

CATA PTSO Board Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2022

Members present in person were Principal Merritt, Deb, Megan, Jennifer, Dee, Kaylee, Jaden, Natasha, Tammy, and Amy. Those participants via conference call were Michelle.

Megan called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.

March minutes were presented for review. Kaylee moved to approve the minutes. Jennifer seconded it and the minutes were approved.

Principals Report

Ms. Merritt thanked PTSO for the Student Engagement treat today as we passed out ice pops to all students and staff. It was loved by kids and adults like.

Ms. Merritt shared that this is a very busy April, May & June for the school and gave us an outline of the calendar to help guide us for any planning for events. This was very helpful. This is in addition to the teaching and learning standards. The calendar is put together by the admin team and verified by the testing coordinators who represent the different departments.

The school is excited for Thursday of this week (4/7) when the Blumey judges are coming to CATA (4 to 7 judges will be in the audience). To prepare the performers for this they opened the play (The Heathers) last week for students to view. Ms. Merritt said, "It was an amazing experience and message."

The Union County Community Arts Council will be hosting a Breakfast to the Arts and they will have 2 of our performers attend to sing at the breakfast. This is a real honor.

DEB arrived at the meeting and received a welcomed applause to celebrate National School Librarian Day!

Calendar

National School Librarian Day: Will bring Deb lunch this week (she received a basket in December). **National Assistant Principal's Week:** Including them in the spring baskets for Friday.

Track & Field Festival: Track & Field asked PTSO to support donations for the April 30th Festival. Jen responded to advise we are happy to support by promoting the event but cannot ask for donations for a team specific event as we would have to do that for all.

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2- 6. Dee will address PTSO activities during her hospitality report.

CATA PROM May 21st: Senior parents did try after the last meeting to find off campus space, but everything was booked and there were no other options. Students are excited and are enjoying planning it on campus.

Finances

All figures reported are available via the Treasurer's Report documentation.

Jen shared that we are still looking strong. New Amazon Smile money came in. We still have over \$5,000 in invest funds. Jen reminded the board that if they need anything for prom or graduation that would be used again for general school use or future years, those funds could be used.

Ms. Merritt shared details of our Gym re-design project for the summer. Suggestions were made and offered to "complete" the gym if anything else needed to be updated like the wall mats, bleachers, etc – Ms. Merritt would circle back if needed. She also mentioned the concession area needing paint and new flooring – the board liked this idea and Ms. Merritt will investigate pricing/details.

Also suggested additional "put in cups" fence designs as we get the county outdoor projects complete.

Committees

Student Representative – Jaden said that students really enjoyed the popsicles today (ice pops).

Fundraising - Kim reported Little Caesars was a success. We sold 63 kits and made \$378 profit. Natasha suggested if we do this again to have a gluten free product option, good feedback and noted.

Senior

- Ice Cream Day April 7th will not be happening. Looking to do a Donut Truck instead, looking at April 13th, not sure if that day will work for the school schedule. Will talk with Sarah and circle back with Ms. Merritt.
- Senior Group Photo tomorrow 4/5 – back in the school gym on bleachers
- Breakfast on the 18th will be Chick Fil-A, will get gift cards to pay for the biscuits and then get donations from parents for the fruit, juice, etc. for senior week.
- Kick Ball & Chalk Wars May 20th – this will also include PTSO hosting stations for Kan Jam, Four Square & Corn Hole.
- Ms. Merritt confirmed that currently each senior has 4 tickets with option for 2 additional.

Hospitality

- March Pizza for "pi day" was a success. It was from Pepperonis, they cut it in squares so there was a lot left over (note for future orders).
- April we have the spring baskets that just went out and spring break coming up so Ms. Merritt suggested we take April off and focus on Teacher Appreciation Week.
- May is Teacher Appreciation Week 2- 6, Dee is working with Ms. Honeycutt on what the school is doing. Dee has planned the Italian Ice truck for 5/3 from 11:30 to 1:30. She is also

talking with a Donut Truck that focuses on gluten free donuts. Will work with Ms. Merritt on the timing as the option is 11am and is hard for teachers to leave their classrooms.

Discussed staff pre-order their donuts and have volunteer “runners” get their hot donuts and bring them to their class. Still working out the details.

- Budget review - Ice is \$4pp. Donut is \$500 minimum. Budget would need an increase to cover. Megan motioned to increase the hospitality budget by \$300, Amy seconded it. Dee asked for it to include a tip, Megan amended to ask for \$350 increase for the hospitality budget, Amy seconded, motion was approved.

Communications – will ask Carol to promote the Track Festival and promote PTSO Scholarship.

Scholarship

- Dee reported she has 3 parents on her committee. Confirmed deadline for scholarship is 4/13. Jen shared details on the review process. Deb said only 4 have submitted so far.
- Jen made a motion to move the Amazon Smile new payment + an additional \$35 to the scholarship funds to add another \$250 scholarship. Kaylee seconded; motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Megan presented new idea for a Parent Sports Council. This would be a group with a parent representative from each sport that would meet monthly with Ms. Merritt and the AD. The goal would be to share ideas on student engagement to try and increase attendance to our sport events. Also share best practices, vendor contacts, promoting good synergy between the sports at the school.

Planned the General PTSO Meeting for May 2nd after our board meeting. Need to get out the nomination slate for 2022-2023 so we can vote on it at the May meeting.

Megan Adjourned the meeting at 5:42pm