coffee Mugs/Gift Cards
- THANK YOU to the amazing inspirational signs posted around the building.

Skills USA

Moving forward with competitions in a revised way. The state conference will be remote with written tests conducted online, live competitions via Zoom (things like job interviews), and contests that are submitted in advance. Shortly after thanksgiving break, East chapter officers will be elected and students will finalize resumes, decide their contests, and prepare for competition.

INCubator

Student entrepreneur teams are now matched with mentors and moving their ideas forward. We'd like to thank the following community members for acting as team mentors this year: Poonam Gupta, Eric Jens, Greg Buck, Paul Lencioni, Kate London, and Lula Cassidy. East and North are both seeking one more mentor each. Please contact Keith Glavan for more information. keith.glavan@d303.org.

VEI

Participating in the first virtual trade show happening this year. Normally we would go down to Pigeon Forge TN and compete live, but this year things have changed. Students will be networking and engaged with other firms at the same time across the Midwest and East Coast and sell products.

Principal's Report, Mr. Jim Richter:

Students are doing an outstanding job at being responsible following Covid-19 procedures. The Performing Arts Department had virtual performances for the school community to enjoy. STCE had a very successful fall athletic season. Boys and Girls Cross Country teams won DuKane Conference titles, Girls Tennis team won their sectional tournament, and Boys Golf

team qualified for the sectional tournament and placed fifth.

Kane County Health Department has asked all schools in Kane County to take an adaptive pause and move to full remote learning. All D303 students will participate in remote learning for the 3 weeks between Thanksgiving and Xmas Break. Information regarding students returning in January will be emailed when finalized.

There will be NO FINALS for the first semester.

Treasurer Report, Katie Robak: PTO and Post Prom budgets were presented. The balance in the PTO checkbook is \$11,705.96 and the Post Prom checkbook balance is \$5,006.09.

Committee Reports

Grounds Beautification, Crissy Webbe and Valerie Kelly: Fall planters are coming out and will replace them with Holiday planters. Will ask the current families who signed up for Fall season if they would like to continue to do their pots or will send out a Sign Up Genius to ask for new volunteers.

Post Prom, Katie Robak: Post Prom will meet in December to come up with a proposal and ideas of how to hold an event with Covid restrictions. Decided to go ahead with Black Friday online shopping as will hold a raffle of prizes for Seniors.

Student Activities, Mary Gerkin: None

Greater Education Foundation: None

District PTO Representative: Alison Murnane has volunteered for this committee.

Senior Awards, Amy Sheridan-Dufresne: [Reaching out to verify volunteer interest/availability and present a draft of the scholarship application to the PTO. Senior parents cannot participate. 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: Being creative with Covid restrictions. Printed and placed many signs for staff showing gratitude quotes for the Thankful Campaign. In addition, created a virtual video to share with staff members not at school in person. Would also like to include bus driver appreciation in the future.

Senior Signs: Megan Grohe, Katie Hollman, and Bonnie Marinucci have volunteered to Co Chair this committee. Need to confirm a donor for 2021 early next year.

President's Report, Mary Gerkin: none.

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:03pm

Respectfully submitted by Megan Grohe STCE PTO Secretary 2020-2021

Next Meeting 6:30pm on January 26th, 2021 Via ZOOM