

## CATA Cougar Council PTSO Executive Board Meeting Minutes - December 6, 2021

Attendees for today's meeting: Principal Merritt, Deb, Jaden, Megan, Sarah, Jennifer, Antoinette, Dee, Michelle, and Karen

The meeting occurred in the CATA Media Center with no ZOOM Participants.

Megan called the meeting to order at 4:31pm.

November Board minutes were emailed following the last meeting. There was a question relative to the Zaxby's fundraiser time. Sarah motioned for approval; Antoinette seconded. All approved of the November minutes except Dee and Michelle due to later arrivals. From the Secretary's notes, the Zaxby's fundraiser stated time was 5-9pm. Currently, it is scheduled from 4-8pm. All publications and notifications will change.

### **Principal's Report**

Principal Merritt thanked the board for their continued support. She thanked the board for the Custodial Staff baskets. They were very appreciative. Thank you also for the Pies for Teachers prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Currently, the Student Council fundraiser has almost \$10,000. The initial goal was \$5,000. The fundraiser benefits families within the Monroe elementary schools.

On the calendar, we have our Senior parade scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021. The parade route will include a police and fire escort past the Walter Bickett Elementary school. Approximately 80 students attending the After School Program will join in the Senior celebration.

The Zaxby's fundraiser will occur on December 14, 2021. There are home basketball games that evening, so we hope to draw some of those parents and students. Karen will ask Lina to include a reminder with the morning announcements. Let it be known that CATA receives a percentage of all sales that evening. Megan reminded Board Members to state being CATA families acknowledging the commitment of the restaurant to our school.

The January 10, 2022, Board meeting will occur at 4:30pm.

To involve more working parents, the February 7, 2022, board meeting will occur at 5:30pm.

### **Hospitality**

Dee stated that over 100 pies came to the school for teachers.

Principal Merritt requested assistance to provide the staff with a Holiday Breakfast in concurrence with the Staff Meeting on December 15, 2021. It would be for approximately 75 people between 8:15 and 8:45am. Discussion occurred between Jennifer and Dee with the current balance of the Hospitality fund, stated to be at approximately \$760. "Muffins with Merritt" funds, approximately \$300 could be redesignated for the staff breakfast. Dee will begin the planning to accommodate Principal Merritt's request. Megan and Karen are available to assist if needed.

### **Treasurer Report**

Jennifer presented the report.

The current balances and figures are available upon request.

Jennifer presented the balance of the Invest in Excellence fund, stated to be \$14,704. The approved purchases from this fund include two benches were for student use. Principal Merritt stated the new speaker system currently has a quote from Holloway Music for approximately \$8000.00. The question arose of Repurposing the Fishbowl.

Jennifer responded, "we are in good shape".

Wells Fargo, Duke Energy and Bank of America contributed financially.

The CATA Alumni association funding money returned to the PTSO board.

Discussion occurred on where this money should be designated. The amount stated by Jennifer is approximately \$600.

Megan noted CATA posted on social media on Giving Tuesday to raise money for the scholarship fund. Amazon Smile funds are designated for the Scholarship fund.

Corporate Scholarships are available to support the scholarship fund. The example of a "Dunkin' Donuts Scholarship was stated. The suggestion arose of a sponsorship funding, to fund scholarships, in honor of a family member, for example.

Discussion occurred of scholarship amounts and the number provided. The board discussed the CATA Alumni funds and decided to place it in the scholarship fund. Michelle motioned for the approval, and Dee seconded. The board hopes to provide for more students than in the previous year.

The board asked if there were any individuals, we could provide a gift for, as we did the custodial staff. Principal Merritt provided clarification between classified and certified staff. She stated the Front Office Staff, and varied Support Staff, along with Mrs. Newsome would benefit from a PTSO Board donation. Planning will begin A "Share the Love" event to occur in February. Parents will receive a Sign-Up Genius email towards the end of January, pre-Super Bowl.

Natasha questioned how we look financially to previous years. "Better condition financially" was Jennifer's response.

Jaden, Student Rep thanked Principal Merritt for her time and dedication towards their Senior Pictures.

### **Fundraising**

The Kendra Scott fundraiser occurred since the last Board meeting. Total raised figures were not available currently.

Zaxby's fundraiser will be next Tuesday, December 14.

Michelle plans to contact another restaurant for fundraising. Suggestions included a Mexican restaurant or Pizza venue. Michelle mentioned an affiliation with the Monroe Chik fil a.

### **Senior Committee**

No new announcements

### **New Business**

Student Council plans to make changes to the Spirit Rock. Principal Merritt complimented Dr. Wall for his phenomenal guidance of Stu Co. She also expressed congratulations to students for the collection of change for the Stu Co fundraiser.

The board will need to replace Sarah as VP beginning in March due to a new occupation rendering her unable to attend board meetings prior to 5pm.

Antoinette will run the board meeting in March in preparation for assuming the role of President next school year.

Megan adjourned the meeting at 5:24pm.