

## PTSO Minutes January 8, 2024

1. Introduction to proposed new website program. Membership toolkit-which will streamline a lot communication and way to keep track of funds comprehensive hub for information about our school.
2. Introductions new PTSO board and committee members
  - a. President-Latha Baddingam
  - b. VP-Kelly Levitas
  - c. Secretary-Ami Gandhi
  - d. Treasurer-Valerie Peters
  - e. Bylaws-Angela Helms
  - f. Communication-Bejal Mehta
  - g. Co-hospitality-Kaylee Meyer
  - h. Co-hospitality-Tammy Hall
  - i. Senior committee-Kristen Shearin
  - j. Co-Fundraising-Kristen Manning
  - k. Co-Fundraising-Noelle Picozzi
  - l. Scholarship-Michael Schubert
  - m. Membership-Jay Rajesh
  - n. Staff Morale-Mr. Mims and Mr. Sweeney
  - o. Staff liaison-Deb Christensen
3. Approve minutes from last meeting Dec 8, 2023
4. Principal report
  - a. Exams coming up on 18, Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday. New semester starts on the following Friday.
  - b. Registration for new year begins in February. Looking at course recommendations for next year from the teachers.
  - c. Lottery for CATA opens Feb 12 runs through March 10
  - d. Cata crawl events-Feb 20, Feb 22, typically very well attended. Good opportunity for PTSO volunteers. Potential students can view campus, meet teachers, get information, talk to students to see what our school has to offer.
  - e. New banners look great thank you. Flag company will be putting them up this week. Will have banners out for CATA Crawl and graduation.
  - f. IB authorization visit in March and hopefully get final IB approval at that time.
  - g. Thank you to former board members for their years of service and welcome to new board members could not be happier with this attendance today.
  - h. There is bus service on the first 4 days of exam days, the buses arrive at regular time. Students that are not testing do not need to come in and will not be marked absent. Students who do test can leave with a dismissal slip after testing. There will be an exam update on the Chronicle.
5. Mr. Stiver-microphone proposal. 3 parts to every microphone system. Transmitter, microphone, and receiver. Currently have 8 of the receives but do not have the microphones to support the system. A lot of money went into costumes last year, so we are short on cost for microphones. The question was: is this just for the theater department. No, it can be used for all school. The microphones could be used for Ro Kappa and Beta Club talent show. These are much higher quality that what we currently have. Ours are currently 12 years old. Audio technology has improved, and these new microphones don't

drop/static. Marching band could use these as well. These are mobile they use a digital signal rather than analog it can be used in the gym. If there was an assembly these could be used there. Pep Rallies could use them. They are attached using mic tape or they can be clipped on. The lifespan is 10-15 years. The model we have chosen are pretty durable. The board will vote on the proposal.

6. Sports Booster club update-two volunteers Farah and Micki are going to be the new liaisons for this program. We had a meeting about the viability of a booster program. We talked about making a sub-committee of PTSO on temporary basis. Ideas to collaborate for parent volunteers to help Athletic Director. We created a sign-up genius for parent interest but have not sent it out yet. Micki and Farah are going to brainstorm ideas. Just generating ideas for sports committee at this point. We have been operating athletics in the deficit so we are just trying to put together a committee to support sports.
7. Treasurer report is forthcoming.
8. Student report-dance is coming up. Looking for liaisons to report different events going on with the student groups so we can help support them. We want to have good communication so we don't duplicate efforts and can facilitate support. They are trying to plan a Catachella music festival event in April right before spring break in lieu of a spring break pep rally.
9. Hospitality-staff appreciation working on re-stocking supplies for teachers. The staff luncheon / grazing table was amazing. A lot of teachers said that was their favorite PTSO luncheon ever.
10. Senior committee-the seniors would like more notice of events. Send a reminder of upcoming events ahead of time.
11. Bylaws-Angela will be working on this. Updating and expanding these. They need to be updated. Angela is brainstorming and will let us know what if any help she needs.
12. Scholarship-Michael new scholarship chair to connect with Angela and coordinate next steps.
13. Membership-new website will make most of this much easier.
14. Fundraising-Kristen and Noelle are taking this over and Latha will help them get up to speed on this. Spring spirit nights. Corporate matches, work on getting corporate matches get the information out.
15. Staff Morale-Mr. Swinney. Grazing table was really nice. The restock is something that is needed.