

Central Academy of Technology & Arts
Executive Meeting
Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Presiding Officer: Teri Tucker

Present: Deanna White, Dr. Wall, Myra Ledbetter, Ann Helms, Carla Harrison, Jeannine Kenary, Sarah May, Carol Taldo, Deb Christensen, Michelle Schrader

The meeting was called to order at 10:37am, and began with approval of meeting minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting. All attending members approved minutes.

- **Principal's Report-** Deanna White began the report by talking about the Success of Meet the Cougars Night. The newest football team members were on hand, and the band performed as well. In addition there will be a new Zero Period for Band. This will be a new year long course for students who were unable to fit band into their schedule. The course will be each morning from 8:00-8:45am. Seven new members were hired to begin the new school. Jeff Edwards- Head Football Coach, Ethan King- Music Production Recording Arts, Gary Buckowski- Project Lead the Way Pre-Engineering, Greg Alride- Collision , Kim Inuwa- Distance Learning Facilitator, Sarah Goodwin- Counselor of MPRA, Information Systems, Computer Engineering, Christopher Conway- Instructional Coach Curriculum Canvas. Lastly, The kickoff to the Summer Read Literacy Program. Our students will now be able to read to younger students at Walter Bickett from the computer at a county wide level. These readings will occur live, and pre-recorded. There will be more information to follow at Open House.

- **President's Report-** Teri Tucker began the report by introducing the New Co-Chairs to Hospitality- Megan Huffman, and Carol Taldo. The purchase of two new AT&T Straight talk phones were for the purpose of two square units. The cost of the phones were \$50.00 each, and the minutes at \$100.00 each will be renewed once a year. The phones will be stored at school under lock, and key. Dr. Fisenne, and Dr. Wall will need to be informed if the phones are needed. Google Drive/ Google Calendar will be used. All Documents pertaining to PTSO, Minutes, etc will be stored in a folder. Google Calendar will contain all upcoming PTSO events. When invitations are sent out, you have the option to accept, or decline invitation. Senior Shirts/Signs will be given out to paid students on Monday, August 28th during lunch from 12:20-2:00pm. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase on that day as well. September 28, 2017 will be last day to order. Order form will be available in Media Center until the end of October. Lastly, The Rocket Presentation/ Launch- the tentative date is set for January/ February. Exact date TBD. The UNCC Rocketry Club will come to CATA for a period of two weeks. They will attend four thirty minute sessions during Cougar Time to assist the Pre-engineering & Physics students. It is estimated that twenty-four rockets, and motors will be purchased. Current estimated cost is \$400.00. Students will work in teams in order to keep costs down, and help learn the importance of teamwork. There will be an opportunity for students to take part who are not currently in those particular academies, yet still have a strong interest in Rocket Building. More information for those interested students will be available in the coming months.
- **Treasurer's Report-** Treasurer Ann Helms did not provide a formal report today. There are still impending questions on how monies will be spent this 2017-2018 school year in the Performing Arts Academy. Carla Harrison, and Janet Perino will work with Ann on this matter. Ann will be meeting with Adam Daily, who currently helps with Treasury, and Audits to go over the books.

- **Committee Reports-** Teri Tucker reported that The Freshman Orientation drop in last Friday went very well, and we had many new sign ups for PTO memberships. The welcome back Teacher event will take place on August 25, 2017 from 9:00-10:00am in the Media Center. Open House will be Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:00pm. Thanksgiving Lunch for teachers will take place November 17, 2017. STAR breakfast will be December 12, 2017. Pi Day will be March 14, 2018. Volunteer Appreciation will be held in April 2018 (exact date TBD) Teacher Appreciation Feast end of School will be May 2018 (exact date TBD)

- **Performing Arts-** Carla Harrison reported that Performing Arts T-Shirts could be pre-order for students at a cost of \$15.00. The shirts will be sold at the upcoming welcome dinners this week, and throughout the year. Dance Orientation Dinner will be held August 22, 2017, and Theatre Orientation Dinner will be held August 23, 2017. MPRA Orientation Dinner has yet to be announced. The 2nd annual wreath sale will take place from 10/2/17-11/3/17 more information will follow. At all Performing Arts events will be selling shirts, PTO memberships. Amazon Smiles, and the Harris Teeter Link will be discussed with attending parents.
 - Note from Administration to these minutes: Note about MPRA Welcome "dinner" Each of the performing arts will aim to have an orientation event, in addition to the traditional orientation. MPRA has students now in 9-11th grade and they will have an event this fall. We are waiting on the recording studio to be completed to have this event. We are hopeful that it will be completed in late September and we will then plan a "grand opening" for that -likely in October. We want to make sure that everyone understands the lack of a MPRA event right now is purposeful as we want to celebrate the opening of the recording studio.

Fundraising- Myra Ledbetter reported that she is waiting for the wish list from Dr Fisenne in reference to the Invest in Excellence. Teachers will add

to the wish list their wants and needs for their classrooms from August 28-October 1st. Students will receive a flyer at school, and companies will have an opportunity to match that for this successful school wide event. The Valentine's Fundraiser will take place from 1/28/18- 2/7/18. Students will have the opportunity to purchase stuffed teddy bears/monkeys to hand out to their friends at school. The car show has a TBD date of November or February. Myra also discussed the possibility of adding a cookie dough fundraiser starting around October/November with the approval of Dr. Fisenne, which would allow all academies to benefit.

- **Membership Status-** Per Teri Tucker Memberships must be paid by open house on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. The cost is \$5.00 for individual, and \$10.00 for family.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:30pm

Recorder: Michelle Schrader