

PTSO Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2024

**Meeting called by:** Latha Baddigam

**Approval of minutes from last meeting, March 4th, 2024:** Approved

**Principal's Report:**

- IB Committee gave approval to move forward with certification process.
- CATA programs and academy models receiving much favorable interest from other schools and outside programs.

**CATAchella:**

- The event was well attended, over 400 people (360 tickets sold). 8 bands played. An area for improvement would be post-event clean-up for future events.

**Finance Report:**

- Had our finance report squared away, with >\$3,000 available from Invest money
- Magnet \$300, insurance \$700 – check with Valerie to find out
- Reserve \$500 for “Breakfast for Teachers” for the beginning of the next school year
- Sports Committee request \$100 to support inspection (baseball team)

**Old Business:**

- Graduation Ice:
  - @8:00am, June 12<sup>th</sup>. S
  - et-up starts @6:00am.
  - PTSO volunteers are needed at 7:30am to help set-up/tear-down
- Car magnets:
  - Agreed initial order of 200, 5X5 magnets
  - Make available for the freshmen orientation and membership sign-up.
- PTSO election:
  - 5-6 potential interests since social media posting.
- Fall membership dues:
  - Agree on \$10 Staff, \$20 Single parent, \$30 Family membership
  - This is be separate from Invest in Excellence- no longer with donation to Invest come with automatic PTSO membership.
- Microgrants for teachers:
  - Still working on the details in terms of total amount and max amount per teacher
  - Only to be offered to staff with PTSO membership – encourage more staff to obtain PTSO membership
  - Staff favorites/wish lists need to be completed on PTSO website. These will be available for PTSO and parents to access.

- Microgrants can be prepared in accordance to teachers' wish lists for class supplies etc., thus to ensure parents' donation will go directly to the teachers/classrooms and students.
- Summer retreat July 31 @ Kelly's house:
  - A social opportunity for PTSO and to being planning for orientation for next school year.
- Ice pop day:
  - For all students and deliver ice pops to each classroom
  - 1:50pm-2:30pm, Friday, May 25
  - Need PTSO volunteers to arrive and ready to support at 1:30pm
- Union Exchange:
  - Has to be on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Will check date for the event after AP exam (mid-May) and before June 7 (makeup exam date)
  - Need to provide guest list for RSVP
  - Need to borrow sound system from school and invite a band to perform
  - Food & drink – need to purchase from Union Exchange

#### New Business

- Phishing – Deb has taken action to tackle the issue on the CATA website.

#### Fundraising:

- 5:00pm-8:00pm, May 23 (Thursday) @ Culver's in Indian Trail
- It's CATA's Spirit Night, CATA families need to say "CATA" when ordering food at the restaurant for fundraising
- Need a couple of PTSO volunteers at the restaurant entrance to remind people to mention CATA to get the 10%.

#### Sports:

- Schedule meetings with sub-committees, need to talk to coaches to get their personal engagement and get connected with some sports teams parent groups
- Spirit wear fundraising
  - Plan to have something ready by 1<sup>st</sup> week of May to post on website for promotion
  - Will have senior athletic packages and banners
  - Need work further on the budget, will take 100 athletes as the base number for budgeting
  - 3-tier fundraising strategy to maximize donation dollars

#### Hospitality:

- Freshmen orientation day: August 19, 2024
- Teachers' Appreciation Week
  - A general survey will be sent out this week to teachers for their preference on sandwiches

- Lunch to be served at 12:05pm, Wednesday May 8.
- PTSO volunteers need to arrive at 11:30am to help set up

Scholarship:

- Encourage more applications
  - Social media posting one more time
  - Reminder email to be sent to seniors
- Details on total amount and amount per individual will be further discussed and decided based on the final applications.
- One scholarship will be in Angela Helms father's name (as money was specifically donated for that scholarship).

Bylaws:

- Done and updated on website

Adjournment