

# PTSA General Meeting – 11.13.24

## Officer Attendees:

Larry Howell, President  
Carlos Seward, Principal of SLHS (ex officio)  
Ashley Kowalcyk, Treasurer  
Sarah Hobson, Scholarships/grants  
Nandini Rao, Programming  
Joe Selner, Recording Secretary

## All Attendees:

per Google/QR code sheet data

- . **Meeting Called to Order: 7:00PM**
  
- II. **Welcome & Introductions:**  
Larry H. welcomes parents, guests and **two students** and opens the meeting and proceeds through the following agenda points:
  
- III. **Teacher Spotlight** Ms. Crytzer was awarded our teacher spotlight for November. Ms. Crytzer teaches in our Special Education Department, and she is a teacher/sponsor of our Leadership students. Leadership students plan many school events and spirit functions. This unique mix of responsibilities has given Ms. Crytzer an ideal vantage point to help ensure school events are planned so as to make sure all students are included. Mr. Seward mentioned that Ms. Crytzer hosted an alternate Homecoming dance for students challenged by loud noises and flashing lights, the first time that portion of our school community were afforded such an inclusive option. **Mr. Seward** mentioned she works too hard, a gesture of gratitude, not a criticism at all.
  
- IV. **Student/Club Spotlight** Dylan Hall, the President of the Stock Market and Investment Club was our student spotlight recipient. Dylan recounted how he developed an interest in the stock market and how he came to establish his club. He detailed the activities of the club and how he sees it continuing under younger leadership once he graduates in June.
  
- IV. **NW Federal Credit Union Spotlight** Representatives from NW Federal Credit Union offered presentations on financial planning, managing debt, managing student loans and saving for retirement. The presentation touched on several financial points for young and adult adults about instilling habits of good financial practices.
  
- V. **Q&A with Principal Seward:** Principal Seward led a question and answer session on a range of topics of concern to the Seahawk community including the outdoor learning space (currently under construction), bathroom policy, the E-Hall pass system and school boundary issues.
  
- VI. **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the October 9, 2024 general meeting were reviewed and approved by the membership. Erin G. and Nandini R. first and seconded the motion for approval.
  
- VII. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Ashley K. – transactions were reviewed and progress against approved budget was assessed.

VIII. **Additional Matters:** Committee chairs offered updates on their continuing efforts (AGNP/Pantry/Programs/Membership). The PTSA raised \$587.00 at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> home football game, thanks to Dorie Howell for coordinating this fundraiser and thanks to all who came out to work this event on behalf of PTSA. Next month our featured speaker will be Detective Reynolds of Fairfax Country police on the topic of substance abuse.

IX. **Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn passes at 8:29PM**