Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday Oct 7, 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 September Meeting --** Approved

**Principal’s Report**

* First six week term – Teachers will get grades in by Oct 8. By large, kids are doing well, still improvement to make.
* The admin team will focus on observation. Stretch our high learners as far as we can while addressing gaps in the class.
* Athletic front: Quite successful HOCO week. We can work on some facility improvement (stadium improvement) at CATA in the hope that eventually graduation event can be held there).
* Senior nights: Senior Sports Nights Soccer Oct 29, Volleyball (on Wed, Oct 9), Cross Country + Women’s Tennis + Women’s Golf (Oct 29th)
* A lock-down drill on Oct 7.
* UCPS’s recent email on security/safety: The school district’s purpose is to ask parents to have discussion with kids on the safety/security. CATA doesn’t have direct threat.

**Student Reps**

* Welcome Student reps
* Ideas for student appreciation events
  + Candy/goodie bags delivered to homerooms. Comment: budgeted < $1 per student
  + 3 pizza slices on Friday. Comment: We try to avoid anything competing against cafeteria during lunch.
  + Necklace with numbers for students to exchange during the day. Toward the end of the day numbers are called and those wearing those numbers can get a goodie bags or candies. Comments: Encourage more social among students.

**Calendar**

* Senior Sports Nights Soccer Oct 29, Volleyball (on Wed) Cross Country (29th) Women’s Tennis (29th) Women’s Golf (29th)
* Spirit night @ High Octane on Basketball Night on Nov 19 – PTSO agreed and approved the date. Martha will further follow up with owner on their feasibility.

**Finances Report**

* Invest in Excellence at 1/3 of goal for the year, new graphic to go out
* Treasurer Report 09/30/2024 reviewed at the meeting
* Concession bills and sports bills that have been turned in are paid.

**Old Business**

* Thank you for $200+ donations sent out
* Hotspot for concessions passed by email vote
* Homecoming Alumni Tent, Senior Swag – seniors were given paper crowns/clappers on the day.
* Zaxby Night: $374.02.

**New Business**

* Thank you cards for graduation and digital graduation items to fund Senior Scholarship
  + More CATA-based card/digital package. All these will go into scholarship
* Invest in Excellence- Items for Guidance vote, Choosing of Classroom Grant 1st semester
  + PTSO plan to spend some money on the following:
    - Guidance wishlist: start buying the items from Amazon to be put in the corner of the guidance room. All items will be free to students: budgeted for $420 – voted and approved
    - Math’s wish list is to get math graphic board: $120 – voted and approved
    - 5 staff members selected to be granted with $100 Classroom Grant 1st semester
    - TV upgrade in Cafeteria and Maze: Under discussion with teachers, parents and donor

**Committees**

* Communications
* Fundraising
  + Spirit night @ High Octane on Basketball Night on Nov 19. Martha will further follow up with owner.
* Hospitality
  + Collected 100 tissue boxes
  + Birthday bags sent out
  + Nov: Gift cards
* Scholarship
  + Thank-you card/digital graduation package
* Senior
  + Crowns/Clappers during HOCO
  + Potential event idea: game-show battle rooms. We have a provider to partner with on the event. Need to decide on venue in the building. Plan to do it right after school to capture as many students (senior only).
  + Senior Soda in December; Senior Breakfast in January.
* Sports
  + Still have some bills to turn in.
  + Pizza and meal plan worked out very well during HOCO.
  + Indoor concession stands to get the water going so that we can start hot food
  + We got donations for trees and landscaping company to help drill the holes to plant the trees on CATA campus.
  + Spirit wear sales: Will start adding swimming and other winter sports.
  + A theater mom proposed that she can help design a spirit wear for theater students. Comments: 1) the design should be theater specific; 2) maybe come up with designs for each academy that can be more academy focused. 3) no competition against marching band whose spirit wear carries and promotes CATA.
* Website
* Ad hoc: Valerie requested recommendation for an accountant specialized in working with non-profit organization.

**Adjournment**