

UHSSE PTO Minutes: February 22, 2017

Moderator: Jessica May, PTO President

Attendance: Jessica May, President; Jay Kean, Vice President; Danielle Hollister, Treasurer; Dana Shagan, Secretary; Sean Tomany, Assistant Principal; University of Hartford Dean Alan Hadad, 14 parents

- Meeting called to order 6:00pm
- November 15, 2016 meeting minutes reviewed and approved
- PTO President's update – Jessica May
 - March 28, 2017 PTO meeting date added to the calendar
 - SaveAround coupon books for sale at \$25 each
- Treasurer's Report- Danielle Hollister
 - Current balance: \$4,288
 - Earnings: \$777 Yankee Candle, Scrip cards \$437, with another \$300 in card inventory, \$150 SaveAround coupon books.
 - Funds to go to the Chris Kean Memorial Scholarship (\$1000), teacher wish list, and may go to teacher appreciation breakfast and graduation ceremony reception or gifts.
 - PTO account was transferred to a new bank with no minimum balance or fees.
- Administration update – Mr. Tomany
 - UHSSE National Honor Society is holding a blood drive on April 11 from 8am-1pm. Students must be 17 years of age and meet a weight requirement of 110 lb. Parents and members of the community are invited to donate as well.
 - All juniors will be taking the SAT on April 5 during the school day. The optional essay portion will not be given.
 - Calendars for the next school year were distributed.
- Scholarship committee update- Dana Shagan
 - Scholarship applications are ready for distribution, will be made available to students March 1, 2017 at the guidance office and on the PTO website with a deadline of March 31, 2017. Volunteers were requested to review applications during the month of April.
- Presentation about UHSSE students taking courses at the University of Hartford- Dean Hadad
 - History of formation of UHSSE in affiliation with University of Hartford.
 - Potential impact of leadership change at University of Hartford with President Walter Harrison retiring.
 - Data sheets outlining UHSSE student enrollment and performance at University of Hartford.
 - Discussion of the process for students to qualify for taking University of Hartford courses.
- Q & A from parents
 - Parent raised question of racial/ethnic breakdown of UHSSE students taking UHart courses.
 - Discussion of barriers to accessing, successfully completing UHart courses.
 - Issue of racial/ethnic makeup of students taking University courses to be discussed at next SGC meeting. Administration and Dean Hadad to investigate what data is available to answer the question.
- Next PTO meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2017.