

PCHS PTSO Meeting

November 19, 2020

Members In Attendance: Jennifer Aldous and Tiffany Shewell (Co-Presidents), Tara Stocker (Vice President), Julie Strople (Treasurer), Amy O'Reilly (Secretary), Kelly Vendetti (Member-at-large), Sheccid Villanueva (Student Council), Roger Arbabi (Principal), Kim Abbett, Tracie Rossi, Anna Stampfli. Deanie Wimmer, Roxane Googin, and Kristine Mueller.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Brief introductions.

Meeting Minutes:

Jennifer moved to approve the draft October 8, 2020 meeting minutes and Tara seconded the motion. **The October 8, 2020 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.**

Mini Grants:

Kim reported on four grants which were approved last month by the grants committee. These included. LIA notebooks, Learning Center robotics kits, an ipad lens/swivel for Mr. Rizotto (French) and windowed facemasks for Ms. Williams for ESL. Anna has not responded about purchasing the masks. Amy will contact her to make sure she knows she has received the grant. We still have considerable mini grant money available.

PEACE:

Anna Stampflii introduced herself. She is the district's newly appointed parent education and community engagement coordinator. Sort of a parent-district liaison. She will sit on a number of committees to represent the district. She fields parent questions, gets parents in touch with the right person, etc. The Supt. and Board heard the community asking for a position like this.

She will share her contact information so that we may spread the word.

Anna is aware that the district newsletter is not going to all parents and she asked that we include some language in the newsletter so that parents receiving the PCHS newsletter can opt-in to the district newsletter.

Anna is also reviewing the district website, which will be revamped. Roxane offered some feedback about the PCHS website as well.

We will invite Anna to our PTSO meetings.

Student Council Update:

Sheccid shared a presentation. She shared some of the Student Council programming as well as some things that they usually do but can't this year due to COVID-19. Highlights in the YTD:

- Drive-in movie – a huge success.
- Spirit week
- Halloween decorations – Haunted Hallways – nice distraction/fun
- LIA Dia de las Muertas decorations all over the school!
- Social media – has been excellent this year – Motivational Monday, Team Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Trivia Thursday, Favorite Friday. They use TikTok and Instagram. They have “gone viral” thrice. It is very fun and popular with the students.
- They share safety hotlines – reminders of support – Police, Peace House, mental health hotlines, etc. Posted in various places throughout the school.
- New student/teacher programs – they get Miner wear, welcome card and a nice tour.
- Recognition of super star students – teachers send nominations to counselors and a few students are periodically selected for doing a wonderful job during the pandemic. They receive a personal handwritten note and a treat.
- Faculty appreciation – thank you notes, Hearth & Hill vouchers, sticky notes on doors, HOCO t-shirts, etc. They are trying hard to keep coming up with new ideas.

The budget is hurting from skipping prom last year. They are hoping for winter formal in some form. Elections for next year will be in March.

Financial Report:

Julie presented the budget report.

Nothing major to report. We got most of the grant checks written and the D&O insurance premium is paid. We did get receive a grant from Kroger just over \$1k as well as the PCEF grants discussed at the last meeting. We've received almost \$500 in mini grants donations.

Membership – \$1200 behind budget. We receive one or two membership donations every week, which we assume is from being included in the Miner Minute newsletter. “Other” donations are \$520 ahead of budget so we might net out ok.

If you are interested in seeing the financials, email the PTSO. Ask Julie Strople if you need to be reimbursed for anything.

Board Updates

Phideas is stepping down as a Member-at-large because he cannot attend the meetings. He would like to continue to be involved.

Principal's report:

Roger gave his report, starting of course with COVID-19 which is dominating school administration conversations throughout the country. PCHS has been very successful in keeping the numbers low. Roger feels very proud of how everybody has been doing. Based on the growing case number in our county, one would expect a lot more. The high school has been very proactive, utilizing layered mitigation strategies. PCSD provided a UV light tower as well as mobile UV light devices. They hired four additional custodians in the evening to scrub rooms where there were cases, among other things. Lunches continue to be a struggle,

finding ways for everybody to spread out. The open campus helps but the students do naturally want to socialize.

Other topics:

- The debate team received national recognition from National Speech and Debate Association! Gavin and Anna have done a terrific job leading the team.
- We just received our pre-ACT scores and are sending notifications to parents. The next step will be to identify and work on targeting areas where we are falling short.
- Just received award from UVU for having increased the number of Hispanic students in CE classes in our campus. A very proud achievement
- Sports are all on hold. The governor's emergency order is over on Monday and competition is scheduled to begin. We will see what happens.

Q&A

- Closure rumors. No closure is planned. We will continue to monitor cases vs. the recommended threshold and use caution. We do contact tracing and see that the numbers do not yet indicate the need for a closure. Roger noted that school closures are all left to the local governing boards.
- Teacher morale. Teachers are tired. There are a few who are just afraid to be there. It really affects them. The food truck was really appreciated. Anything that makes them feel appreciated goes a long way. The staff and administration is doing a note card campaign where staff write notes to those they are you thankful for. The school board brought us bagels last week. Any gesture of thanks goes a long way. Fritter Fridays, where the admin team buys fritters for the staff, have been really fun.
- Is the early out Friday helping? Yes, teachers have been very appreciative of the time. They can plan out their week, reach out to students, etc. There are not a lot of restrictions on that time. They have professional autonomy. They just need to be on campus.
- Would you consider a closure on Fridays? The board has welcomed any proposals. Roger is monitoring attendance rates on Fridays and will

continue to gather information. We are very fortunate that we do have room to do this vis-a-vis the state minimum required time.

School Community Council:

No members were present.

Other Events and Programs:

Finals Treats – We passed out bags of candy to the teachers. We will probably do this again. We have some candy left over and will have to ask for a few more donations.

Directory – It went out. There were a few updates. Continue to refine. She sends it to new people as they join. Thank you, Kelly! Big project!

Honor Roll – Over 700 students made honor roll, but we were unable to distribute any treats. We did some shout outs on social media and in the newsletter. We hope to be able to do something next quarter or, at least, at the end of the year.

Grad Night – Tara reported – The committee met yesterday. We are still on hold waiting for the Woodward contract. It's just on hold due to COVID regs and the fact that they just rolled out their winter season. In the meantime, we have all vendors booked for the event. Now we need to solicit donations. We will go out and about asking businesses to donate cash or items. Some items will be raffled to graduates. Cash will be used to pay vendors or as cash prizes. We will solicit parents of the 395 seniors in January to ask for their support. The next committee meeting will be in January.

If Woodward decides that it cannot be the venue for any reason, our alternate plan will be having it at PCHS. Trying to control the entries and exits will be more difficult in that case. If by March or May, COVID does not calm down, we will not be able to have a party. In the case, we may morph the donations into a swag bag for each student.

Tracie added that although the contract is not signed, it is in our best interest to delay. Both parties are making sure that nobody is stuck with a commitment they cannot honor.

Teacher gratitude and recognition. Lots of discussion about doing something special to thank the teachers prior to the holidays. We will follow up with a work group offline.

Next general meeting Thursday, Dec 17, 9:00am. Zoom again. Please email us directly with questions or agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09am.