

**Point Loma High School – Pointer Association
General Session Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by: Donna Schmidt, Secretary

In Attendance:

PLHS PA Officers:

Scott Deschenes, VP of External
Tom Xitco, Treasurer
Donna Schmidt, Secretary

PA Board of Directors:

Becky Rhea, Director of Activities & Projects

PLHS Representatives and PLHS Staff: Hans Becker (Principal), Sarah Brandl (Counseling), Christina Pickett (JROTC), Olivia Tafolla & Skye Pickett (ASB)

PA Community: Gina Vargus, Bridget Holtkamp, Mike Ong

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Scott Deschenes, VP - External. It was noted that a quorum of the Board of the Directors of the Pointer Association was not in attendance (only 4 of 10 present), therefore, no motions nor official actions would be taken at this general session meeting.

I. Introductions and General Business:

Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves to the group.

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes are uploaded to the digital filing cabinet. The meeting minutes of the PLHS PA, dated January 8, 2018 and February 12, 2018, will be reviewed and approved at the March 12, 2018 meeting (to be held in Room 301).

Pointer Priorities: Hydration stations for PLHS, picnic-type tables/benches, trash cans, and batteries/maintenance for the recently purchased AED machine (used ASB funds) will be funded this year by the PA from the \$20,000 earmarked for Pointer Priorities for 2017-18. Donna Schmidt will ask her husband who is a landscape architect to see if he can get a specifier discount on the identified trash cans and picnic tables/benches.

Open Positions: Key PLHS PA Board of Director positions that have remained open throughout the 2017-18 school year and those expected for the next school year, were noted including Fund Raising Director and Secretary.

5th Annual Bite of Point Loma: Becky Rhea has been working on this event and agreed to lead it for this year. It is scheduled for May 1, 2018. She is finalizing a website for ticket sales (cost estimated not to exceed \$750) and we will use 32auctions.com again for the on-line auction again for this year. Karen Duvall Meyer has been helping Becky with transition. Becky has reserved Liberty Station and been in contact with restaurants. Will send out a sign-up genius to get volunteers for the day of the event. Tiffany DaSilva committed to managing communications and promotional materials, working with Kelly Greene who has

assistant in past year with graphic design and printing. Donna Schmidt volunteered to coordinate the on-line auction and she will ask Paula Cohen who coordinated it last year for assistance. Principal Becker agreed to donate two sets of four tickets each for graduation along with VIP parking. He also agreed to provide two reserved parking spaces that can be auctioned as well.

II. School Reports

Principal's Report (Hans Becker)

- The school budget has a \$118K shortfall because the school lost Title I funding due to enrollment being down
- The paper drives done through the Pointer Association were very successful in reducing monies PLHS had to spend on paper
- School tours conducted every second Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
- Room 301 closet that contained historical and archive alumni and PA materials has been purged and cleaned out with the help of Kim Jessop-Moore
- The new school marquis should be up and in use by summer—near 1000 building.
- Perimeter fence being installed
- The bleachers in the gym will be replaced with new bleachers funded by ASB and money from Prop B. Discussion was held about selling old wooden bleachers as a fund raiser.
- WASC visit on March 7
- Rhapsody on the Point is scheduled for June 1. Cluster concert on February 23 and Orchestra on February 27 was noted

Faculty Representative Report (Amy Denney)

- No report – given in Principal Becker's report

ASB Report (Olivia Tafolla and Skye Pickett)

- Attended ASB leadership conference at Madison High School
- ASB fall sold more than 800+ tickets with the discounted ticket approach
- Blood drive on February 20
- May hold a 3rd dance this year in the Spring
- ASB application deadlines are 2/23 for incoming freshman and 3/9 for PLHS students

Head Counselor Report (Sarah Brandl)

- Grades and report cards went out
- Met with students on articulation for 2018-19; meeting with students 2/26-3/9
- 2/28 at 6pm there will be a 10th grade night to discuss the PSAT
- Coffee with Counselors scheduled 3/20 @ 9:00am
- Spring tryouts for athletics and Winter playoffs TBD

Athletic Director Report (Alex Van Heuven)

- No report—given by Sarah Brandl

III. PL Cluster Schools Foundation

Julie Morgan was unable to attend but shared this information via e-mail communication to Principal Becker:

PL Foundation Notes 2/5/2018

Presidents report

Parent education subcommittee: parent and committee members are making connection in the community to get speakers.

Banner Bank Grant: Marvin Estrom solicited and received a Banner donation for \$500. This pays for Constant Contact.

School Board Configuration Conversation: see email. Will have a Town Hall meeting to discuss with community on March 5 immediately following the PLCSF meeting. Cluster-wide meetings may be an avenue for input.

Board Member Presentation - Mike McQuary TABLED

DAC Update - Suzy Reid

- Title 1 is not being reapplied in 2018 and will be impacting the PL cluster.

Area Superintendent Update:

- Kimmie L. : looking at budget & enrollment. Lots of competition in charter schools. Looking at ways to evoke and communicate school identity. CTE pathways: how do we get the word out? Considering invitations to local families and emphasizing school programs.

Principal Pick:

- Strength finding. Strengths, reciprocal, foundational: key aspects of strength finding. Qualcomm helps students understand their strengths through design thinking. Diversity in thought, inclusion in methods helps distinguish design thinking from other problem solving activities. Kimmie: consider using "design sprints" to find ways to emphasize CTE.

Round table:

- Title 9 softball field at Correia is planning to add lighting. Looking for a pool venue to add to the swim curriculum (Peninsula YMCA and Liberty Station).

Take homes:

- CTE pathways are excellent programs in our cluster and should be showcased.

- Design thinking can enable expanded concepts around finding strengths.

- Values of community and preparing students to be the next generation of citizens are woven into the cluster fabric.

IV. Treasurer's Report – (Tom Xitco)

- The PA financials for the period ending 1/31/2018 were submitted.

Director & Chair Reports (Internal)

V. VP Internal Report – Melinda Albright

- No report

Activities & Projects Director – Becky Rhea

- See discussion above under Bite of Point Loma

Boosters Director – Nicole Taylor

- No report

Campus Facilities Director – Gary Komo

- No report

Protect Our Pointers Director –Pam O’Toole

- No report

Scholarships – Andrea Loewer

- No report

Volunteer Programs Chair – Upcoming Activities – Emma Hosmer

- No report

Director & Chair Reports (External)

VI. Vice President of External Report – Scott Deschenes

- No report

Gifts & Grants Chair – Gina Vargus

- Noted that requests for approved gifts/grants are being submitted.

Public Relations Chair – Alisa Barba

- No report

Director of Communications – Tiffany DaSilva

- No report

Alumni Association Director– Kim Jessop-Moore

- No report

VII. New Business, Roundtable, Announcements

- It was noted that the March 12, 2018 meeting of the PLHS Pointer Association will be held in Room 301.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Upcoming PLHS Pointer Association Meetings (held in PLHS Library), 2nd Monday of each month:

March 12, 2018 (Room 301) April 9, 2018 May 14, 2018	Date TBD for June 2018 End-of-Year Party
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