

**SOCES PTSA Association Meeting
September 11, 2020 via Zoom**

Attendees: See Meeting Roster.

Call to Order: President Cybele Constantin called the meeting to order at 8:46 AM.

Opening Ceremonies: Student Body President Maxwin Bhail led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 8, 2020 Association meeting were reviewed and will stand as presented.

Financial Reports: The Treasurer's Report dated September 11, 2020 with a Starting Balance of \$149,954.32 and an Ending Balance of \$150,548.01 was reviewed. **Motion:** Cathy Kohm moved to approve Check Nos. 2874 through 2880 for a total of \$4,790.95 as reflected on the Treasurer's Report and to allow for payment of normal and customary bills from now until the next Association Meeting not to exceed the budgeted amount. **Adopted.** Treasurer's Report will be filled for Audit.

Executive Board Report:

- a. The Board recommends increasing the budget for Back to School events/support from \$2500 to \$3000. Rationale: The change in format due to the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a change in the beginning of the year plan. **Adopted.**
- b. The Board recommends the adoption of the 2020-21 Annual Budget as presented. Rationale: The Board evaluated past spending and potential future incomes. An evaluation of needs was considered in creating this year's budget while still providing a safety net to the unit for 24 months. The 2020-21 Annual Budget was reviewed. **Adopted.**

New Business:

- a. **Motion:** Debra Lewin moved to approve the disbursement of the following Administrative and Program budget lines for a dollar amount not to exceed the 2020-21 budget as approved by the Association: Back to School Teacher Luncheon, Hospitality Meetings Consolidated, Membership / Office Supplies, Parent Center Office Needs, Postage Expense, Print and Copy @ SOCES, PTA Dinner, PTA EZ Accounting Program, Registration and Tax Fees, Spirit Wear, Sunshine / Rainy Days Gifts, Teacher Appreciation Week, Teacher of the Year Gift, Teacher of the Year Plaque Engraving, Website Domains, Woobox - Annual Subscription, Insurance, Local, District and State Non-Unit Expenses, Battle of the Books Team Shirts, Formal Closet, Geography and Spelling Bee, Halloween Scary Movie Night – Virtual, Library's Million Word Challenge, Nurse Project – Girls' Undergarments, Pep Committee, Positive Behavior, Reflections Art Program, Restorative Justice / At-Risk / Homelessness, STEM, Spirit Incentive Category, Staff Spirit - Birthdays & Paydays, Support for Culminating Activities - 12th grade, Support for Culminating Activities - 8th grade, Support for Culminating Activities - 5th grade, Veterans Day Charity, and the Student Club and Class Committees as reflected on the presented list and those formed following Clubs Weeks. **Adopted** with one abstention (Seta Margossian).
- b. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Class of 2020 had to cancel graduating activities such as Senior Picnic, Grad Night and Prom. **Motion:** Kim Gohata moved for PTSA to continue to

sponsor and maintain funds for Class of 2020 to hold graduation / reunion activities later in the 2020-21 school year. **Adopted** with one abstention (Seta Margossian).

Committee Reports:

1. **Review of Parent, Teacher and Student Committees:** Cybele Constantin presented. If anyone is interested in chairing or serving on a Committee, please contact us. Some Committee opportunities are Reflections, Halloween Fright Night, Community Nights Fundraising, and Virtual Fun and Fundraising.
2. **Back to School Events:** Nicole Block presented. We are working on an idea for a Halloween Fright Night, which will consist of a film festival contest of short scary videos (approximately one to two minutes).
3. **Membership:** Nicole Block presented. We currently have 27 active members. PTSA membership includes state-wide and nation-wide discounts for members.
4. Cathy Kohm reported that PTSA receives donations from purchases through Amazon Smile. Directions on how to sign up are on the TEAM SOCES website. Cathy handles these programs for Booster Club as well and Booster receives similar donations through the Ralphs Community Awards program.

Announcements:

Upcoming PTSA Meetings, Times TBD:

November 13

February 12

April 9

May 14

Back to School Night – September 24, 2020

Upcoming Coffees with the Principal:

October 2, 2020 at 11:00 AM

November 6, 2020 at 11:00 AM

December 4, 2020 at 11:00 AM

February 5, 2021 at 11:00 AM

March 5, 2021 at 11:00 AM

May 7, 2021 at 11:00 AM

June 4, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Parent Center Office Hours:

Tuesdays 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Thursdays 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Upcoming Events:

September 12 – African American Parent Empowerment Summit

September 23 – Parent Portal Training

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 AM

Kim Gohata, Secretary