

## **PCHS PTSO Meeting**

**March 18, 2021**

**Members In Attendance:** Jennifer Aldous and Tiffany Shewell (Co-Presidents), Tara Stocker (Vice President), Julie Strople (Treasurer), Kelly Vendetti and Heather Sims (Members-at-large), Sheccid Villanueva (Student Council), Roger Arbabi (Principal), Heidi Hewitt, and Lovey Stollaker.

Guests in attendance: Cathy Lanigan, Ann Whitworth and Katrina Kmak (PC Library); Jen O'Brien (Bright Futures).

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

Welcome!

### **Meeting Minutes**

Heather moved to approve the draft February 11, 2021 meeting minutes and Kelly seconded the motion. **The February 11, 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.**

### **Principal Report**

Roger reported:

- Nine spring sports seasons are under way and it is very busy! We have got test-to-play testing on Tuesdays with PTSO volunteer help.
- As of Monday, there are zero active COVID cases on campus – first time since September. Huge! We will continue to track and continue test-to-play but we anticipate that case numbers in the county will go down once ski season is over.
- The administration is in full swing scheduling for next year. We project a seven student drop in enrollment, so no significant change and no changes to FTE's.

- Aspire (Sophomores) and ACT (Juniors) testing will take place next Tuesday until about 1:20pm. No classes will be held that day. Sophomores will be held until the end of the day, but Juniors will be done and released around noon. Seniors are not required to attend school unless they have remediation. There will be a specific location for Seniors who attend school for this reason.
- AP exams begin (in person) 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May.
- The Docudrama will take place on April 13. This is where we bring seniors out to a mock accident scene. It is always quite emotional. We do enjoy bringing awareness to the consequences of driving under the influence. It is a very worthwhile program funded by the PTSO.
- SCC has been working hard this year and is currently developing plans for next year. There will be four goals. Two related to academic success, one personnel, one for parents.
  1. Average ACT scores up to 24. To this end we are offering ACT prep courses on campus and giving the pre-ACT earlier in the year.
  2. Increase extracurricular participation by 10% because we know that those who participate in extracurriculars perform better in school.
  3. All teachers participating in Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) process which provides real time student assessment data and analytics.
  4. Ensure that we as an SCC are communicating our goals to 75% of our parents. We want to foster an open dialogue re: SCC goals and funding.

SCC has also formed a subgroup called “Push to the Finish” which is designed to support students who have fallen behind this year as a result of COVID. We want to ensure that they work hard through the end of the year to get credits and graduate.

- We will have 2-3 weeks of summer school. Kids can use this time to recoup any lost credit.

Questions for Roger:

Next year will we continue with two early out days? No, the plan is to have early out only on Fridays at ~11:30 and will use that time to work with PLC's and reach out to students.

Would you like the PTSO to provide snacks for Aspire/ACT? No, the kitchen staff will provide that this year. We are still restricting visitors on campus. Our case numbers are dropping very fast though so let's hold off on a decision for AP testing snacks.

We asked that Roger reach out if he needs help with the Push to the Finish.

### **Park City Library Tutor.com Presentation**

Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian at PC Library, presented an exciting new library program called Tutor.com which has been funded by community member Ann Whitworth. Here are the highlights:

- Tutor.com is a product of Princeton Review and is up and running on their new website at [parkcitylibrary.org](http://parkcitylibrary.org). Then proceed to Research and Learn, then See e-resources, then Tutor.com. You enter your library card number for access.
- Every student and educator at the PCSD can get a free library card regardless of zip code.
- It's best for students to create an account – free – safe – etc.
- Tutoring chat is offered live 3p-10p. Their tutors are screened for qualifications. Tutoring chats are roughly 20 minutes long. You can save the content and note your favorite tutor and request them again if you worked well with them.
- You can also submit papers for review (or resumes, cover letters, etc.). You indicate your grade level so that the feedback is appropriate. The turnaround time for feedback is 12 hours.
- You may also submit math problems with a 24-hour turnaround.
- The website also offers practice quizzes, ACT prep, AP prep, career resources, financial literacy content, and more. There are content videos to watch. If you start an account, all of your activity is stored online in your "locker".
- There is a phone app as well.

Katrina, Cathy and Ann asked us to promote this resource with students, parents and teachers so that it is utilized. We offered to include a product demo video and a flyer in our weekly newsletter and Sheccid will help get the word out via the StuCo.

## **Student Council Report**

Sheccid reported.

- Yesterday, StuCo sold St. Paddy's cupcakes to raise money.
- Wish Week coming up next week starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each day has a theme: Jersey day, plaid day, purple day, etc. In the evenings, various restaurants have agreed to donate a percentage of their proceeds to the Wish Week/PTSO cause. Monday is MOD Pizza, Tuesday is Hearth & Hill 20%, and Wednesday is an open mic event at O'Shucks
- StuCo elections coming up on 3/30. As with last year, all campaigning will be done online. In-person interviews will take place March 19-21 and a new student council will be in place by the end of May.
- Not much of an update on Prom other than reaching out to venues. The Film Studio is a maybe.
- Teacher appreciation week is coming up May 3-7 and StuCo is asking whether we can coordinate on a breakfast. We said that we would regroup on budget, safety, and details and get back to her.
- StuCo is asking PTSO to promote PCHS Merch which we will do in our newsletter. <https://parkcityminers.us/merch/>

## **Financial Update**

Funds continue to roll in after the Miner Minute goes out each Monday. Totals to date are \$1,500 for Prom, \$6,750 to Grad Night, and \$6,020 in dues vs. a budget of \$7,000.

## **PROGRAMS**

### **Scholarships**

Will take place in May.

### **DocuDrama**

Heidi is still working on the arrangements. Her concern continues to be hiring a towing company. We offered to post the job on Ask Park City. Heidi said that she is waiting for a couple callbacks and that Deanie has some ideas as well. The job is picking up two donated cars in Orem and delivering them to Park City, wrecking them, and returning them to the recycle company in Orem the next day. Heidi has not had good luck engaging with the local towing company and the company in Heber is owned by the same persons.

While towing is the only open issue, Heidi is not too worried because it always comes together last minute. She has the actors, eulogy, hearse, etc., in place. She mentioned that she will not travel to Utah though without arranging the towing. She asked the board to consider whether they have any connections or contacts who might be able to help.

### **Grad Night**

Tara – Tracie is speaking with Woodward today. She feels that by June we should be able to host it there. Mask mandate...still an open issue how the county will be running. We may want to set up a supplemental tent in patio area. The committee will meet at the end of March. Still a lot of funds to raise: Goal is \$10k and we are about \$4k short. Another letter will go out soon.

### **Mini-grants**

The only update is the excellent feedback from Mr. Rizzotto about his grant.

We discussed doing a second round of grants which led to an overall budget conversation. The consensus was that we want the option to provide meaningful teacher appreciation (breakfast w/ StuCo, lunch, gift cards), honor roll (inclusive of all quarters), and grad night celebrations. Also, we started the year with a financial buffer and would like to leave a buffer for the next year. Finally, teachers have the PCEF express grants to draw from. For these reasons we will not do a second round of PTSO teacher grants.

### **PCEF**

Nobody from the Ed Foundation was present but we agreed to encourage folks to run for PCHS as there is significant prize money.

### **PEACE Parent Advisory Board Update**

The new committee had a productive meeting, and it seems like some good will come out of this new group.

- Anna Stampflii wanted to ensure that everybody is receiving the district newsletter.
- The district is revamping the website.
- They are planning a welcome reception – to encourage all parents to engage more.
- The vision is to have this parent advisory board (in lieu of the district PTSO which was used in other years) and a student advisory board in 2021-22.
- Next meeting is April 21<sup>st</sup>.

We discussed the PTSO's role in welcoming new families to the high school. It doesn't seem to have been a PTSO program in the past. With online registration it is even more tricky. We did have welcome bags and reached out that way. More details will be coming about the district's welcome reception plan and maybe we can participate in some way. Many board members remembered PPES welcoming committee which did a really great job. The best idea for PCHS seemed to be distributing a packet of information and contact information to new families, perhaps using student liaisons as well. The StuCo has some initiatives in this area and we would work with them.

Adjourned 10:25.

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

**The meeting was adjourned at ~10:25am.**