

CATA PTSO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2021

Attendants: Megan, Kim, Antoinette, Jennifer, Sarah, Michelle, Jaden +1, Principal Merritt, Deb and Karen.

The meeting occurred in the Media Center on the campus of CATA.

At 4:31pm, Megan called the meeting to order. She thanked the board for an outstanding Open House on Wednesday, September 8, with a great attendance. She thanked the Board and Student Rep for attending today's meeting.

At 4:33pm, Principal Merritt presented her report, stating, "the start of the year has been tremendous, and everything given to staff and students is thanks to you (addressing the PTSO). She emphasized, "hang in there for athletics, field trips", adding that "it feels more normal than not". "Our students benefit from not being in quarantine, and do better with face to face learning". She thanked the PTSO Board for a successful Open House and their Staff Recognition.

The next PTSO Board Meeting will occur on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 4:30pm.

Jennifer presented her Treasurer's Report to include updates from previous budget presentations. These numbers are available upon request and from the Secretary's notebook.

We have a total of 23 staff memberships up from last year.

There was a question if the teacher membership funds should be allocated to the PTSO scholarship fund. This will be discussed at the October meeting with Old Business.

Megan reminded everyone about the Invest in Excellence (IIE) fund. Ideas for this year's funds include a new sound system within the school building, an upgrade to the current stadium sound system, and some upgrades to the Fishbowl to create a Multipurpose Room.

There was a patio purchase of approximately \$1000 for a patio upgrade.

Sarah questioned if we should purchase a new sound system for the Walter Bickett Stadium site if an onsite stadium was in the works. Principal Merritt acknowledged the bidding process is current for a new stadium (2025-2026). At one time, concessions and bathrooms were included in a new baseball/softball facility with appropriate lighting. Currently, that is no longer in the works. The school board individuals involved in this planning include David Burnette, and Cathy Heintel. Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings, thought to occur at the PDC. Parent voices provide great influence to the decision makers and what construction occurs.

Jennifer noted that there was a check received in the amount of \$2000.00 from the city of Monroe to the CATA PTSO. It was not known the purpose of this check. Further investigation will continue.

Student Reps- Thank you to Jaden for attending today with her mother. Invitations were sent to Carrington, Student Body President, and Jade.

Fundraising- November 20-21 will be the Kendra Scott In store and virtual event. A fall craft show was discussed, but may be better for the Spring, possibly a Virtual Craft Show.

CATA Restaurant nights were discussed. Please look for local families to benefit our school. El Vallarta was mentioned due to their numerous locations to serve a larger geographical area. Nothing Bundt Cakes and Alice Jules were mentioned as possible vendors.

Senior Committee announced a Senior Breakfast on Friday, September 17 from 8:30 -9:15. It will be outside, or indoors, depending on weather. Jaden suggested it occur in the gym, if necessary.

Wednesday, November 10, from 6 to 8pm there will be a "Drive Thru" Movie presentation. Bids are currently out for the presentation. Instead of car viewing, lawn chairs may be used. All Seniors are invited, but Senior Passholders will receive treats.

Hospitality- for each birthday month, COVID safe bags are provided to each staff member according to their preference sheet completed at the beginning of the year. Each teacher receives their favorite candy bar, a water and a cereal bar.

September 23 will be a "Popping Into the Fall" event with treats from Waxhaw Kettle Corn.

Deb noted that the Ice Cream Truck was very popular with staff in the Spring.

An opportunity for parents to donate funds is now available to collect money for Dee to make larger purchases.

Communications- no new business. Carol does a fantastic job reaching all audiences through Social Media and other outlets. There was a spoken request to begin advertising the Kendra Scott event ASAP.

Old Business- Budget met with approval at the General PTSO Board Meeting. There are lots of new members to add to our organization.

New Business- the Spirit Rock received an update for Back to School. Sarah mentioned this would be an opportunity for Beta Club or Student Council to obtain service hours by painting the rock for PTSO possibly as a beautification project using Sign Up Genius.

Homecoming will occur October 18-23, 2021 with a dance tentatively scheduled for Saturday evening.

The observation was made that the photo wraps may be fading at the Fishbowl. Cady Studios will be contacted for further investigation.

Open House- "a great success", but Megan requested from Principal Merritt that students act as greeters and guides for service hours.

Liability Insurance should exist for PTSO members, Kim made the motion for approval of a premium to cover PTSO board members, Antoinette seconded this motion for the amount of \$100-180, \$250 at most.

We pay \$250 for an audit to protect ourselves currently.

Megan adjourned the meeting at 5:32pm.