

PCHS PTSO Meeting

October 8, 2020

Members In Attendance: Jennifer Aldous (Co-President), Tiffany Shewell (Co-President), Tara Stocker (Vice President), Julie Strople (Treasurer), Amy O'Reilly (Secretary), Heather Sims, Kelly Vendetti and Shannon Warner (Members-at-large), Roger Arbabi (Principal), Pat Powers, Mitch Von Puttkammer, Tracie Rossie, Kim Abbett, and Molly Efrusy.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Jen asked attendees to put their name in the chat so attendance can be accurately recorded.

Minutes:

Tiffany moved to approve the draft September 17, 2020 meeting minutes and Kelly seconded the motion. **The September 17, 2020 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.**

Student Council Update:

Student Council was unable to attend this meeting.

Board Update:

Tara Stocker has offered to be our VP this year. In order to make it official, Amy nominated Tara to be VP, Julie seconded the nomination and it was unanimously approved. Tara already stepped up and did a fantastic job with teacher conference meals and has volunteered to lead the Senior Night Committee. We are very grateful for Tara's help.

Financial Report:

Julie reported that we are doing pretty well for membership. We are a little ahead of budget on mini grant donations vs. expectations, but below budget on membership numbers/dues. Membership donations are short only \$1k, or ~ 30 members. Julie is hopeful that we will hit the budget number because each Monday after the Miner Minute goes out, there is a trickle of new donations. Finally, we received good news today that PCEF awarded us an additional \$1,000 for Beat the Call which will help greatly.

Principal's report:

Mr. Arbabi joined at 9:12. He reported that it has been a crazy couple of weeks! Fall sports are coming to end and testing is coming up over the next few weeks, including the pre-ACT coming up on October 20. COVID-19 counts went through a bubble but are now coming down. We feel really comfortable with how things are going now. About half of our students are remote or quarantined so classes can feel quite small but it's temporary; approximately 140 students are coming off quarantine in the next two days. We have one of our last home football games tonight as well as a girls' soccer playoff game in Bountiful. As the weather gets cooler, kids are still outdoors during lunch. It's going as well as it possibly can.

Regarding the seven-day quarantine survey, Roger reported that the shortened quarantine was something initially just proposed by the state as an option, but it looks like they are going to enact it statewide. It will not be left to local jurisdictions, so the survey was unnecessary. If a student is on campus and is exposed to somebody who has COVID-19 but both parties were wearing a mask at all times, the exposed student has the option of getting a test on day 7 post-exposure and will be allowed to come back to school if the result is negative. If a student is exposed elsewhere, such as at a sporting event, we cannot guarantee that both parties were masked so the quarantine will remain two weeks. There will be an announcement tomorrow about this change.

Regarding the shortened academic day survey, the board voted on Tuesday. We will do the Friday early release (11:30am) and also maintain early out on Mondays. Each class period will be about 45 minutes on Friday, then lunch, then students

will be dismissed. This adjusted schedule will begin with the 2nd quarter and will include Treasure Mountain. The lost academic time is not ideal, but we far exceed the state-required minutes and the teachers are really struggling to stay connected with the students at home. There is no perfect model during this time.

Roger noted that the pre-ACT will be made available to remote students if they want to come to school. The students need to take it at school because it is a proctored exam. Interested remote students simply need to sign up by contacting the counseling office. Another option would be using a testing center in the Salt Lake valley.

Mr. Arbabi encouraged members to share any feedback.

We thanked Mr. Arbabi for his time and encouraged him to spread the word among the teachers about our PTSO mini-grants.

School Community Council:

No members were present.

Membership:

We discussed putting the PTSO membership link in the Insta Profile and on Facebook. Kelly will send Tiffany the link.

PCEF liaison:

Our PCEF Ambassadors are Kris DeMarco and Jan Mitchell. They did a great job spreading the word about Beat the Call and PCHS' participation was higher than last year so PCHS PTSO will receive a \$2,000 grant which is double what we budgeted.

Social Media:

We discussed the best way to use the social media pages. Currently, Jan Mitchell and Tiffany Shewell are able to post to both places. Additional admins can be added, but it might be best to simply send any content to Jan or Tiffany.

Events and Programs:

Conference Teacher meals – Tara reported. The PTSO ended up buying quite a bit of food as we didn't get a good response from parents (though some were very generous). The teachers were very appreciative! Although many teachers went home for their Zoom meetings, they came in first and grabbed food. Julie dropped a portion at the Learning Center and they were very appreciative. Special thanks to Lisa Pilzer for her generous donation!

School Photos – Tiffany, Kelly, and Jan did photo make up day in the black box and it was a success. They were able to keep it socially distanced and it was a lot of fun to see the kids parade through.

Directory – Kelly reports that the directory is ready to go. She needs to be sure she is sending it to the correct recipients. She and Julie will compile the membership list and launch it!

Mini Grants – Kim Abbett asked for committee volunteers. Julie and Kim are required members and Jen, Tiffany, Tara and Amy will join. Kim will compile the requests including a few that went to Cathy Lanigan.

Finals Treats – There is a basket for hard candy donations in the office. We will need 70 bags to distribute next Tuesday 10/13. Please spread the word to friends who may want to donate a bag of candy to lift students' spirits during finals week.

Grad Night – Tara reported – We are currently looking for committee members. Please email us if you are interested in working on Grad Night 2021. Tracie Rossi is an event coordinator and has agreed to help! Tracie and Tara have reviewed the 2020 paperwork and are negotiating with Woodward for the venue. (Woodward was the contracted venue for the 2020 grad night, before COVID-19 derailed it.) Woodward needs to review the language and pricing but will be back to them soon with a pricing proposal. Hypnotist and DJ have been booked. We can bring in whatever food necessary to keep it COVID safe. We will need lots of

volunteers for that night and we will be soliciting donations (food, drinks, treats, larger items to auction for fundraising, and raffle prizes). Talk to your friends to gauge interest in helping or donating! Look for notices soon in the Miner Minute. There is a separate grad night email, which can be used for event-specific communication.

Next general meeting Thursday, Nov 19, 9:00am. Zoom again. Please email us directly with questions or agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.