



Ft Couch PTSSO - General Meeting
Oct. 18, 2022 | 9:30am
Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Meeting

Executive Board:

Carrie Fick, President • Elizabeth Taylor, 1st Vice President • Erin Peterson, 2nd Vice President • Amy Quevedo, Finance • Michelle Urban, Secretary • Sarah Beitler, Board Advisor • Eliza Luxbacher, Teacher Liaison

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:37am (attendance 4 in person plus board and 8 virtual)

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading/Approval of Minutes – minutes approved by Sarah Beitler and Sweet Hills

Correspondence Michelle Urban – No correspondence

Statement of the Treasurer Amy Quevedo (read by Carrie Fick) - see Treasurer's Report on website

Special Guests: Jace Palmer and Jessica Robinson

Talked about how responsibilities change for them depending on the time of year.

Typical day – meeting with new students, meetings with students for a number of reasons

Making sure all students needs are being met mentally, academically, and socially

Mr. Palmer will be working with the 8th graders on their upcoming high school schedules

Reports:

President - Carrie Fick –

I'd like to give a huge shoutout to the parents of Ft. Couch students. We have collected dues from somewhere between 83-85% of parents. Our budget is based upon receiving 80% of payments. It really makes a difference, and we could not do it without you. Staff Appreciation events • Support Music, Arts and Sports Programs • In-School Clubs and Support of Student Council • "Caught You Being Good" activities in December • Subsidies to Class/Team Field trips • Spelling Bee • 8th Grade Farewell Party • Field Day • PSSA Testing Snacks • Your PTSSO Membership... and so much more.

In-School Clubs are in full swing, which is wonderful. It's so great to see how excited the kids and teachers are about these clubs. The students had a chance to rank the clubs in which they wanted to participate. The clubs are offered every other Friday during Panther Time. Examples of some of the clubs are The Walking Club, Art Club, Relaxation Station, Yoga, Board Games, Lego Club, Adult Coloring Club, Cooking Show Club, Nail Polishing Club, Super Mario Club, and I think there is a movie club The PTSSO has funded these clubs by buying snacks for all of the students. We've bought spray bottles and tshirts for the art club, supplies for the relaxation station club, board games, lego sets, adult coloring book supplies, snacks for the cooking show

club, nail polish, and controllers for the super mario club. Gordon Matthews has received more funding requests from teachers for their clubs, so the PTSO is going spend some more money toward clubs.

The PTC president wants for me to let everyone know that the PTC is still in need of someone to Chair the following events.....Arts in USC, STEAM and PTC Welcome Night that is before the first home football game, where families that are new to the district are served a nice dinner by members of the administration.

Open House Open House went well. The PTSO had a table there. We collected more student activity fees, gave away Ft. Couch pens with a stylus and USC laptop stickers. We raffled off a Community Foundation blanket to one lucky winner.

1st Vice President - Elizabeth Taylor – No Report

2nd Vice President – Erin Peterson

Thank you for all the support from PTSO and parents

Clubs are going full force – tons of positive feedback from the students on the clubs

Reapplied for the “Schools to Watch” designation. – will know by January, and will hold an assembly in May for the students

Board Advisor - Sarah Beitler – No Report

Teacher Liason - Eliza Luxbacher –

In student council, we are working to advertise for Red Ribbon Week which we will be celebrating next week, October 24th - 28th. At our meeting on Thursday, we will be making and posting signs around school as well as preparing to speak to homerooms about the week ahead.

- To celebrate Red Ribbon Week, we, as a school, do a few things: ○ 1.) We have themed days every day next week. Homerooms that have the highest numbers of participants will earn lollipops each. The themes include: ■ Monday, October 24th - Hat Day ■ Tuesday, October 25th - Tie Dye/Neon Day ■ Wednesday, October 26th - Decade Day ■ Thursday, October 27th - Dress Like Your Teacher/Dress Like Your Students Day ■ Friday, October 28th - Halloween Costume Day ○ 2.) Door Decorating Contest ■ On Friday, each homeroom will receive a piece of paper to decorate their door as a homeroom. Homerooms will work together to design a door decoration that aligns with the theme: Celebrate Life, Live Drug Free. Students have a week to work on their designs; doors will be judged during PT next Friday, October 28th. ■ Winners receive a pizza party during P8. (One 7th homeroom / one 8th homeroom)

Additionally, student council just held elections for four officer positions: President (8th): Raegan Faulds Vice President (8th): Caroline Barnard President (7th): Roman Pardini Vice President (7th): Avery Moore We will be meeting as an executive team on Wednesday in preparation for our meeting on Thursday. In future weeks, we will be helping to create posters for upcoming days to honor individuals in our buildings as well as to create posters for the November social

Standing Committees:

Staff Appreciation - Gina Swanson & Sarah Beitler –

Upcoming Staff Appreciation events:

Dec. 20 – Warm Winter Wishes – Cookie trays and lunch

Feb. 10 – SOUPer bowl lunch – hot soups donated by parents to feed the staff

Apr. 14 – Spring Fling – charcuterie/grazing tables for lunch

May 4 – Last Hurrah/Raffle Basket – back by popular demand!!

Sign up Genius will be posted to donate items or money to help with the costs of the events.

Also, additional “Day of” recognition will be done throughout the year. Example Bus Driver Day, Substitute Teacher Day, etc.

Yearbook - Pam Scureman -

Email will be sent out for needs for photos

Looking to get homeroom photos

Mrs. Kelly will be helping to upload photos

Social Committee - Natalea Oliverio –

Next Social date change to November 10th

Carnival theme for social – looking for volunteers and donations of water, candy, and prizes

Spirit Wear - Susan Coyle –

Spirit Wear sale was a huge success. We made \$342 profit. We had 70 order with 171 items

Spirit Night - Jessica Strub –

First Spirit Night will Nov 16th at Chipotle

Additional upcoming events:

December TBD at Athela

January 18th – BJ’s

Chick-Fil-A - TBD

Old Business - President:

See President’s Report

New Business:

Question submitted online about any 8th grade trips – Fort Couch only does day field trip nothing overnight.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 10:40am