

STEPS SHS

Date: September 14th, 2009

Time: 7PM

Location: SHS library

Members present: Roy Steinberg, Ann Swiftney, Sue Dehmlow, Steve Peters, Shelley Rashko, Beth Hom, Andi Tomlinson, Andy Ellsworth, Pat McCarthy

MINUTES

1. **Welcome, Introductions:** Roy welcomed everyone to the STEPS meeting. STEPS helps fund enrichment (stuff that is not part of the core curriculum) at SHS for academics, clubs and sports. Allocation requests must be made prior to the last day of the previous month to be considered for the next month. If the request passes the committee, it will be presented to the general population at the next meeting, with all questions answered. Then a discussion will occur without the presentation team present to discuss whether it should be funded in its entirety, or whether less funds should be awarded.

HOWEVER, we need help in fundraising! Please consider being a co-chair of either an auction or other fundraising event in the spring of 2010.
2. **Treasurer's report:** Steve was unanimously approved by the group to hold the treasurer's reins. There is approximately \$64K in the bank, with \$21K of that for college scholarships awarded last spring for the current school year. \$9K of scholarships expired last spring, so that money is now back in the scholarship fund for future allocations. The balance at the beginning of this year is \$6K larger than the start of last year. Steve has been given the OK to purchase Quicken for STEPS.
3. **Principal report:** Pat reported (in Tom Duenwald's absence) that teachers are noticing the excitement among students. There is a priority of having kids get to class on time. Russell White is no longer a Vice Principal at Sammamish (he is now at Interlake), so this position now needs to be filled. All of the 16 banners are being installed on light poles commemorating SHS 50 years of excellence. Pat is working with the district about the TV in the commons (which was funded by STEPS) as to where it should be located as well as the capabilities. SHS is working on establishing the graduation date for seniors (Bellevue College's gym was not available for the date initially being considered) .
4. **Athletic Director:** Pat indicated that Fall sports are underway and that lots of freshmen have signed up. Winter sports start mid November and Spring sports in March. Remember that the eligibility packet needs to be filled out (it has forms for insurance, physical, concussion waiver, emergency contact, etc). Grades are checked by Pat every 5 weeks for eligibility.
5. **New business**
 - Committee reports:
 - kickoff: Pass the Hat 2009 has raised \$3200 to date, with another plea for donations to be distributed to the SHS parents. Last year \$4800 had been raised by this time.
 - fundraiser: We need VOLUNTEERS to either put on the traditional spring auction or some other event to raise money so that STEPS can continue to fund enrichment at SHS. There are dedicated volunteers to help whoever volunteers to head the event. Please contact Roy at roy@steinbergsite.com ASAP.
 - sport concessions: Mari Wruble, Lisa Rivas and Karen King are heading concessions.
 - Community funds: Roy asked for volunteers to help find funding sources outside of the SHS parents. May Lukens volunteered, but another volunteer would be helpful.
6. **Adjournment at 8:02, next meeting on October 12th at 7:00.**