

PTSO MEETING
FEBRUARY 2023 MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting called by Antoinette Enohmbi on February 5, 2023
- Approval of minutes from January meeting-approved

Calendar

- **February**
 - February 6, 2023-PTSO meeting at 4:30
 - February 16-may have a student movie night at 6:30 in auditorium
 - February 17, 2023-senior bowling event. Seniors' half day.
 - Tentative hospitality idea-Waxhaw Kettle corn
 - Bus drivers-give each a CATA lanyard, a water bottle and candy (35)
- **March**
 - March 6, 2023-PTSO meeting at 4:30 in back conference room
 - March 14, 2023-Pie Day-bring pies for teachers (hospitality)
 - March 21, 2023-Zaxby's fundraiser. Hwy 74 location in Monroe.
 - March-Little Caesars fundraising promotion will run again
 - Senior event to tie into the taco truck tentatively planned. Possibly a March Madness Cornhole Tournament. Could this be combined with teacher/staff event?
- **April**
 - April 3, 2023-PTSO meeting at 4:30 in back conference room
 - April 29, 2023, Track and Field Fundraiser (Catch a Cougar Fun Run)
 - Tentative hospitality idea-rice Krispie treats for student engagement
- **May**
 - May 1, 2023-PTSO meeting at 4:30
 - May 15-16, 2023, are academic signing days
 - Teacher appreciation week
- **June**
 - June 14, 2023-Senior graduation 8am!

Principal's Report

- Principal Report by Kevin Beals
 - EOC Scores in all 4 areas have increased
 - Sports-swim is having a very competitive season. Looking forward to spring sports starting next Monday
 - Very positive data from first semester
 - Looking for a new athletic director for next year
- School wish list items:
 - **Fishbowl**-room upfit. Working with facilities department to see what options are to utilize this space more effectively.

- **Weight room upfit**-PTSO donated \$2,500.00 in October to this project. We approved an additional \$2,500 for weight room updates in November.
- **Main entryway project**-add signage for IB program

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Finance**
 - Treasurer report by Amy Dieffenbach
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Holding funds for track and field fundraiser
 - We have a balance of \$2,648.00 that is left over from Invest in Excellence campaign that is not allocated to a project/fund. These funds can be utilized for a wish list item. Potential fishbowl upgrade-waiting on additional feedback from facilities before a decision can be made on this. We have put a pin in this and will revisit next month.
- **Membership**
 - No update
- **Fundraising**
 - Results from Culver's Fundraiser which was held on October 11, 2022, was \$314. Funds have been deposited.
 - Results from Little Caesars promotion which ran October 10th-17th, 2022. We have sold 31 of 50 kits.
 - Kazoo update-these will be sold for \$5 and promoted as basketball spirit item. To date we have raised \$174.75 from Kazoo sales. Kazoos will be sold at lunch prior to the student/staff basketball game
 - Consider social media push for Publix.
 - Sell food at special student events (not to compete with concessions). (check sports calendar) such as pep rallies or student events like basketball tournament. Kids can get service hours. Kristen to check with Beta club and NHS to find out deadline for service hours for this semester.
 - **Support CATA**
 - **Amazon Smile**-Support "Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO Inc."
 - **Harris Teeter**-TIE Code 3612
 - **Publix Partners**-sign into your Publix account and select Central Academy of Technology & Arts
- **Senior Committee**
 - Bowling event at Fox bowling on the 17th.
- **Hospitality**
 - Hospitality report by co-chairs Kaylee Meyer and Tammy Hall
 - Restock event for teachers was a success (pens, pencils, tissues, etc.)
 - Chili cookoff update-gave counselor's gift cards for prizes for chili cookoff. Chili cookoff on 2-16 (teacher's only).

- Pies for teachers for pie day
- **Communication**
 - Invest in Excellence campaign will continue to be promoted on social media
 - Continuing to explore multicultural celebration ideas for next year
- **Scholarship**
 - Scholarship report by Angela Helms
 - Scholarship information has been revised
 - We are awarding 5 scholarships (one from each academy)
 - We are hoping to get more participation this year now that the regulations for the scholarship have been rewritten
 - Sign up genius will be sent out. We want to announce winners at signing day.
 - Must have 2.5 or higher and applying to a higher level of schooling
 - Ms. Cole will be assisting us with this
 - Scholarship questions will be based on CATA mission statement
- **Sports**
 - Sports committee report by Kristen Shearin
 - Senior nights for fall sports went well
 - Nothing that has not been covered
 - Looking forward to having a new athletic director to coordinate with
- **Student Representative**
 - Shirly brought up the idea to do something for Valentine's Day to raise school spirit, maybe student's making cards. We have 2 student groups already working on something. Might make sense to revisit this next year or look at doing something in March.
 - Pie day contest on Pie Day, play some type of guessing game. Utilize student life budget. PTO will already be buying pie for staff so it would only require a few more pies. Draw a few winners from each grade. Domino's pizza gift card (pie) or if they win, they could pie Mr. Stewart in the face (ask Mr. Stewart). Kids to pay to pie teacher? Hospitality working on this. Approved 12 \$10 gift cards for dominos. Pie day is 3-14. Put puzzle in cougar chronicle and social media. Would need to be turned in by the Friday 3-10. Announce winners on pie day.
- **Staff Liaison**
 - Any updates from staff liaison Deb Christensen

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