



ST. CHARLES NORTH PTO MEETING

Date: September 1, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Laura Thomas, Board President/Board Treasurer

Linda Rutishauser, Secretary

Audra Christenson, Principal

Brenna Ohlson, Teacher Liaison

Bella Rybialek, Student Council Liaison

Jenny Montgomery, DPTO Liaison

John Peters, Assistant Principal – College & Career Readiness

Erin Manheim, Senior Class Advisor/Student Council Advisor/Asst Director, Student Activities

Renee Reynolds, Assistant Principal – Instructional Programs

BOARD

The board, guests and attendees did introductions. New this year – Teacher/PTO liaison Brenna Ohlson and new Student Council liaison Bella Rybialek.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The PTO posted banners of welcome and gratitude inside the building for the North staff and outside on the football field fence for the students. Open positions were reviewed. PTO is looking to fill the Vice President position, Sr. Scholarship chair, and Greater Education Basket chair for the winter season. There will be many open positions for the 2021-2022 school year. If interested, please email Laura @ laurarthomas@att.net.

The location and platform for future PTO meetings is still to be determined. Laura has reached out to the D303 to inquire about facilities that could be used for PTO meetings. She will also send out a survey in Google form or email requesting feedback from parents on their preference for either in-person or Zoom meetings.

Amazon Smiles flyer provided. This is a great way to get donations to the PTO.

FINANCIALS

The 2020-2021 draft operating budget and financials were provided. PTO dues received to date is just over \$14,000, which represents 30% of families. Dues are down \$2,500 from last year. 36 families made duplicate payments; 29 families donated their duplicate payment to the PTO.

The PTO budget is available on the PTO website @ <http://www.scnpto.com>

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student enrollment numbers provided:

- 1,975 total students
 - 479 Freshman
 - 481 Sophomores
 - 486 Juniors
 - 529 Seniors

SCN was ranked 26th in State of Illinois by U.S. News and World Report; of that we are #15 in public schools; #1 in Kane County; #1 Dukane Conference academically.

Attendance has been typical of a normal year at 90%.

Senior Portraits – HR Imaging has reached out to the seniors via emails, mail and phone to set up appointments. Pictures will be taken next week as well as a week in October. If the student wants to be in the yearbook, they have to sit for a photo, but they are not obligated to buy any portraits.

Clubs have started to meet, most in the virtual settings. All of the advisors have updated their websites so go under Students → SCN Clubs on the school website to see the list of activities, when they meet and a link to view information.

Stargazer (student newspaper) is now fully online.

Fall play is Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play. Cast is set and they are rehearsing virtually.

Homecoming parade – the City of St. Charles has agreed to host the parade on whichever date is decided upon by SCN.

IHSA shifted from 3 seasons to 4 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Interim Progress Reports (IPRs) will be sent to the teachers for students participating in sports and activities. For eligibility, a student must be passing 5 or more classes based on IHSA and school guidelines. The counselors also get a copy of this report for all students regardless if they are in sports or activities.

All school Senior SAT to take place 09/23/20 during school hours. All other grade levels will complete standardized testing over the months of September and October.

Back to School Night this year will be executed by online videos recorded by the teachers. Audra will be sending out an email during the day on 9/11/20, with a link to the videos. The videos will be listed by teacher.

Grading will now be represented in HAC as more cumulative. It will not be broken out for the 1st and 2nd quarter, but will be a running total.

September 4th is a non-attendance day. Teachers will be working on a number of different BOE goals including identifying and filling gaps that exist because of skill deficits from the spring, social/emotional learning, and equity. They are also doing a book study on "So You Want to Talk about Race." In the 5 days before school started teachers worked on 5 competencies; health and safety, access to technology, social and emotional instruction and assessment and grading.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Bella Rybialek, Student Council**
 - Student Council is currently working on ideas for student events that will be allowed to due to the COVID restrictions. No events confirmed at this time.
- **Jenny Montgomery – DPTO**
 - No new updates, last DPTO meeting was in August when they discussed the plans for hybrid learning. They are changing to Zoom platform for future meeting. Next meeting TBD.
- **Brenna Ohlson – Teacher/PTO Liaison**
 - Seniors are meeting online with their counselors and finalizing their school applications and essays. In the fall there will opportunities for online college tours and college searches for juniors and other students to learn about schools without during onsite tours.
 - **Erin Manheim:** Starting September 8th the district has given approval to bring in small groups for activities. 4 activities are in process of getting approvals for in-person meetings according to the Phase 4 COVID guidelines; 2 clubs approved so far.

UPCOMING DATES

September 11, 2020 Back to School Night via video recording

October 6, 2020 PTO Meeting 7:00 PM

October 8, 2020 Panera Fundraiser All Day

October 8, 2020 Teacher Conferences/Staff Dinner TBD

NEXT MEETING

October 6,2020|7:00 PM| Place TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

EXECUTIVE PTO MEETING

The Board reviewed and approved August financials and the 2020-2021 draft budget via email 09/02/2020.