



**Steele Canyon High School
Parent Teacher Organization
General Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2011**

Minutes Recorded By: Jeff Fryhling

Meeting Location: Steele Canyon High School Theater

In Attendance: Holli Nicewander (PTO President), Jeff Fryhling, Michelle Blue-Nichols, Brandie Maynard, Eileen Poole, Alex Cortes, Paris Bramson (Guest), Benjamin LaGrand (Guest), Barbara Fisch (Guest), Jesse Lopez, Giela Gray

CALL TO ORDER: PTO President Nicewander called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

MINUTES: Since being a quorum of five board members, the minutes from the last general meeting dated 10/4/11 of the Steele Canyon PTO was approved.

PTO PRESIDENT:

- Introduced board members in attendance.
- Hospitality will be providing a Staff Appreciation Luncheon on January 14, 2012.
- The first publication of Paw Prints went very well. Our editor, Melissa Davis, is in need of a Paw Prints Coordinator to assist her.
- The PTO still needs a Membership Chair, Treasurer, and a Fundraising Chair.
- The first quarter Cougar Stars luncheon was a great success; Principal Poole has been asked by students how they can become a Cougar Star.
- The PTO would like to understand how the Turning 18 Program operates and what the benefits are to those students who receive the packet of information.
- “GOT PLANS” was on Saturday 10/22/11; the PTO provided refreshments and Holli Nicewander volunteered at the event.
- Paw Prints Key Ring fundraiser; we sold all 200 and will order 200 more.
- Taste of the Town, the gala fundraiser is set for late April 2012, This event will feature restaurants from the Rancho San Diego area supplying food to sample; wine makers providing wine tastings; there are both silent auction items as well as items to bid on. The five groups from SCHS organizing the event are PTO, AVID, Boosters, Band, and the Junior Class. All of these groups will split the profits equitably.

SCHS BOARD – Guest speaker (Jim Rhodes):

- Discussed the rolls of the CEO/Principle position at SCHS.
- Eileen Poole’s position at SCHS is temporary.
- During the 2nd week of December, the board will decide on a proper job description for the CEO and Principle position at SCHS.
- The board will look in the spring at the current job description to see if CEO/Principle should be one or two positions.

- He requested the PTO to review and provide any comments/feedback directly to Holli Nicewander (hnicewander@schscougars.org) A request was made to post this on the SCHS web site for all to review.

PRINCIPAL/CEO (Eileen Poole):

- November 3/4/5 will be the play titled “NEVERMORE” - \$5 for students, \$10 for adults.
- November 5th will be a spaghetti dinner for \$10 per person.
- The SCHS Pool will be completed by Mid-March
- By June 30th, a notice of intent will be given to terminate the contract with the district for providing special education personnel. SCHS will then contract with “SELBA”. This change will save the school \$.5 million.
- SCHS is also considering pulling away from the district regarding professional services. This could be a savings of \$125,000.
- The charge per year to maintain the pool will be \$100K. SCHS will also be looking to pull away from the district after one year and hiring another company.
- SCHS is starting an “Articulation Committee” that talks to feeder schools so that the expectations from SCHS are communicated for incoming 8th graders.
- 500 athletes were screened last year by a doctor to monitor their hearts. She recommends parents to test their kids and will also see if those doctors will re-test this year at SCHS.

PTO TREASURER’S REPORT (Michelle Blue):

- Checking acct. Balance on 8/31 = \$1,802.03
 - Ck. #1203 for \$166.93 to Diane Sitton for Honor Roll
 - Ck. #1204 for \$156.01 to Holli Nicewander for Hospitality
 - Ch. #1205 for \$350.00 to Patricia Stanley for Cougar Stars
 - Ck. #1206 for \$156.00 to Doherty Company for zipper pulls
 - Ch. #1207 for \$110.00 to Holli Nicewander for Paw Prints
 - Ck. #1208 for \$12.39 to Holli Nicewander for Refreshments
 - Ch. #1209 for \$150.00 to Liz Bergl for Got Plans
- Saving acct. Balance on 8/31 = \$8,224.58

ADJOURNMENT: There being no more business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 2011.