

PCHS PTSO Meeting

December 17, 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 (PCSD PEACE), Mitch von Puttkammer (PCEF), Molly Efrusy and Roxane Googin.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

Meeting Minutes

Tiffany moved to approve the draft November 19, 2020 meeting minutes and Kelly seconded the motion. **The November 19, 2020 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.**

Financial Update

No meaningful change in the actual vs. budget. We have received a few donations for grad night. Still a little under on overall memberships but closer than anticipated so doing well there. All teacher grants have been paid and reimbursed.

Principal Report

It feels like a miracle that we are still open. The numbers from COVID are coming back up. There is some sort of phenomena that kids are being less careful now that the vaccine is here.

He thanked the PTSO for the teacher gifts, which were delivered this week.

New quarantine rules. A couple weeks ago we were notified by Utah Health Dept and Summit County Health Dept that effective immediately quarantining students that are mask-to-mask exposures will not be necessary. We've had 560 quarantines this semester (some students more than once), 71 cases, and 24 who actually got COVID while quarantined. 17 of the 24 were part of a sports team so

these exposures were not mask-to-mask. Of the remainder only 2 were for sure transmitted within the classroom and both were teachers who sat next to students who were COVID positive for 90 minutes. So that is a .3% (2/560) experienced transmission rate if mask-to-mask. He supports the decision to quarantine fewer students. Dr. Gildea acted immediately on the recommendation but the rest of the state seems delayed. No adverse effects from the decision thus far. We still notify of all close exposure, so parents have the option to quarantine and so that they look for symptoms. We feel it's best to have students in class.

For non-mask-to-mask exposure, the rule is still that after 7 days symptom-free you may come in and get tested. If negative, you may return to in-person classes.

The school is testing 400 students every 2 weeks for sports/extras. He never thought he would become a medical tester. The admin and support teams help. From the whole district kids can come at 7:30 to get tested and go right back to school. Also, we are able to test our teachers. It gives them some peace of mind.

Are the teachers, admins, etc. OK doing the testing? Roger would never forced anybody to be a tester. Everybody who is at a higher risk is at check-in, not doing actual tests. Those who are doing the testing do feel comfortable. If anybody has symptoms, they are ineligible to test at our facility. We have only had one positive test and it turned out that the student was not symptom free. We stopped, sanitized, changed PPE, etc.

That will all resume Jan 4!

Gov Herbert has publicly recognized the importance of keeping schools open, has prioritized teachers for immunizations. We are hearing stories that this will begin in late Dec early Jan. The small acts of kindness we have done go a long way in making teachers feel supported. Everything seems to be going very well. Hopefully we are nearing the end of this chapter.

Should we continue to plan for Grad Night/Graduation? He really hopes this can all happen. He is going to try to do a Prom and create some normalcy for the Class of 2021. One of the things we have learned is that the parents enjoyed having the ceremony on the soccer fields at the base of PC Hill, picnic style.

PEACE Update

Anna promoted two events. The Cook foundation is hosting a zoom webinar on Jan 12 at 5pm and it is about a new platform called Parent Guidance. It's on the PCSD website and will be on Facebook. It is to help parents to deal with their students' mental health struggles. Shows therapists giving talks on various questions. A registration link will be in the newsletter. The Cook Foundation is also hosting the Lucky Ones truck to come back to the schools in January for teachers and administrators.

PCEF and district are co-sponsoring a virtual tour of our schools: "Who are the People in your Neighborhood...Schools" for new families, Scholar Circle members. People are feeling disengaged because we are not together physically. The principals will intro a virtual tour of their school and the new families can get an inside look at what their students see each school day. This will take place in the weeks of Jan 19 & Jan 25. This is to support the new families who gave very generously this year. The videos will then be live on the district website.

Could we have a pitch for PTSO membership on those videos? She will run it by Jen Billow. We are a good avenue for engagement for these students so principals might like the idea.

Jen recommended and Mitch is going to send links for two recent events that PCEF held, and we will put them in the newsletter.

PROGRAMS

Teacher Gifts

Jen described the goodie bags we gave to all teachers and staff. They went into mailboxes this week. One snafu was that we made too few at first. 101, but there were some staff that weren't accounted for on the website. 127 were required! We included custodians, lunch staff, and permanent subs. As an example, The Learning Center had six staff listed on the website, but they also have aides, psychologists, and more.

Finals Treats

We skipped finals treats this term just due to safety and simplicity. We did the bags of candy last time, but this quarter it seemed more important to focus on the teachers. Maybe at the next finals we will do donuts if we are able.

Grad Night

Grad night. Just got the contract from Woodward. They did not include the number of people we are allowed to have in the building, and they did not include any COVID cancellation policy, so we need to have them clarify. If we are not allowed to have 350 kids in there, we cannot do it. We could do it at the high school and Tracie has other ideas too.

We have received a few donations. In January, senior parents will receive a letter asking for donations. We will also start hitting up businesses in town for raffle items.

It needs to be once you come in, you're in. If you leave, you're out. There will be security.

That's it for this meeting we will have next meeting Jan 21. Happy Holidays!

Next general meeting Thursday, Jan 21, 9:00am. Zoom again. Please email us directly with questions or agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at ~9:45am.