



Sargent PTO Meeting
#7
April 12, 2023

Minutes

Presiding: Ryan Biracree, Alena Brown, Emily Hare, Ms. Biordi

Minutes: Laina Mason

1. Meeting preview (2 minutes) and welcome:
 - a. PTO President reviews agenda
 - i. PTO Updates
 - ii. Teacher's Report
 - iii. Principal's Report
 - iv. Open discussions/follow ups

1. PTO Updates
 - a. Explanation of PTO Board functions and positions required as well as committees; full summaries on sargentpto.org
 - b. Nominations from today through May 3rd, and elections at next meeting on May 10th
 - c. Brief explanation provided of Board Positions
 - i. President - Currently Ryan Biracree
 - ii. Vice President - Currently Emily Hare
 - iii. Secretary - Currently Laina Mason
 - iv. Treasurer - Currently Alena Brown
 - v. New Position: Public Relations Officer to manage social media, online and print comms
 - d. People can self-nominate or nominate another person with their consent by announcing in meeting today or a written nomination to PTO email
 - e. Elections will be at next meeting, May 10th, secret ballot for opposed positions
 - f. Nominations at this date:
 - i. Ryan Biracree self-nominates for President for 2023-24 school year
 - ii. Ryan Biracree nominates Emily Hare for VP for 2023-24 school year
 - iii. Secretary Position currently vacant, will need nomination by May 3rd
 - iv. Ryan Biracree nominates Alena Brown for Treasurer for 2023-24 school year
 - v. Audrey nominates self for Public Relations Position for 2023-24 school year
 - g. Other volunteer opportunities ****Volunteers are REALLY IMPORTANT for all events and projects that our kids enjoy****
 - i. Can volunteer on a regular basis or take a project that you want to spearhead, e.g. book fair or holiday shoppe, picture days etc.
 - ii. Audrey is taking over Holiday Shoppe next year



- iii. Can also come and volunteer as a “one off” at specific events to help out, by signing up when call outs are advertised
 - iv. You can also volunteer from home, e.g. shopping for events, buying decorations online or sorting backpack mail into piles
 - v. Sign ups are on the Sargent PTO website
 - vi. Potentially thinking of other ways to engage and network with volunteers as well
 - vii. Shout out to Lesly for doing the sign! Will need a new volunteer for next year
- h. April 28th - 90's Night in the Gymnasium: CoChairs, Audrey and Ryan
- i. Parental Unit Zone
 - ii. Activities
 - iii. Please dress up!
 - iv. There will also be a “Chill Zone” for kids who need a break
 - v. Will need chaperones and volunteers for concessions and different rooms/stations
- i. Hair-Cut-Athon : Chaired by Eileen Sheppard
- i. Sunday April 23rd, 12-3
 - ii. At Happy Valley with community stylists
 - iii. Simple menu of dry cuts, money will go to 5th Grade initiatives
 - iv. Need volunteers to help check people in and assist stylists
 - v. Moderate / low prices for quick dry cuts for adults and kids
 - vi. This is before spring pictures!
 - vii. Please come with dry/clean hair
- j. Spring Pictures - Friday April 28th
- i. Siblings pictures as well this day
 - ii. Need volunteers on the day to help set up, and get kids through the line etc.
 - iii. Shifts from 9-2 available for volunteers
- k. PTO Scholarship
- i. 2x \$750 scholarships for BHS graduates who went to Sargent, apps due May 20
 - ii. This will be advertised by HS guidance counsellors; please spread the word
 - iii. Ms. Biordi did reach out to Corey Dwyer to promote in his newsletter
 - iv. Volunteers to help score them: Audrey, Laina, Lesly and Erin G offering to help, as well as Ms. Black

1. Teachers' Report

- a. Ms. Cervone sharing about a number of field trips the school is doing, as well as thanking the PTO for funding so much of them; gratitude to Ms. Biordi for advocating for trips as well
- b. Ms. Black, Calico Ball, the caravan is coming in and working with the classes
 - i. Dates are June 8th and 9th



1. Principal's Report

- a. Thanks to PTO and parents for all the support during Reading Month, and additional gratitude to Ms. Cervone around Mystery Reader initiative
- b. 2nd graders working with Dia, this is across all 4 elementary schools
- c. Joe Pimentel sketching mural on the building!
- d. 3,4,and5th graders starting to paint in the coming weeks
- e. Swimming PE trips happening this week
- f. NYS Testing coming up soon - encouraging kids to do best and not stress about it
- g. Younger students will be bringing treats to the kids taking tests again
- h. STEAM Fair coming up; sending fliers home, and two teachers will be staying after school to on Wednesdays leading up to the fair
- i. Play at Beacon HS May 12th for preK-2
- j. A lot of 5th grade stuff coming up, including pen pal project between 5th and 6th grade students
- k. Considering doing a Kindergarten orientation differently, potentially an evening event
- l. Will need volunteers for upcoming events, including June 16th 5th Grade Fun Day, followed by Camp Sargent in the evening
 - i. Please keep eyes on Sargent PTO website for volunteer sign-ups
- m. Did just complete their drawing for their 5th grade memory, to company Archer Remember, will send store information out to parents to order items
- n. Pre-K lottery registration closes April 14th, and families will be notified afterwards; will try to keep kids at "home school" if they can
- o. No updates regarding Student Leadership; they are still helping with recess carts and Eileen did reach out about having student leaders helping at the Hair-Cut-Athon (Lesly offering that she can help help with Hair-Cut-Athon)

1. Open discussions and brainstorms (15 mins)

- a. FYI calendar sent home has some incorrect dates to change
- b. Land to Learn and Earth Day activities April 22nd and more information coming home this week; for kids and adults to help clean up around grounds at Sargent
- c. NHS Apps are due in May and Clean up is a good volunteer hour opportunity
- d. Teacher Appreciate Week in May - PTO moving forward with paying for licenses for teachers, but also want to make sure that we are also celebrating teachers in other ways re food? treats? - Ms. Black can put together a quick google form to get information
- e. THE SLIDE IS BACK! :)