

# South Lakes High School PTSA - October General Meeting

## Minutes 10/03/23

### SLHS Career Center

- I. Meeting Call to Order - 6:40pm
- II. Welcome - Vicky Stacy
  - A. Introduction of PTSA board members, reiteration of PTSA vision/mission for 2023-2024
- III. Student Spotlight - STEAM Club
  - A. Introduction of what STEAM Club does, history of STEAM Club in its 11th year now, Public art installations on Lake Thoreau, and now RTC installation coming up. Focus is on professional art installation process including "Design Thinking," Project Based Learning & Portrait of a Graduate aspects (planning, permits, school, board and town approvals, etc.). Showed images of public STEAM Club projects all around Reston since 2012, talked about all the local businesses and professionals they work with in the final build on the project. Talked about benefits of being involved in the club.
- IV. Teacher Spotlight & Volunteer of the Month Recognition
  - A. Binh Phan - Staff of the Month, Head Custodian (he could not attend in person)
  - B. Priya Phadke - Volunteer of the Month (could not attend in person)
- V. Communications Update - Erin Gibbens
  - A. Shows demo of new PTSA website on PTBoard
- VI. Guest Speakers
  - A. Linda France - SLHS Librarian
    1. Presentation on resources available in the library, also available to SLHS parents/family members, can check out books, Library hours, who uses the library (clubs, debate, after school help), showed new website, demo of all the various databases available to our students and family members. Introduction to these databases will be helpful in

college as they are some of the same ones used at collegiate level (librarian at GMU said we have as many as they do!)

2. Q&A session with librarian

B. AmyBeth Kramer - School-Based Technology Specialist

1. Supports digital learning at SLHS, also support and educating students and families on tools like ParentVue, Schoology. Discussion of FCPS On program goals, refresh year this year (new laptops), info on how to deal with technical and hardware issues, discussion of printing process from devices, lost/forgotten device process, encourage students to charge at night and come to school fully charged. Discussion of FCPS Digital Ecosystem and Digital Ecosystem Library, all the digital assets/tools that are available in FCPS and specifically SLHS, importance of Digital Consent Form, which tools the kids are saying they like to use/are helpful

VII. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (September 6, 2023)

A. Motion - Erin Gibbens

B. Second - Nandini Rao

C. **APPROVED**

VIII. Treasurer's Report - Ashley Kowalczyk

A. September Treasurer's Report

1. PTSA - Memberships going well, fundraising updates for PTSA

2. Pantry - Updates on fundraising from donations and upcoming DIYW 0.5K, expenses to date on track,

3. ANGP updates, ticket & lawn sign sales started, corsage fundraiser

IX. Committee Updates

A. Pantry - Abbe Pacal

1. snapshot of numbers served in past month via groceries, pantry "shopping" and gift cards - numbers are up, DIYW 0.5K coming up on 10/15

- B. All-Night Grad Party - Lorna Kadunce
  - 1. On a Friday night this year, hopefully this will help with parent volunteers being available, encourage people to buy tickets early as it helps with planning, lawn signs sale ongoing, meeting every 2nd Tuesday of the month for volunteers interested in helping
- C. Hospitality - Vicky Stacy
  - 1. Most recent hospitality even was morning after BTS Night, breakfast for staff, Wegmans, NWFCU & Weird Brothers Coffee
- D. Scholarships/Mini-Grants - Vicky Stacy
  - 1. We still have 10 mini-grants to give out
  - 2. Scholarships will open in 2nd half of year
- E. Membership - Vicky Stacy
  - 1. Update on membership this year to date, ahead of entire total from last year, more than 50% of our goal for this year, Teachers are leading the goals
- F. Fundraising - Vicky Stacy
  - 1. Ideas we're thinking of are Family Photo Day, Fall Food Truck, Silent Auction, International Cookbook (digital) to coincide with International Day at SLHS - more info to come
- VIII. Principal's Report - Kim Retzer
  - A. Homecoming week/event updates, was a great event this year with a lot of participation from students and community (at game), info on upcoming PSAT/SAT in-school dates, Activities & Clubs day recap, review of upcoming performing arts events, review schedule for upcoming parent info night on 10/10, update on graffiti incident in school bathroom - isolated incident, thankfully no issues since
- IX. Meeting Adjournment - 8:20pm