



OLYMPUS HIGH SCHOOL PTSA GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2020

In attendance: Katie Zimmerman, Jen LaFaber, Lisa Barnett, Suzanne Headden, Amy Clements, Holly Hawes, Natalie Boss, Steve Perschon, Kristel Affleck, Oscar Smith, Ben Boss, Ali Southam, Camryn Stone, Ashley Smylie, Stacie Henry, Sydnee Madsen, Judy Crockett, Alycia Spencer, Shannon Randle, Amy Johnson, Alyse Barton, Brittney Peterson, Jennie Pinnock, Suzy Rasch, Kim Richards

Pledge and call to order: Katie Zimmerman & Jenn LaFaber

President's Report: Introduced student reps for this year. Homecoming will include powder puff, Royalty, torch run, virtual activity. Katie asked the student reps how they felt the student body was doing and they said they thought everyone was good and just happy to be back at school. They are working hard to encourage students to come to the tailgate even if they do not have a football ticket. Janica Meier has not officially been voted in as President Elect with Trina Beckstrand. Hoping to do this vote at the end of the year.

Teacher Rep: Kim Richards is working tirelessly with the students to make plans for a memorable HOCO. She mentioned how tired teachers are with such an increased workload. She was excited about this new opportunity for students (and Parents) to support sports they wouldn't normally. Football is huge but she believes kids are discovering that other sports are also exciting to watch. She encouraged us to continue to push all sports through social media.

Secretary Report: Suzanne passed around the minutes from our May meeting. Amy Johnson moved to approve, and Lisa Barnett seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report: A copy of the updated budget was provided. Lisa Barnett motioned to approve the budget and Holly Hawes seconded the motion. T shirts are still available and will be sold at games and lunches. PTA memberships are up to date. Let Sydnee know if your commission's budget is not accurate or if you need an adjustment. There has been a 20-25% increase to most budget lines to account for the newly added 9th grade. Obviously, this is a fluid plan due to the fluctuating needs of this school year.

Principals Report: COVID information page on the webpage is updated every Monday morning. It reflects data coming directly from the Department of Health. To date 32 students are quarantined with 2 active covid cases. If a student/staff has been quarantined, they will need to be out of school for 2 weeks. This is a firm number of days and cannot be shortened by taking covid tests. If your student has any type of symptoms DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL!! We are expecting a spike in numbers post Labor Day. Every case of positive test and/or quarantine is the result of community spread. None of these cases have resulted from a school/student spread. Rule of thumb for exposure is 6 feet or less for 15 minutes or more, regardless of indoor or outdoor. Health Department provides us the data, but we

encourage parents to self-report. We are extremely concerned about our teachers and keeping them safe. PLEASE DO YOUR PART!! Our teachers are stretched to the max. They are tired, stressed, confused, and frustrated. For all the parents who are planning HOCO activities for their students and friends PLEASE think of these teachers and their families. PLEASE ensure mask wearing and social distancing. Teachers are working around the clock so be patient with emails and/or phone calls. Canvas has improved but there is still much work to be done. Trying to do something uplifting for the staff every Friday. We have yet to have a day this year with a full staff. Remember the last day of the week is always the distance learning day. The confusion on classes and homework on Fridays is real. Many students will have homework from all classes on Fridays despite being A or B day. Mr. Perschon has requested the teachers post the expectations by 10:00 am on the distance learning days and allow for the homework to be submitted through Sunday at 11:59 pm. SEP's will be online on the 21st and 22nd.

Football games have been going well with the 25% capacity in the stadium. We all need to encourage our kids to be engaged and cheering if they are at the game rather than staring at their phones. Soccer, Volleyball, and cross country are all having awesome seasons.

Graduation is set for June 3rd 4:00 pm at the Huntsman Center.

Reports and Discussion Items:

Be Strong: Swap a Heart happens every 3 years through the English department. Essays are read through Be Strong. T shirts for this will be issued the end of September and the assembly will take place at the end of October. Mr. Perschon will give a treat to every student who matches up their hearts. Lunch forums will be replaced with Titan Talks this year in video format.

Reflections: Being conducted online this year. More details to come.

Teacher Appreciation: Being changed from a one-week event in the Spring to a quarterly event as a result of the trials teachers are facing this year.

Millcreek Arts/Tutors: Shannon is working out the details for this. It will likely be a much smaller production this year.

NEXT MEETING: October 21st 9:30 am

Upcoming Events:

October:

5th: PTSA meeting (changed from October 12th)

8th: Swap a Heart Assembly

15th-26: High School Musical

22nd: End of Term

23rd: No School

24th: Monster Mash (?)

24th: ACT

