

PTSA Meeting | September 10, 2020 | Virtual

Start time: 8:05 am

Attending: Alan Hendrix, Holly Wood, Cynthia Ingram, Sarah Wilson, Jackie Barone, Maranda Thornburg, Ronny Reddig, Shelli Alexander, Deyna Rogers, Kelsey Wolfe, Sally Harriss, Ariel Gritter, Terrie Lyons, Carrie Masto

- Introductions/moment of silence for Officer Rorie
- Principals' Report: Ms. Barone
  - Cookie Dough Fundraiser! Glad to have that fundraiser back and looking forward to the results.
  - Needs: staff incentives, every month during faculty meetings shout outs to teachers, small gift cards needed, Duck Donuts donation for this month
    - Winners for September: Mr. Becton, Ms. Jones, Ms. Mosher, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Perez
  - Other needs: Potential Plan B PPE (face shields), portable amplifiers (teachers will have masks on), won't know all needs until school opens back up.
- Review of last APRIL meeting minutes:
  - Minutes from April 25 were reviewed and approved.
- Treasurer: Cynthia
  - We are in good tax standing, refund \$800, resources starting to come in
  - 990 has been filed
  - Cynthia to send out the treasury report for the drop box
- Grade Level Updates:
  - 8th Grade: Nothing to report, getting creative with virtual field trip ideas for this year. Virtual Tour of the Catawba Nation (donation needed from PTSA grade level funds?)
  - 7th Grade: Getting creative about virtual field trip ideas.
  - 6th Grade: Getting creative about virtual field trip ideas.
    - Other Comments:
      - Teachers feel that they have access to creative ways to rethink fun things to do with their classes this year.
      - Teachers will still receive \$100 this year.
- Fundraising: Sally/Sarah
  - Cookie Dough started off rough (waiting on material etc) company upgraded software, some glitches, hoping for more people to have signed up

- Update: \$6,000 in Cookie Dough sales as of the other day, we get half of that; We probably won't do as well, last year we made about \$25,000 but it's a different year; should we extend the date of the sale?
- AHOD donations are coming in, \$7500 so far, great start! AHOD will ramp up after Cookie dough ends with a raffle and more excitement, trying to bring in close to what it brought in last year.
- Additional newsletter blast to send something out, or extend the date?
- Advocacy: (Ariel)
  - Call for help was put in the last newsletter, and an email account is set up! One parent replied so far, hoping to get some more involved. Counselors will get together to decide what is needed, and the committee will put out the call for help.
  - CMS foundation website collecting money, will remind again in the next newsletter (specifically state which school).
- Hospitality:
  - Some additional treats going out within the next couple of weeks for teachers, and looking at doing something next month with yoga!
- Men of Piedmont: (Alan)
  - Leadership discussion of putting in place a virtual meeting for male students and one for female students to have a conversation with each other generated by the students.
- Teacher appreciation: (Kelly)
  - Food truck to school in October for teachers to enjoy, more details coming.
- Book Fair: (Deyna)
  - Virtual book fair this fall, dates in november and december, social media and newsletter to promote the event.
- Membership: (Shelli)
  - About 123 people signed up for membership, 5% increase from last year, campaign rolling out soon with some incentives (raffle items for family members who signed up from the beginning), cut off date 9/30 or 10/16, don't overlap with AHOD.
- Spirit Wear/Spirit Night:
  - Added a new logo and the pirate to some of the items, new choices available, some sales, 15% commission.
  - We sold all masks, maybe get some signs, Piedmont Pirate lives here, how do we sell and distribute these? Promote school pride,
  - Spirit night at Chipotle, more details coming
  - Discussed clothing closet idea:

- Student services could set up (Susan Stone)
- All that was left in the PTSA closet were larger sizes, do some giveaways with the teachers?
- Ms. Thornburg:
  - Continuing with IB requirements as best we can, it is a district directive to give IB grade but they will look different this year due to remote learning.
  - Service As Action is still in place.
  - Community project for 8th grade is underway.
  - Community garden project/Adopt a bed as a good socially distanced service project for students and families.
  - 8th grade international day of peace projects, 9/21 event, (creative writing art etc).
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#### Open Discussion

- Nurse budget: currently \$200, do we need to increase that budget based on the uniqueness of this year? Depending on her needs, the counselors fund or health teams fund could supplement this line item.
  - One thing that could be adjusted is the Educator Needs/Staff Development fund, because of virtual learning the workshops funds will be lower.
- What did we buy over the summer?
  - Sound system
  - Portable sound system
  - Bench

Next meeting October 8, 2020 | 8am | Virtually

End time: 9:05 am