

**PTSO Meeting Minutes**  
**February 5, 2024**

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**Meeting called by:** Latha Baddigam

**Approval of minutes from last meeting, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024:** Approved

**Principal's Report**

- CATA students finished the first term strong in terms of academic achievement with strong EOC results.
  - Biology EOC had a 96% proficiency, which is up 2.1% from last year.
  - English II was 97.9% proficiency. Last year CATA had one the highest rates at 95.5%
  - Math I was 81.8% - up by 4% - outstanding growth shown by students.
  - Math III was 97.6%. Last year was 92.2%
  - PTSO and hospitality continue to contribute to teacher satisfaction. Holiday lunch and restocking of items are much appreciated.
- CATA crawl event – February 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Potential students and parents can view campus and get information about the school. Good opportunity for PTSO as well.
- Natash, Pierre & The Great Comet musical on 3/14 - 3/16 and 3/21 - 3/23.
- State superintendent Catherine Truitt visited CATA in January.

**Student Reps**

- CATAchella
  - CATAchella is being handled by STUCO.
  - NPRA is running sound and would like to improve speakers.
  - There will be food trucks and ice cream/Kona ice trucks as well.
  - PTSO will discuss how we can support this event.
  
- Student treat suggestions
  - Popsicles
  - Candy
  - Popcorn
  
- Valentine's Dance has been cancelled due to lack of interest from students.

**Finance Report**

- Treasurer report by Valerie Peters.
  - Gave check to Kristine for bowling.
  - Funds are allocated for senior activity.
  - Funds are also allocated for scholarships.
  - Corporate matching – Valerie is going to check on funds that should have been received from BofA.
  - Oculus App money needs to be allocated – app needs to be paid for every year.

**Old Business**

- Website progress
  - Website is 80% done

- Next step is to get everyone registered.
  - PTSO Membership for the remainder of the year will be free.
  - The best improvement is information needs to be entered only once. This should improve communications with parents, teachers, and students.
  - Parents will provide PTSO with student information about homeroom, sports, etc so PTSO can target the correct audience.
  - Graduating students will be added to an Alumni list.
  - Scholarship information will be added to the senior tab.
- Union Exchange progress
    - They will give us a Tuesday or Wednesday for free to do a family event. Thinking of either a CATAchella or a family fun night.
    - Union Exchange will keep the coffee bar, food truck and farm open for CATA families.
    - PTSO will consider Union Exchange for Senior activities.
    - Waiting for further update from Kaylee.
- Meeting time
    - Considering adding Zoom as an option for those who cannot attend meetings in person.
- Oculus App budget
    - Program being used to manage Oculus went of Beta testing. Program does not have education price.
    - Right now, cost is \$500 for first year then \$10 per Oculus per month
    - We have 6 months free which takes us to August – then perhaps use a different program or use \$500 from funds for the first year.
    - We do have the option of using cellphones, but this would require multiple phones.
- MISC
    - Drones are up and running but they need to be registered.

## **New Business**

- Elections for next year
  - General Elections will be May 6<sup>th</sup> after PTSO meeting.
  - Need to ask for nominations for next year's PTSO.
  - Need to advertise date and add to social media.

## **Committee updates**

- Fundraising
  - 2/29 Jersey Mikes in Monroe will give 25% of all sales on that day.
  - The Sports Committee will be sure to give this information to team moms.
  - 4/16 Zaxbys in Monroe – more information to come.

- Sports
  - Sports Committee is February 7<sup>th</sup> – will create mission statement.
  - The committee has met with coaches to get ideas and understand needs.
  - Volunteers must be UCPS approved volunteers.
  - No fee to join committee this year.
  - Working on ideas for raffles for last few games.
  
- Hospitality
  - Restock started today.
  - Free pie for Pi Day. Harris Teeter offers special price.
  - Latha knows someone who might donate pies.
  - Teachers do not have a preference on pie or pizza.
  - STUCO Pi day event – will use PTSO gift cards that are left from last year.
  
- Senior
  - Bowling has enough volunteers.
  - STUCO and Bejal will do communications.
  - Still trying to have pie throwing – still negotiating with Mr. Beals.
  - Taco truck has been approved.
  
- Communication
  - Bejal will add all discussed items to social media.
  
- Scholarship
  - Scholarship forms on due by 4/22
  - Currently can fund up to 5 scholarships. Would like to increase this number to at least 8 or even 10 scholarships next year.
  - Looking at corporate partnerships in Charlotte and Union County.
  - Draft of letter for parents is ready. Just needs approval.
  - This year only, students/parents do not have to be PTSO members to apply for scholarship.
  
- Bylaws
  - Revised version of Bylaws sent to PTSO members. Will approve final copy in March meeting.
  
- Membership
  - Approximately 200 members for this year.

## **Adjournment**