

Centerville High School PTO Meeting

August 14, 2019

Members present:

Coordinating Principal, John Carroll, President, Cambra Edmondson, Vice President, Melanie Adams, Secretary, Judy Winfield, Treasurer, Susan Ralston, Membership, Anjeanette Rettig, Curriculum Advisory , Erica Paulson, College & Career Fair, Christina Hoschouer, Elk Pride, Julie Eversole, Hospitality, Dana Ronnebaum, member, Nicole Eatough

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by president, Cambra Edmondson. Anjeanette made a motion to accept the previous meeting's minutes and Cambra seconded the motion.

Principal's report: John Carroll stated that there was that first day of school excitement today. He had met with security prior to the start of school to discuss safety issues. The high school will run safety drills such as the ALICE drills as needed.

He told us CHS was rated #1 by Niche.com. (Niche ranks nearly 100,000 schools and districts based on statistics and millions of opinions from students and parents.)

We were also ranked 78th last year in the state from US News and World Report. This year we were ranked 57th. They rank schools every year based on AP and IB data. We only have AP in Centerville.

We are pushing to develop students for Careers and College. We have an EOS partnership (Equal opportunity Schools). The partnership is to help improve minority/ poverty students to advanced curriculum (AP).

There is a Jostens Renaissance program we are involved in. The Jostens Renaissance program is an educational enrichment program. They are sponsoring Skateboarder Mike Smith. He will visit CHS on October 4th. Mike Smith is a 30-something-year-old skateboarder that spends most of the year on the road, speaking to students around the country about how to be better human beings. Mr. Carroll said he challenges students to take care of each other. Mike stresses that building a community is all up to you. There will be two sessions. One session will be for Freshman and Sophomores and one session for Juniors and Seniors.

A parent concern was voiced...Can anything be done about parents not pulling to curb in the morning in front of the building to drop off their student? Some parents stop in the middle of the drive and allow their child to walk across in front of lanes of traffic. This is a safety issue and it boxes in the cars that have stopped at the curb to drop off their student. It was stated that communication will help.

President's report:

Our scholarship chairperson resigned and this is now a vacant position. Our teacher appreciation chair is vacant and also our volunteer coordinator position is vacant.

Cambra stated that at the freshman orientation PTO was able to communicate with lots of parents.

We've received a few candy donations for Elk Pride.

All Lucky Ducks were distributed to staff members.

Treasurer's report:

Susan went over the proposed budget. Anjeanette made a motion to approve the budget and Melanie seconded the motion.

Membership Report:

Anjeanette reported that we have had 94 families join PTO for a total of \$3,900.

Scholarship Report:

We still need a chairperson. The money we receive from flashdrives and socks will go toward our scholarship fund.

Elk Pride Report:

Cambra would like to start Elk Pride next week.

Curriculum Advisory – Erica will attend the first meeting in October.

Teacher Appreciation will be in May. We still need a chairperson.

After Prom:

We need a chairperson and we still need to talk about whether we want to continue having it.

Best Seats in the House:

We need to give a donation to the Americana Festival.

College & Career Fair:

Christina has nothing to report.

Hospitality:

Dana said our open house is Sept. 12th. We are going to ask for donations of cookies and brownies.

Old business:

Socks are \$10 and thumbdrives are \$5.

New business:

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 11th @ 7:00 p.m.

Our October meeting was changed to Thursday, October 10th.

Cambra adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Judy Winfield