

SHS PTSA minutes from December 6, 2010

The Sanderson PTSA met at 7:00 p.m. in the SHS media center on December 6, 2010. John Kinney, president, called the meeting to order.

Members present were: Lee Adams, Dr. Greg Decker, Judy Dove, Burt Driscoll, Jami Elizondo, Margie Hanks, Irene Jasper, John Kinney, and Carla Smith.

Judy Dove had e-mailed the minutes from the previous meeting and they were approved as e-mailed.

Carla Smith reported on the Holly Days booth. We had thought that the fee for a booth was \$50 but it was actually \$90. Eight people took the survey. The PTSA made \$115 at Holly days.

Dr. Decker reported that

- on Friday, Dec, 3, the first staff development with the complete SHS staff was held and was a success. The topic was technology; there was differentiated instruction for teachers based on skill sets. The training was intense and utilized on-campus expertise.
- Winter sports are going well. The fall athletic celebration was successful.
- SAT scores will be distributed soon.
- We are monitoring and supervising the Optimist Park area, in an attempt to minimize and eventually eliminate challenges brought on by students in unsupervised areas, for the safety of students and community. A student advisory group has been started to illuminate what is important from the students' perspective. This is an eclectic group selected by teachers to represent our student population.
- Holly Days was well-organized; students did an impressive job. Kudos to Jennifer Elmo and Jasmine Hart.
- Things are going well at Sanderson. It has been a highly successful semester regarding student achievement.
- *The News and Observer* will have a section called "Thumbs Up" to target the great things that happen at Sanderson. Jami Elizondo will serve as the school contact to whom we will send "good news" information.
- The PTSA Hospitality committee hosted a wonderful breakfast for the staff this morning.

Burt Driscoll, student body president, reported that

- the SHS Food Drive won first place again. The students collected 193,099.6 pounds of food.
- Twenty-eight student government officers from across the state, representing nine high schools, will meet at SHS to discuss how we are implementing various projects at school.
- This Friday there will be a casual dance after the Wakefield home game, with proceeds going to the food drive project.
- SHS is filling out the application for the national Association of Student Councils Gold Council of Excellence. 130 won last year.
- We discussed the various accomplishments of the many different student groups at SHS.

Carla reported that we are still trying to sell our candy.

Jami reported that the website info for the PTSA has been updated. She also reported that we cannot collect Box Tops for Education as a fundraiser because high schools are not eligible.

Irene reviewed the treasurer's report. We discussed mail reimbursements, as well as making the Teacher of the Year banquet expenses a line item. It was also agreed that next year, there will be a line item for School Climate/Staff Appreciation.

John Kinney presented New Business. He discussed the Board of Education reassignment plan, as well as challenges that present themselves within the communication arena at the Board of Education meetings. John has been going to the meetings to represent SHS; he continues to publicly present a positive image of Sanderson to the community.

1,950 students is Sanderson's building capacity. There are over 2100 students who could potentially come here, but some go to magnet schools. Sanderson would not be able to house all of the neighborhood students.

Mary Ellen Taylor represents parents on the S.I.P. committee.

The board discussed the creation of an End-of-Year report of successes of students and staff.

Dr. Decker identified a need for a way to mobilize action from communication: a way to inform, educate, communicate, and advocate for Sanderson students. Carla suggested having a representative from each Sanderson node.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Dove, secretary