Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday Nov 4, 2024 4:30PM Fishbowl

**2024-2025 PTSO Board Members**

President – Kaylee Meyer

Vice President – Latha Baddigam

Secretary – Shirley Xu

Treasurer – Valerie Peters

Communication – Bejal Mehta

Hospitality- Jenn Monahan

Hospitality - Erika Leon

Hospitality- Anshu Garg

Fundraising – Noelle Picozzi

Fundraising- Martha Zapata

Website- Kelly Levitas

Website - Tammy Hall

Website- Helen Thomas

Senior- Kristen Manning

Senior- Tammy Hall

Sports- Mikie Carter

Sports- Fara Orr

Scholarship- Preeti Krishna

At Large- Jay Rajesh, Jen Sanders, Jana Caballero

Staff Liaison – Deb Christensen

Principal – Kevin Beals

Teachers- Amanda Mims, Keith Sweeney

Students- Navneesh Annadi,

Isabel Jeby, Nuha Mehdi,

Vishi Gupta

**Approve Minutes of October Meeting -- approved**

**Principal’s Report**

* CATA won several awards at NC Theater Competition (NCTC), including acting awards, set design, ensemble acting awards and a few will move up to the next level competition.
* We are in winter sports season. On Wednesday night, we’ll parents meeting on that.
* We held successful moral building events

**Student Reps**

* Student Appreciation Ideas for candy bags before first semester – under 50 cents per student.

**Calendar**

* Spirit Night High Octane November 19
* Winter Sports season starts
* Thanksgiving Gift Card drive Nov 13

**Financial Report**

* We’re doing well, getting close to our goal for membership dues
* We got a few more “invest in excellence” donations

**Old Business**

* Graduation shop to benefit scholarship:
  + thank you cards – no idea and quote in progress
  + preordered flowers for graduation -- rose Heather Muto $3.50
  + CATA balloons 4imprint $0.65-1.67 latex ($1.50), $2.35-4.89 foil ($4.50)
* Invest in Excellence History Department Subscriptions and books:
  + SlidesGo Premium $135.29 for 6 subscriptions – PTSO approved
  + JPASS $199 on JSTOR.org for the year – CATA has access to JSTOR.org at media center. -- Kaylee will further check on it
* Academy shirts
  + Mickie will further work on that next week and update next month’s meeting.

**New Business**

* Vote for Sports start of future bylaws, overseeding of softball and baseball fields $2,990, baseball concessions permit $250
  + baseball concessions permit $250 – PTSO approved
  + overseeding of softball and baseball fields $2,990 (This wasn’t in the original contract so it is sent to PTSO for support) – PTSO approved
  + Start of future bylaws: plan to start their own boost club in 3-4 years, hence suggested to start working on the bylaws now to prep for the start-up.
    - PTSO’s support to the Admin Team to have the automatic payment setup for up to 4 payments each month, each single payment of up to $250 for smaller items. The amount comes from Sports Committee’s budget and no need for email votes from all members of PTSO on each request. – PTSO approved
* Micki to follow up next week on T-mobile on WiFi.
* Inspection on concession stand went very well with no additional cost.
* Tiered giving gift ideas for 25-26 for membership and Invest giving
* Planning for thank-you gifts for those who donate in “Invest in Excellence”:
  + T-shirt idea for example: “I Invest in My Child’s Excellence”
  + Other items to consider: tiered gifts maybe more items to be included like blanket.

**Committees**

* Fundraising
  + Spirit night @ High Octane on Nov 19. Martha will work on a flyer on Thursday and will share with Bejal for social media publicity, Deb & Dr. Nu, Newsletter membership, hard-copy flyers can be put up in school.
  + Contact owner of Jersey Mike’s in Westly Chapel, to check if they can host another spirit night before end of the semester. Maybe also check on the new burger restaurant that she owns.
  + Contact FC to plan for CATA January Spirit Night event with 10% sales back. Martha to further follow up
  + Contact Extreme Ice for a January or February event after the downtown ice activities finish. Martha to further follow up
* Hospitality
  + Thanksgiving: Gift card drive – undergoing
  + Christmas: Donation for staff luncheon on Dec 18
* Scholarship
* Senior
  + Oct 28: Senior game event went well. About 58 kids signed in.
  + Will have planning meeting tomorrow
* Sports
  + Winter sports meeting on Wednesday, Nov 6
  + Open forum @6:30pm, Wednesday Dec 11 via zoom for all parents & all sports
  + Begin working on senior package
* Website/Communications

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting Dec 2**

* Cooking exchange for next meeting. Number of cookies to bring to the meeting will be informed.