

CATA PTSO Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2014

**Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 5:09pm. Introductions were made.

**Principal Report –Kim Fisenne**

Start of year: We started well, Chromebooks were distributed; we need to collect the \$25 technology fee from every student. This year we had a summer community read and the students are discussing in book groups with teachers. We have approximately 812 students. Collision moved from being CATA only academy to being a district-wide academy for juniors and seniors from across the county. Investigating other academies to fill our seats. Received permission this year to add seats to academies to get to 20 students. Discuss lottery process at site-based next week to determine how to get more students in their first choice of academy.

**President Report-Kathie McKain**

Kathie was able to be here for the orientation dates and the ice cream social.

ByLaw review – Co VP/Pres

Discuss meeting frequency and date as per by laws

Seek PTO rep from each academy for communication

**Treasurer Report-\$2162.23 is our current balance**

Audit – Adam Dailey performed our audit and we passed with flying colors

Signature card-Kathie is now on the signature card along with Susan and Deb.

**New Business:**

Theater Arts Booster-We have been asked to pull Theater Arts under our umbrella as a committee of the PTSO while they pursue their 501c3 certification. Theatre arts booster already has their own officers and they could be a temporary committee under the umbrella of the PTSO. Recommendation from bank and Dan Karpinski (CFO of UCPS) is to keep monies separate by opening a separate checking

account for the performing arts committee of the PTSO. Mrs. Fisenne explained how expensive it is for the theatre department to run their programs, etc. The goal is to prepare in advance for expenses instead of living show to show. Fundraise for theatre sets, more music for musicals, dance, etc. Raise money for the students for this year and then for future large expenses like possible trips to SETC as well.

PTSO members had questions about the plan and those questions were answered before taking a vote. Performing Arts parents would be required to join PTSO and set a goal of having their 501c3 in place by the end of the year.

Motion- the motion on the floor is to have a Performing Arts committee as part of the PTSO while the performing arts group works to get their 501c3 certification. Members of the performing arts committee would be required to be members of the CATA Cougar Council PTSO. There will a committee chair and vice chair, who will report to the CATA executive board and comply with policies and procedures and the bylaws. Ann Helms made motion, Wendy seconded, Vote – 4 in favor and 1 abstention.

A by-laws committee will be formed to review current by-laws. Ann Helms will be a member.

Motion made to address remaining issues on the agenda at the Oct 2014 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00PM to get to the Open House.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Christensen.