

PCHS PTSO Meeting

February 11, 2021

Members In Attendance: Jennifer Aldous and Tiffany Shewell (Co-Presidents), Tara Stocker (Vice President), Julie Strople (Treasurer), Kelly Vendetti (Member-at-large), Sheccid Villanueva (Student Council), Roxane Googin, Julie Bargowski, Roger Arbabi (Principal), Mitch von Puttkammer (PCEF), Molly Efrusy and Heidi Hewitt.

***Note that some individuals may be missing from this list if they did not speak or show up in the Zoom recording.*

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Welcome!

Meeting Minutes

Kelly moved to approve the draft January 21, 2021 meeting minutes and Julie S. seconded the motion. **The January 21, 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.**

Student Council Report

Sheccid shared her presentation with a big announcement.

- Teacher appreciation week (week of May 3) ideas solidified – Monday breakfast, writing letters, and decorating the halls. Tuesday virtual yoga (Stuco Mom). Wednesday flowers, if possible. Thursday opportunity drawing with cool prizes. Friday coffee and donuts in collaboration with Lucky Ones Coffee.
- Prom approved for Seniors only (and their dates) on May 22! White barn not available per the mayor. We discussed potential venues with outdoor areas (Newpark, Swaner, St. Mary's, PC Community Church). The theme is Old Hollywood. Every senior will be tested that morning and will show

result to get in. Tickets are refundable in the case of a positive test or if a student does not feel safe attending for any reason. Tickets cost \$45 or \$80 per couple, discounted if purchased earlier (\$30 and \$50). Dance goes 7-10pm. Sheccid shared the big reveal/announcement video.

- March “Wish Week” with ski night (seniors only) if possible.
- June: The class would like to do a chairlift ride with Deer Valley or Park City, then graduation at the North 40. The chairlift ride is tbd.
- Ongoing collaboration with Christian Center – stocking PCHS food pantry, toiletries, etc. and the StuCo promised that everything unused will go back to the Christian Center in June.
- Sheccid asked whether the community would donate money for prom since fundraising has been impossible this year. PTSO offered to raise money via Square for them and encourage donations through the newsletter. PTSO also suggested that students add “Donations Accepted” on the prom posters.

The board shared some ideas for low-cost teacher appreciation with Sheccid and thanked her for thorough reporting this year.

Principal Report

Roger reported: Testing still dominates the administration conversation. COVID numbers at PCHS are dropping, reflecting the trend in the county, state, and nation. By tomorrow we should be down to a handful of positive cases. We will complete one more round of testing following the ski break, then reevaluate whether to continue.

Roger thanked the PTSO for sending 3-4 volunteers to the testing site each day.

There will be changes to the remote option next quarter. We are finding that there is some abuse of the remote option. We find students are choosing to be remote for classes they don't feel like going into. They may sit into the cafeteria and then attend their next class in person. The objective of the remote option was to protect students. To minimize abuse, starting with the fourth quarter students/parents can choose remote on red, white or both days (for the entire

day). This also avoids the driving-during-class-time problem for students with mixed remote/in-person days. A parent letter will go out on 2/22. We recognize that there are students who do require accommodations and counselors will deal with those on an individual basis.

Graduation will be at the North 40 fields so students can invite as many guests as they like. The district is bidding out for stage/sound and pursuing county permitting now.

Prom decision. The decision is upsetting to Juniors, but we feel good about it. Some sort of normalcy; as much as possible.

Winter sports are ending. Spring is starting up. Lacrosse will be a sanctioned sport for the first time, and we will have boys' soccer, boys' tennis, girls' golf, baseball, softball, and track. Debate and Ethics teams have had incredible success this winter. Mr Arbabi feels proud of our students.

Questions?

Format of AP Tests? There were three options offered to schools by the College Board. We have opted for in-person testing. We will also have March 23 Aspire (Sophomore) and ACT (Juniors) testing on our campus. Treasure kids will not come here for class on that day.

Why not keep doing random COVID tests for a sample of students? Our numbers are so low we believe a sample would not turn up anything. Further, we are trying to work within state guidelines for which the choices are test-to-stay or 15-case guideline. We can always reinstate testing should cases begin to rise.

Roger thanked the PTSO for the administration gifts in February.

PCEF

Running with Ed is on for May 22nd. There will be changes to make it COVID-friendly such as staggered start times. They are hoping people will contribute, whether or not they are running.

Financial Update

We are doing well with donations with some arriving each week. We are only \$500 short from what we budgeted for dues donations. Grad night money is coming in and Julie believes people will donate to prom, too. Senior parents really want to see this happen.

Julie and Kelly will sort through the details re: Square.

PROGRAMS

Scholarships

We are offering four \$500 scholarships as we have done in the past. Pepper has the information about each one. Julie Bargowski, Kim Abbett, Kelly Vendetti, Heather Sims and Jen Aldous will be the committee. Applicant information will come to the committee in May for review and grant decisions.

DocuDrama

Deanie Wimmer stepped up to help Heidi with the Docudrama and take over next year, which is much appreciated.

Not much of an update apart from that. We need a senior parent and one other actor (could be another parent) to participate in the filming. Jason Jensen and Heidi are working on that but PTSO can also brainstorm. Contact the PTSO if you are interested in more details.

The administration moved filming earlier (into April) this year for the first time. Heidi is nervous about the weather but we will hope for the best. In some past years filming was impossible due to weather in May. We discussed budget. Towing may be expensive – up to \$600. We gave Heidi wiggle room up to the previous budget of \$1,000. She is able to get cars donated but the towing is the unknown.

Grad Night

No update since last meeting because there has been so much uncertainty with COVID. Barb has a letter to send out to senior parents very soon. We are waiting on donations. We will go forward with Woodward now that they have approved prom and graduation. It will boil down to whether Woodward will allow it or not. We will just be prepared to do it at the school if we need to.

Teacher Gifts

The “You’re the Balm” gifts were dropped off today. Just something small to show our continued appreciation. Next thing will be conference meals in March.

Last details

Tiffany gauged interest in a PCHS PTSO RWE team. The race is less intense and only 21 miles this year.

Next general meeting Thursday, April 15, 9:00am. Zoom again. Please email us directly with questions or agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at ~9:50am. Have a great week off!