

**PTSO MEETING
MINUTES
September 12, 2022**

Meeting called to order by: Antoinette Enohmbi

Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Approved

Financials:

- Treasurer report by Amy Dieffenbach through end of August 2022

Support CATA:

- Amazon Smile-Support “Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO Inc.”
- Harris Teeter-TIE Code 3612
- Publix Partners-sign into your Publix account and select Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Communication**
 - Social media and Facebook pages have been/will be updated
- **Hospitality**
 - Staff breakfast was great
 - Sign up genius went out this Friday asking for trail mix, candy bars and tissues for birthday baskets for teachers
 - September-popcorn
 - October-soap and lotion and a fill a fridge day
 - Popsicles-student engagement event 800 during cougar time advisory on October 3rd. Student spirit day-wear your student colors and get popsicles sponsored by PTSO. Cougar time is at 1:50-2:20. We have student engagement funds/student life.
- **Fundraising**
 - Kazoo. US made we can pick the colors. We can have it say go cougars. We could have a Cata Kazoozone. For 125 would be \$216. Could sell them for \$5. We could make back the money really quickly. It would be \$60. Tammy can come up with the design.
 - Artificial noisemakers officially not allowed by NCHHS.
 - Stickers through stickermule for 50 it's 125.00. \$5 for one sticker. Sell online or at concessions.
 - Krispy Kreme fundraiser-digital dozen program. Put a pin on this idea while we look at Zaxby's, Culver's, Little Caesars.
- **Membership**
 - Membership report by Angela Johnson
 - All PTSO board are members of PTSO

- **Scholarship**
 - New committee member-Angela Helms
 - We have a sponsor who wants a specific scholarship just for automotive. We can tailor donations to a specific program at Cata.
 - Right now it is set up to be \$250 or \$500 then a named scholarship.
 - Does the whole program need to be revamped? Angela to look into this.
- **Sports**
 - PTO is going to take on senior sports banners beginning with Winter sports.
- **Student Representative-**
 - We are still looking for a student representative. Would like to collaborate more closely with student council this year.
- **Senior Committee**
 - Senior week will either be the week before or after final exams.
 - Considering the whitewater center again, however we did not get as many students to go that we wanted. It cost \$75 plus money for food. Same price as an all-day pass. It was announced late last year. We are going to try to announce it earlier this year. If we choose the dates earlier and announce the event earlier we would have a better turnout. In the past the school provided transportation. Last year the kids drove themselves. Historically the bus left before school started. Mr. Stewart is going to look into getting us the best possible price.
 - Senior week is also the week of academic signings.
 - Next is breakfast with your buds (snacks, music) on this Friday 9/16.
 - October 21-senior movie night. We will give 3 choices of films to students and have them vote on it. Will be on a night with no sport activities. It is on the master calendar no competing activity.
 - Dollar cone will be some time in October.
- Staff Liaison
- **Principal Update**-thank you to everyone who helped at open house. Positive school spirit.

Wishlist items:

 - Main entryway project-when you look up it has the cougar with the academies and the one picture is covered over because there is no longer a teaching academy but there is not one there for IB. Could we get that updated? Replace one tile to show that IB is now part of us or to keep that one as is and to add a second one for the IB academy. Deb to look into school credit from Cady to see if this is possible.
 - Fishbowl project-taking out tables and flooring. Replacing all. Want it to be a flex space for student clubs, holding class, meetings. Right now it is used as a holding space for students in the am. We would like it to be a better multi use space. Everything is fixed and anchored. They want tables and chairs that can be moved. Principal will check in with facilities

to see if this is on budget for the county or if it would need to be funded by another source. Facilities would probably have someone rip the furniture out so we are really looking for new flooring/tables/chairs.

- Weightroom-needs to be updated/refitted. Mr. Stewart has a list of items he believes are necessities, a second list of items he thinks were beneficial for student learning and then a third dream list (\$4,000/\$8,000/\$30,000). Mr. Stewart found a company that will trade out our old equipment and replace it with newer equipment for a very competitive price. Would like to make this space more consistent with other high school gyms. Commitment for high school sports is generally more than just in season. Mr. Beals will forward proposals to us.
- Will vote on this at next meeting
- Our site based team will be meeting for the first time this week. We have all our building reps/staff reps/student reps. We need parent reps / 4 parent reps needed. Site based is our school improvement team. Teacher morale, career development, student life and advisories. Site based meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month after school.

Misc-

- Student rock. Needs to be painted. Student council does not have a staff liaison yet.
- Oculus and drones. Wishlist from several teachers.
- Cata PTSO t-shirts
- Welcome gift for new staff members-T shirt / snacks

Stay Updated & Get Involved

- Next PTSO Board Meeting- October 3, 2022@ 4:30 CATA in Fishbowl
Board meetings to take place on the first Monday of each month at 4:30. If the first Monday is a holiday then the meeting will take place on the 2nd Monday of the month.
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