

Carmel High School PTO Meeting 02/07/2024

Attendees: Lisa, Jessica, Gwen, Jennifer C, Kim, Melinda, Karen, Beth, Anne Marie Monty, Kristy McKee

Staff Liaison – Karen McDaniel

- March 5th is SAT day- juniors take test & rest of school has e-learning day (requesting early release next year at end of SAT exam)
- National SRO Day is 02/15/24
- Top Scholar planned for 04/22/24: this year will be Top Scholar, Hall of Fame induction, Distinguished Grad- starting in 2025, will just be HoF Induction & Distinguished Grad
- Door 21 on track to open in January 2025
- Starting next school year, only entrances for sporting events will be doors 16&17
- Greyhound Activity Center set to open in the fall. Mostly used for performing arts, band, color guard. Also plan to use for AP testing space.

Counseling Department – Melinda Stephan

- FAFSA now required for all high school seniors
- Some CEF scholarships require FAFSA to be complete before submitting
- Currently working with middle school counselors to provide them info on how to help kids prepare for transition to CHS

President – Lisa Pellegrino

- Solar eclipse glasses- PTO purchasing 5500 pair to hand out to students; will facilitate during SSRT
- Created eclipse t-shirt (2 options) to benefit PTO
- Media Center- renewed connection here with \$ we have spent on projects; this has been added to social media
- Extra spending plan: increase Staff Appreciation in May, allow “backpack kids” to shop spirit wear at beginning of year & before Christmas
- Received request for donation to CYAP- we donated to them in 2020 & have not donated since; all present approved a donation of \$250
- Community outreach to younger kids so they can better understand what club options there are at CHS
 - Karen suggested that Lisa mention at Greyhound Council that teachers of elementaries & middle schools can reach out to clubs at CHS to see what opportunities there are for mentoring or teaching

Vice President- Jennifer Brosius Penick

- Greyhound Gazette articles due soon

- Working on slate for next year

Treasurer- Vinayak Tanksale & Gwen Shaneck

- Financials- still waiting for \$\$ from CHS for senior celebration

Backpack program- Jennifer Cassidy

- Packed 599 bags first semester including gift cards at Fall Break, Thanksgiving, & Christmas
- Will also do gift cards at President's Day, Spring Break, end of year

Hospitality – Kim Foote & Regan Summers

- Signups are out for IA Appreciation
- Planning to spend more \$ on teacher appreciation

Community Relations – Jessica Barrett

- Lots of feedback on library post & birthday posts
- Created generic social media handle for Senior Celebration

Senior Celebration – Jessica Barrett & Kim Seelig

- Guessing on dietary needs
- Will occur 3 Wednesdays in May during lunch time
- Need to start looking for volunteers & still looking for team members
- Still need to reserve spot at CHS

Open Positions- Lisa Pellegrino

- After Prom Chair