

SHS PTSA Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 1, 2010

The Sanderson PTSA met at 7:00 p.m. on November 1, 2010, in the Sanderson High media center. Present were: Dr. Greg Decker, Judy Dove, Burt Driscoll (student body president), Jami Elizondo, Maggie Hanks, John Kinney, and Carla Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by president John Kinney. The minutes from the previous meeting had been e-mailed for approval prior to the meeting, and were approved as sent.

Treasurer's Report: Irene had e-mailed the budget prior to the meeting for review. There was discussion which continued into the later portions of the meeting.

Principal's Report: Dr. Decker reported a great first quarter start to the year, with an overall positive tone.

- Discipline resulting in out-of-school suspension is down 60%.
- Student grades are improving.
- There is an intervention alignment, ensuring that all processes are directed to support student learning.
- We have won a federal grant for high school dropout prevention. The amount is \$147,000 which will be split among four schools.
- Fall sports are ending, winter sports try-outs are beginning.
- We are still trying to target "clickers"; the "Desserts with Decker" events have harnessed \$10,000 to date toward purchase of clickers for classrooms.
- Paula Gale is offering our staff free staff development on use of the clickers.
- Dr. Decker is working with Smart Technology to make Sanderson a "SMART school", which could eventually earn us free technology, but it is a slow process.
- The athletic field has been dedicated to Bob Catapano.
- The new evaluation instrument for teachers is very comprehensive, artifact-based, data-driven, and differentiation-driven.

John Kinney asked how many SMART Boards we have. Dr. Decker reported that he had recently had mounted approximately 29 boards that had been in storage, and they are now being used.

Dr. Decker reported that the Sanderson Theatre Dept., led by Pete Comperatore, had a successful weekend at the N.C. Theatre Conference Regional High School Play Festival in Greensboro over the Oct. 29-30 weekend. Their performance of "War at Home" earned a Superior rating, as well as Excellence in Stage Composition and Movement, Excellence in Acting (Alex Cioffi), and Honorable Mention Distinguished Play, indicating that the Sanderson theatre company ranked third in the entire two-day regional festival and would advance to the NCTC State HSPF in the event that one of the top two Distinguished Plays from the site could not go.

Student Body President Report: Burt Driscoll, Student Body President, gave updates on the Food Drive.

- Millbrook High has set a goal of 200,000 lbs. Sanderson's stated goal was 180,000 lbs. with the intent of reaching 200,000. Food collection will be held during first period from 11/15 through 11/23.
- The Variety Show will be held Tuesday, November 23. So far all acts are guitar and singing. We need more variety.
- The Fun Run will be November 20. We are currently looking for area sponsors.
- There was discussion on how to increase Food Drive success.

Newsletter Report: Jami Elizondo gave updates on the newsletter from Liz Gale.

- There will be an opt-in for mailing paper newsletters. Those who wish to continue to receive paper copies should contact the school. There was discussion on whether it was time to retire the newsletter and rely on the Yahoo e-group, but there was concern voiced that 28% of Sanderson families do not have internet connection.
- The PTA sent letters to families over the summer. If the envelope states "address service required", there is a \$1.07 charge to get the letter back if it is undeliverable.

Fundraising Report: Carla Smith brought up discussion on fundraising options, including the No-Fuss Fundraiser. We discussed having a "Cash for Clickers" booth at Holly Days, with pictures of clickers that people could put their names on for a donation, and the clicker pictures would then be posted, similar to what we see in grocery stores. There is a \$50 fee for having a booth at Holly Days. We will have one more Clicker Event on November 16 at Quail Hollow.

President's Report: John Kinney reported that the old student reassignment plan has been postponed. School Board news was discussed. We are working closely with Academic Boosters. Josh led discussion on further possible fundraising ideas for clickers.

Further discussion:

- The 2010 Senior Gift was used to pay for a mural.
- Dr. Decker discussed updates on other possible funds as well as ways to track the use of gifts and donations.
- The administration has purchased a new light console for the theatre department.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on December 6 at 7 p.m. in the SHS media center.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Dove, secretary