

# Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO

## Board Meeting Minutes

Monday Oct 7, 2024 4:30PM Fishbowl

### 2024-2025 PTSO Board Members

President – Kaylee Meyer	Fundraising- Martha Zapata	At Large- Jay Rajesh, Jen Sanders,
Vice President – Latha Baddigam	Website- Kelly Levitas	Jana Caballero
Secretary – Shirley Xu	Website - Tammy Hall	Staff Liaison – Deb Christensen
Treasurer – Valerie Peters	Website- Helen Thomas	Principal – Kevin Beals
Communication – Bejal Mehta	Senior- Kristen Manning	Teachers- Amanda Mims, Keith
Hospitality- Jenn Monahan	Senior- Tammy Hall	Sweeney
Hospitality - Erika Leon	Sports- Mikie Carter	Students- Navneesh Annadi,
Hospitality- Anshu Garg	Sports- Fara Orr	Isabel Jeby, Nuha Mehdi,
Fundraising – Noelle Picozzi	Scholarship- Preeti Krishna	Vishi Gupta

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### Approve Minutes of September Meeting -- Approved

#### Principal's Report

- First six week term – Teachers will get grades in by Oct 8. By large, kids are doing well, still improvement to make.
- The admin team will focus on observation. Stretch our high learners as far as we can while addressing gaps in the class.
- Athletic front: Quite successful HOCO week. We can work on some facility improvement (stadium improvement) at CATA in the hope that eventually graduation event can be held there).
- Senior nights: Senior Sports Nights Soccer Oct 29, Volleyball (on Wed, Oct 9), Cross Country + Women's Tennis + Women's Golf (Oct 29<sup>th</sup>)
- A lock-down drill on Oct 7.
- UCPS's recent email on security/safety: The school district's purpose is to ask parents to have discussion with kids on the safety/security. CATA doesn't have direct threat.

#### Student Reps

- Welcome Student reps
- Ideas for student appreciation events
  - Candy/goodie bags delivered to homerooms. Comment: budgeted < \$1 per student
  - 3 pizza slices on Friday. Comment: We try to avoid anything competing against cafeteria during lunch.
  - Necklace with numbers for students to exchange during the day. Toward the end of the day numbers are called and those wearing those numbers can get a goodie bags or candies. Comments: Encourage more social among students.

#### Calendar

- Senior Sports Nights Soccer Oct 29, Volleyball (on Wed) Cross Country (29<sup>th</sup>) Women's Tennis (29<sup>th</sup>) Women's Golf (29<sup>th</sup>)
- Spirit night @ High Octane on Basketball Night on Nov 19 – PTSO agreed and approved the date. Martha will further follow up with owner on their feasibility.

#### Finances Report

- Invest in Excellence at 1/3 of goal for the year, new graphic to go out
- Treasurer Report 09/30/2024 reviewed at the meeting
- Concession bills and sports bills that have been turned in are paid.

## Old Business

- Thank you for \$200+ donations sent out
- Hotspot for concessions passed by email vote
- Homecoming Alumni Tent, Senior Swag – seniors were given paper crowns/clappers on the day.
- Zaxby Night: \$374.02.

## New Business

- Thank you cards for graduation and digital graduation items to fund Senior Scholarship
  - More CATA-based card/digital package. All these will go into scholarship
- Invest in Excellence- Items for Guidance vote, Choosing of Classroom Grant 1<sup>st</sup> semester
  - PTSO plan to spend some money on the following:
    - Guidance wishlist: start buying the items from Amazon to be put in the corner of the guidance room. All items will be free to students: budgeted for \$420 – voted and approved
    - Math's wish list is to get math graphic board: \$120 – voted and approved
    - 5 staff members selected to be granted with \$100 Classroom Grant 1<sup>st</sup> semester
    - TV upgrade in Cafeteria and Maze: Under discussion with teachers, parents and donor

## Committees

- Communications
- Fundraising
  - Spirit night @ High Octane on Basketball Night on Nov 19. Martha will further follow up with owner.
- Hospitality
  - Collected 100 tissue boxes
  - Birthday bags sent out
  - Nov: Gift cards
- Scholarship
  - Thank-you card/digital graduation package
- Senior
  - Crowns/Clappers during HOCO
  - Potential event idea: game-show battle rooms. We have a provider to partner with on the event. Need to decide on venue in the building. Plan to do it right after school to capture as many students (senior only).
  - Senior Soda in December; Senior Breakfast in January.
- Sports
  - Still have some bills to turn in.
  - Pizza and meal plan worked out very well during HOCO.
  - Indoor concession stands to get the water going so that we can start hot food
  - We got donations for trees and landscaping company to help drill the holes to plant the trees on CATA campus.
  - Spirit wear sales: Will start adding swimming and other winter sports.
  - A theater mom proposed that she can help design a spirit wear for theater students. Comments: 1) the design should be theater specific; 2) maybe come up with designs for each academy that can be more academy focused. 3) no competition against marching band whose spirit wear carries and promotes CATA.
- Website
- Ad hoc: Valerie requested recommendation for an accountant specialized in working with non-profit organization.

## Adjournment