

PTSO MEETING **NOVEMBER**

President

- Meeting called by PTSO president Antoinette Enohmbi November 7 at 4:30 p.m.
- Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Calendar

- **November**
 - November 7, 2022-PTSO meeting at 4:30 in the Media Center
 - November 7, 2022-Senior Thankful Event November 7th 1:30 p.m.-2:30
 - November 9, 2022-Winter Sports Meeting for Parents 6:30 auditorium
 - November 10, 2022-Coffee house concert at 7:00 (open mic)
 - Hospitality committee event-Gift Cards for teachers (need donations-74)
- **December**
 - December 5, 2022-PTSO meeting at 4:30
 - December 1, 2022-Senior car parade after school 3:00-5:30 (3 more volunteers needed). Mr. Beals has coordinated with Officer Hailey to escort cars around the block. We will have cocoa and cookies for all seniors. Christmas theme.
 - December 14, 2022-staff lunch catered by hospitality committee budget \$577.50. Baked ziti with and without meat.
 - Possible ugly sweater contest for seniors
- **January**
 - January 9, 2022-PTSO meeting at 4:30
 - Hospitality-Restock teacher items-parent donations needed
- **February**
 - February 6, 2022-PTSO meeting at 4:30
 - Tentative hospitality idea-Waxhaw Kettle corn
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- **March**
 - March 6, 2022-PTSO meeting at 4:30
 - Little Caesars fundraising promotion will run again in the spring
 - Tentative hospitality idea-pies for pie day for teachers
 - Senior event to tie into the taco truck tentatively planned. Possibly a March Madness Cornhole Tournament. Could this be combined with a teacher/staff event?
- **April**
 - April 3, 2022-PTSO meeting at 4:30

- Tentative hospitality idea-rice Krispie treats for student engagement as they are gluten free. Nor'east treats truck.
- **May**
 - May 1, 2022-PTSO meeting at 4:30
 - Teacher appreciation week

Principal's Report

- Principal Report by Kevin Beals
 - Positive fall sports season
 - Theater continues to rock it!
 - Dance event next Friday and Saturday at 7pm.
 - Lots of opportunities for our kids to show what they can do.
 - 2nd term grades close next Tuesday.
- School wish list items:
 - **Fishbowl**-furniture needs to be removed so space can be upfit
 - **Weight room upfit**-PTSO donated \$2,500.00 in October to this project. Additional needs approximately \$6,000.00. We approved an additional \$2,500 for weight room updates.
 - **Main entryway project**-add signage for IB program
 - **Drones**-2 drones. Teachers: golf, baseball, softball, Spanish, Audio video, digital design, AP Computer Science, Robotics Club, Society of Women Club, Skills USA, and Aeronautics expressed interest in drones. Drones need to be registered with the FAA. Mr. Hidalgo, Mr. Bernhard, and Mr. Bryan have all expressed interest in obtaining drone license from FAA if needed (\$250 a license). Both drones fit the requirements of the teachers of camera and video, programable, wind resistance and GPS tracking abilities. Ruko would be \$416 on Amazon and Dreamer is \$560 with current sale. We tabled this for next month meeting. Will circle back on this.
 - **Oculus**-\$399 per viewer plus the cost of the app. ASL club, Spanish, French, Anatomy and Physiology, Computer Engineering, Health and PE, all medical, advance manufacturing, Aerospace, HOSA and Society of Women Engineers club and Robotics Club all expressed interest in having an Oculus. 8 Oculus would be \$3,200 and \$1,000 for the apps. This was approved.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Finance**
 - Treasurer report by Amy Dieffenbach
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Invest in Excellence update, goal \$10,000. Current balance is \$9,123!

- **Membership**

- Membership report by Angela Johnson
- Membership has increased from 263 to 321!
- Staff membership is at 28!
- PTSO and Invest in Excellence will continue to run on cougar chronicle

- **Fundraising**

- Fundraising report by Michelle Fehlman
- Results from Culver's Fundraiser which was held on October 11, 2022
- Results from Little Caesars promotion which ran October 10th-17th, 2022
- Kazoo update-these will be sold for \$5 and promoted as basketball spirit item.
- We need to do a push for Publix
- Nothing Bundt Cakes potential fund raiser/Cinnamomic December
- **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**

- Senior committee report by Megan Huffman
- Update-Senior Movie Night which was held on October 21, 2022 was a huge success. We were able to get the production company for ½ the price, so we proposed that we do another movie night in the spring.
- Halloween boo bags were a huge hit
- Update-dollar cone event
- Possible December event-ugly sweater contest?

- **Hospitality**

- Hospitality report by co-chairs Kaylee Meyer and Tammy Hall
- October-soap and lotion gift for Teachers was great success
- November will gift cards instead of pie for teachers. Sign up genius will go out the first week of December. Staff of 76. Goal is gifting before or right after Thanksgiving break.
- December will be teacher and staff breakfast or lunch. Tentative date December 14. Catering has been secured for staff lunch on December 14 from A Special Touch out of Indian Trail.
- T-Shirts for new teachers have been completed.
- The staff survey sent in September provided a list of items teachers would like to have restocked for the 2nd semester.

- **Communication**

- Communication report by Bejal Mehta
- Social media, CATA PTSO website and Facebook pages will be updated. Some feedback that the PTSO page in the Cougar Chronical appears hard to read.
- Invest in Excellence campaign will continue to be promoted on social media
- Kazoo graphic has been made and posted
- **Scholarship**
 - Scholarship report by Angela Helms
 - Fundraising goal \$3,500.00
 - Looking for organizations that she should contact and/or not contact
 - Looking to create written correspondence to potential donors regarding scholarship opportunities at CATA
 - Looking for support to engage potential donors where relationships exist already
 - We have 2 named scholarships so far. We had (2) \$500 donations!
 - Have made updates to the website to reflect the revisions to our named scholarships
 - Have created a letter for future contributors
 - Creating a mailing list of organizations that we will be inviting to donate-excluding those that are yearbook boosters. Large mailing planned in the next few weeks.
- **Sports**
 - Sports committee report by Kristen Shearin
 - PTSO is going to take on senior sports banners beginning with Winter sports. 3x4 banners are \$34 will charge \$40. **Need update re: Cady picture date.**
 - Encourage families to come out and support our Friday night sport events-social media promotion to get families to come together as community by integrating academy performances, band/student recognition into sport events
- **Student Representative**
 - 11th-Iris-11th grade
 - 10th-Trajan
- **Staff Liaison**
 - Any updates from staff liaison Deb Christensen
- **CATA Morale Committee**
 - would like to collaborate with PTSO
 - different events to do each month for staff

- For November-they want to do a competition cook off with 3 categories. Appetizer, main dish, desert the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. They want to offer a prize for the winner they want donated by PTSO. 3 gift cards total for winners in each category.
- Nothing for December
- January-self-care theme. SPCC does massage therapy students that need hours potentially set that up for lunch for teachers.
- February-super bowl of caring. Chili or soup cook off
- March-St. Patrick day theme. Baked potato bar.
- April-Easter Egg Hunt
- Looking for ways to engage staff with each other build community / morale among staff

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