**CHS PTO General Meeting**
**8.28.26**

**Present:** Executive board along with 16 parents

II. Introductions
III. Carmel High School Updates
    A. Great start to the school year
    B. Discussion of the bell to bell new electronics policy
        1. Positives-cafeterias are louder-great to see, increase in books being checked out, teachers have said students have done a great job with this change
IV. College and Career Resources-Melinda Stephan
    A. College and Career Resource Center
        1. An arm of the counseling department
        2. 1 full time teach member and two part time to meet with students-students can make appointments and parents can always join
        3. Be an observer in the the Canvas course
        4. Supports students and families for all things post high school planning
        5. Currently senior focus with big deadline Nov. 1
        6. CHS has over 100 reps visit the schools in the fall-access without leaving the building or missing a class, during SSRT and potential for 10 reps with each SSRT in the fall. (sign up through Xello)
        7. Lots of information sharing starts JR year
        8. Questions
            a) Affirmation that the team is a wonderful resource, Melinda is here at every PTO meeting. CHS can help students with college application process for no cost
            b) Team does a great job of providing scholarship information and working with students on in person essays
            c) Assist with college list building
            d) College visits during ssrt time-all grades welcome but mostly jrs and srs
    B. General Counseling Updates Given
        1. See handout-available on website under counseling updates
    C. Grade level checklists are out and available on Canvas
    D. September 3rd is virtual teacher night (thursday before labor day)
V. General PTO Updates-Heidi Snyder
    A. Over 1900 people each day of welcome week
    B. Fundraising numbers shared
        1. $21,000 as of 8/28
        2. 3 blue and gold sponsors and 1 gold sponsor
        3. Executive Board Slate Voting and approved by general meeting attendess
            a) President-Heidi Snyder and Patrice Dawson

b) Vice Presidents- Bre Brickle and Amy Quinn
c) Secretary-Michele Kirby
d) Treasurer-Lindsey Apshire
e) Assist Treasurer- Amy Quinn
f) Communications-Amy Reuter

C. Backpack Program Update-Lisa Wagnes
    1. Volunteer sign up coming out today
    2. Working with team social workers to help students get signed up
    3. Partnering with different sports for drives
D. Homecoming-Heidi
    1. 871 votes for the theme this year- **City Lights Nights** winning theme
    2. Reminder lots of help is needed
E. Senior Celebration-Jessica Barrett
    1. Meeting on monday to set the calendar
    2. Planning a fall event (most likely 2 per semester) and senior sunrise
F. Hospitality
    1. First event yogurt grab and go bar
    2. Walk of Champions-next friday
    3. Donuts @ homecoming for teachers
    4. Big event is ace week for the teachers
G. Grants-Dori
    1. Fall grants open Wednesday-stays open till 10/9 can ask for funding for clubs

VI. General Questions
A. TCP- transition to college program is for seniors-can have a release period based on meeting schedule and attendance requirements

**Next General Meeting Friday, September 25 @ 11am with Dr. Oestreich**