

## SGA MEETING MINUTES

12-07-20

### Attendance

Officers	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Sponsors
Caroline	Dinali	Sanju	Jamya	Mrs McMaken
Marie	Zoi	Eugene	Cole	
May	Ava	Elbread	Cary	
Nathan	Tatiana	Sinmi		
Joy	Destiny			
Ella				

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Opening Statements

“ If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things“ Albert Einstein

### Parliamentarian, Ella Nichols

- Assembly Announcement: There will not be any assemblies for the rest of 2020, but announcements will still be posted on teams.

### Sergeant at Arms, Nathan Kim

- New Pi Store Key Updates: Pi Store keys will be moved to the front desk so that reps running the store do not have to wait for Nathan. They will sign out the Pi Store Keys and keep them until the end of the day before returning them. Nathan will check on the state of Pi Store when he returns.

### Secretary, Caroline Nelson

- SASC Updates: The Student Academic Support Council is officially underway! Carson posted the sign up form on the all students teams and all tutors have been met with and know the process or tutoring and earning service hours. I will be sending Ella an announcement for assembly.

- Advisory Updates: I presented last week at assembly and got a really positive response. So far 6 teachers and 21 students have signed up! This is a good start but I am hoping for more involvement. I will be resending out the sign up forms this week.
- Virtual Student Survey: Many virtual students have told me that virtual learning is much harder than in person, so to help them I hope to send a survey that allows them to describe good teaching methods, and ways that some methods could be improved. I will also be asking for feedback on virtual events to help out the AC. May asked when this survey would be released, because we want teachers to be able to implement these strategies by the virtual two weeks in January. I have to meet with Mrs McMaken before I can establish a timeline but the sooner the better.

#### **Treasurer, Marie Naylor**

- Budget Updates: Marie will be posting a budget update on the team files. Receipts must be turned in to her. She is not sent confirmations of PO forms, that is sent to the person who filled them out. She will soon meet with Ms Phillips to compare their records of money spent.

#### **Vice President, Joy Buchi**

- Winter Formal Updates: Joy will be emailing the rep from crown hall to request a full proposal of what we are taking care of and buying. The AC will be busy in the coming days.
- Weekend Events: On Friday there will be a polar express event with hot cocoa on campus. Saturday there will be a club penguin and smores event. Sunday there will be an ornaments and holiday decorations creating event.

#### **President, May Jung**

- Sustainable Caf Updates: Policy Committee is ordering different stamps and cards needed to make this into a reality. There will be a points system for students to where if they bring reusable materials 4 to 5 times in a row they will receive one service hour from the SGA. This will help promote using reusable materials in the caf.
- SGA Guidebook: The SGA Guidebook will have all the written duties of officers and committees to make a smoother transition for years to come.
- Policy Committee: The Policy Committee will be working on TED talks soon.

#### **Sponsors**

- Mrs McMaken : As far as the SGA Guidebook goes, officers and their committees should have a draft ready the Thursday we return from break. May will compile all these drafts and send them to the sponsors. The Maker Space has doors now and is in the process of being painted. There will be iron signs outside. This project should be finished by January and could be a good space for filming Ted Talks. It will have really good technical equipment. During Giving Tuesday we surpassed our \$15,000 goal by 3 pm and ended with a grand total of \$31,755. In addition, the government of Alabama has given ASMS 6 million dollars to build a new science research center. We were one of 20 institutions from across the state of Alabama to receive grant money. We are also working on the accreditation process. This will not take place until March, but it is such an involved process it is good to start soon. Cary asked when the ribbon cutting event should take place for the maker space. Mrs McMaken responded that it would most likely take place in the end of January.
- Elbread asked if more projects are set for beyond 2020. Mrs McMaken answered that we have a five year plan in place, but that one should ask Dr Hoyle to find out what he has planned for the years to come. Elbread also asked if remote learning would continue next year and the answer was that we do not know. This heavily depends on the state of the world but that ASMS will prioritize students' health and safety as well as the education and residential components of ASMS. Elbread brought up the new concern with the cafeteria times and systems. Caroline said that she thought MMI dining systems made the changes and that we probably could not do anything but we can try. Elbread said it was causing a problem with social distancing and forcing students to walk off more. May asked Mrs McMaken to pass this on to Mrs Whitney to which she said she would.

### **Closing Remarks**