

**Sugar Hill Elementary**



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The vision for the Sugar Hill Elementary PTA Board is  
*"To Partner with Teachers to Build a Community and Enrich the Education of our Students"*

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**Sugar Hill Elementary PTA Board Meeting  
Thursday, December 6, 2018  
Location: Cafeteria  
Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Dr. Connery called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Board members in attendance are Jill Arendell, Amanda Melancon, Kate Kelly, Krissy Awana and Alaina Jones. A quorum was met and voting can proceed.

**Switch our PTA over to a PTO for the 2019-2020 School Year**

A letter was sent home in Friday Folders last month discussing SHES switching our PTA to a PTO. There are several reasons why the Executive Board and Dr. Connery think the change is a positive one for our school.

1. Dues
  - a. Currently \$3.75 from the \$8 PTA membership goes to the GA/National PTA. If we operated under a PTO, we would be able to keep the extra money at the school and help fund teacher requests and purchase additional technology.
2. Independence
  - a. Operating as a PTO allows us to set our own policies and procedures that work specifically for our school. We would no longer have to follow the guidelines published by GA/National PTA.

Currently the PTA is a 501c3, where you can make tax deductible donations to the PTA. As a PTO, we will go through the appropriate filings to obtain the same status. There will be a (1) time fee for this application.

**Vote – Switch from a PTA to a PTO**

Jill Arendell asked if she could get a motion to vote?

Amanda Melancon made a motion to vote on supporting the dissolving of the PTA and forming a PTO.

Jerry Greer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Jill has a motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The floor was opened for a quick 5-minute discussion or to ask any questions that PTA members may have.

Since there were no questions/concerns, Jill asked if she could get a motion to proceed to the vote?

Kate Kelly made a motion to vote on supporting the dissolving of the PTA and forming a PTO.

Gretchen Andrews 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

We have a motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup> to move forward with a vote. Reminder that all PTA members in good standing are eligible to vote.

All those in favor of supporting the dissolving of the PTA and forming a PTO say "aye".

All those opposed say "nay".

The ayes have it. The vote on supporting the dissolving of the PTA and forming a PTO has passed.

\*\*As a reminder we will be operating under a PTA for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

\*\*We will need to form a committee to come up with the bylaws for the new PTO. If you are interested in helping out please let a Board Member know.

### **Longhorns Got Talent Show**

Our first ever Longhorns Got Talent show will be held on February 1, 2019. More information will be coming out in your child's Friday folder.

### **Technology Need**

This year the PTA has been focused on trying to get more technology into our school. Because Boosterthon was such a huge success, we have been able to fulfill numerous teacher requests with computers, tablets and Chrome Books for them to use in their classroom.

The school is currently in need of (75) additional Chrome Books. PTA is hoping that we can purchase (55) of those. If you would like to help with any of the remaining Chrome Books, think about giving a donation through the Giving Tree. This is a tax-deductible donation over \$50 and you specify exactly where you want your money to go.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Submitted By,

Alaina Jones  
Sugar Hill PTA Secretary