

GENERAL PTSO BOARD MEETING NOTES
September 22, 2020

The meeting occurred virtually via Zoom due to state guidelines on mass gatherings and social distancing.

The meeting was called to order by Megan Huffman at 6:02pm.

The meeting attendants included Principal Merritt, Megan Huffman, Sarah Fazzino, Jennifer Fabrizio, Karen Conklin, Deb Christensen, Dee Swanson, and Kim Kivimaki, and Alex Roets representing the PTSO board. In addition, the addition, the following families attended La Marca, Casstevens, Surles, Verrill, Swanson, Hicks, and Mcllwain.

To begin, Megan introduced the PTSO Board Members to include their name and position.

Megan Huffman- President

Sarah Fazzino- Vice President

Karen Conklin- Secretary

Jennifer Fabrizio- Treasurer

Deb Christensen- Staff Liaison

Alex Roets- Student Representative

Dee Swanson- Hospitality

Kim Kivimaki- Fundraising

It was noted that all information is available on the CATA Cougar PTSO website for viewing

Principal Merritt eloquently provided an update via telephone on how well the school year continues to develop despite COVID. Faculty, staff and students are remarkable in daily actions and activities and continue to thrive. She knows this will be continued throughout the academic year.

A special thank you to the PTSO Board and their continued work towards creating a positive impact on CATA.

The update on Invest to Excellence campaign came with positive regards. Recently quoted at \$7550.00, now just shy of our goal of \$10,000.00, at \$9000.00. Great job Cougar families! All were reminded this money stays at the school. This is the primary fundraiser for the school.

Jennifer Fabrizio presented the Treasurer's Report to include the current budget holdings as of August 31, 2020. This document is available on the website, via email, or within the Secretary's personal paperwork available for email.

The budget was presented, Sarah Fazzino moved to approve the budget, seconded by Jennifer Fabrizio at 6:14 pm.

Due to the meeting being virtual, Megan requested participants use the chat button and respond with their last name followed by the statement Approve or Disapprove.

All participants followed with their last name and their vote.

Approve 14 Disapprove 0

The budget passed with no further discussion or questions.

A Hospitality update was provided by Dee Swanson.

At the beginning of the school year, a small goodie bag was provided to staff in appreciation and as a "Welcome Back" gift with tokens of seeds and treats. Many positive comments came from this gift via staff.

This past week, a Fall "let's Get Poppin'" treat was provided to staff. Again, much appreciation was given.

Participants were reminded that Friday, September 25, 2020 would be a Social Media Take Over to recognize our great school and students. Please post about your senior, student, and CATA via your favorite social media outlet.

The Cougar Chronicle is the best source of information and participants heard it is delivered by principal on Thursday evenings via phone call and email.

All learned of ways to give back through retail outlets to include Harris Teeter Together in Education by linking your VIC Card, Amazon Smile, and Publix Partners. All simple ways of giving back to CATA.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Karen Conklin