

PTSO MEETING
DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting called by PTSO Treasurer, Amy Dieffenbach, on December 5, 2022 at 4:30.
- Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Calendar

- **December**
 - December 1, 2022-Senior car parade after school 3:00-5:30 (3 more volunteers needed). Mr. Beals has coordinated with Officer Hailey to escort cars around the block. We will have cocoa and cookies for all seniors. Christmas theme.
 - December 14 2022-staff lunch catered by hospitality committee budget \$577.50. Baked ziti with and without meat.
 - Possible ugly sweater contest for seniors
- **January**
 - January 9, 2022-PTSO meeting at 4:30
 - Hospitality-Restock teacher items-parent donations needed
- **February**
 - February 6, 2022-PTSO meeting at 4:30
 - Tentative hospitality idea-Waxhaw Kettle corn
 -
- **March**
 - March 6, 2022-PTSO meeting at 4:30
 - Little Caesars fundraising promotion will run again in the spring
 - Tentative hospitality idea-pies for pie day for teachers
 - Senior event to tie into the taco truck tentatively planned. Possibly a March Madness Cornhole Tournament. Could this be combined with t teacher/staff event?
- **April**
 - April 3, 2022-PTSO meeting at 4:30
 - Tentative hospitality idea-rice Krispie treats for student engagement as they are gluten free. Nor'east treats truck.
- **May**
 - May 1, 2022-PTSO meeting at 4:30
 - Teacher appreciation week

Principal's Report

- Principal Report by Kevin Beals

- The \$2,500 donation from PTSO for the weight room additions were appreciated! New items have already been purchased and the upgrades are a big improvement.
- School wish list items:
 - **Fishbowl**-furniture needs to be removed so space can be upfit
 - **Weight room upfit**-PTSO donated \$2,500.00 in October to this project. We approved an additional \$2,500 for weight room updates in November.
 - **Main entryway project**-add signage for IB program
 - **Drones**-2 drones. Teachers: golf, baseball, softball, Spanish, Audio video, digital design, AP Computer Science, Robotics Club, Society of Women Club, Skills USA, and Aeronautics expressed interest in drones. Drones need to be registered with the FAA. Mr. Hidalgo, Mr. Bernhard, and Mr. Bryan have all expressed interest in obtaining drone license from FAA if needed (\$250 a license). Both drones fit the requirements of the teachers of camera and video, programable, wind resistance and GPS tracking abilities. Ruko would be \$416 on Amazon and Dreamer is \$560 with current sale. We tabled this for next month meeting. Will circle back on this. This proposal is being considered this month. Discussed new proposal for one DJI Mini, which is under the FAA weight and would not need to be FAA registered and then on Dreamer which would require the \$5 FAA certificate for drivers. Both drones are currently on sale. Total anticipated cost for both drones and licenses would be \$700.
 - **Oculus**-\$399 per viewer plus the cost of the app. ASL club, Spanish, French, Anatomy and Physiology, Computer Engineering, Health and PE, all medical, advance manufacturing, Aerospace, HOSA and Society of Women Engineers club and Robotics Club all expressed interest in having an Oculus. 8 Oculus would be \$3,200 and \$1,000 for the apps. This was approved and the Oculus have been purchased and delivered to the school.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Finance**
 - Treasurer report by Amy Dieffenbach
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Invest in Excellence campaign was a great success.
 - After purchasing the Oculus and donating \$5,000 to the weight room for upgrades, we have \$3,817.92 remaining plus an additional \$500 check and \$50 check that have not been deposited.
- **Membership**
 - Membership report by Angela Johnson

- PTSO and Invest in Excellence will continue to run on cougar chronicle
- **Fundraising**
 - Results from Culver's Fundraiser which was held on October 11, 2022 was \$314. Funds have been deposited.
 - Results from Little Caesars promotion which ran October 10th-17th, 2022. We have sold 31 of 50 kits.
 - Kazoo update-these will be sold for \$5 and promoted as basketball spirit item. To date we have raised \$174.75 from Kazoo sales. Kazoos will be sold at lunch prior to the student/staff basketball game
 - Consider social media push for Publix.
 - **Support CATA**
 - **Amazon Smile**-Support "Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO Inc."
 - **Harris Teeter**-TIE Code 3612
 - **Publix Partners**-sign into your Publix account and select Central Academy of Technology & Arts
- **Senior Committee**
 - Car parade was a lot of fun.
 - No new December updates.
- **Hospitality**
 - Hospitality report by co-chairs Kaylee Meyer and Tammy Hall
 - November gift card event for teachers was a great success.
 - Catering has been secured for staff holiday lunch on December 14 from A Special Touch out of Indian Trail.
 - T-Shirts for new teachers have been completed and delivered.
- **Communication**
 - Invest in Excellence campaign will continue to be promoted on social media
- **Scholarship**
 - Scholarship report by Angela Helms
 - Fundraising goal \$3,500.00
 - Looking for organizations that she should contact and/or not contact
 - Looking to create written correspondence to potential donors regarding scholarship opportunities at CATA
 - Looking for support to engage potential donors where relationships exist already
 - Have made updates to the website to reflect the revisions to our named scholarships
 - Have created a letter for future contributors

- Creating a mailing list of organizations that we will be inviting to donate-excluding those that are yearbook boosters. Large mailing planned in the next few weeks.
- **Sports**
 - Sports committee report by Kristen Shearin
 - PTSO is going to take on senior sports banners beginning with Winter sports. 3x4 banners are \$34 will charge \$40. Banners were ordered and they look great, so far 11 banners were ordered. The size is probably a little too big. The soccer banners were 2x3 and they were too small so possibly 2x4 is the right size. We are going to consolidate the purchase of banners with the yard signs next fall so we get everyone's order at once which will maximize the discount.
 - Encourage families to come out and support our Friday night sport events-social media promotion to get families to come together as community by integrating academy performances, band/student recognition into sport events
- **Student Representative**
 - Shirley brought up the idea to have someone hide an Elf on a Shelf each day for the student body to find each day before Christmas break and then they get a candy prize (as a Student Life PTSO activity. The motion was made to approve the elf on a Shelf purchase and the motion was seconded and voted upon. An Elf on the Shelf was purchased for \$47.98 and will be delivered to the school and we are sending in candy for the first few days of prizes.
- **Staff Liaison**
 - Any updates from staff liaison Deb Christensen

Support CATA and get involved:

- Visit: www.cataptso.org
- Email: catacougarcouncil@gmail.com
- Facebook: @catacougarcouncil
- Please read the Cougar Chronicle every other week