

CMS PTSO General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 19, 2024

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: CMS Library

1. Call to Order 6:06 p.m.

- Welcome and introductions
 1. 18 people in attendance, including teachers, admin, parents
 2. Introduced new board members: Valerie, new fundraising chair, and Sidney, volunteer coordinator

2. Reports

- Administration report: Gabe Pagano
 - Planning to introduce a “site council” involving parents, teachers, community members to get input on CMS issues. May be the first 30 minutes of upcoming PTSO general meetings, 2-3 times this year
 - School is very large at the start of the year, with 700 students compared to 615 at start of last year. There was a very large 6th grade class (260 students). Not sure exactly the reason; CMS has same boundaries, still have TAG, received some area change requests
 - CLIMB day brought about 400 families in to see the school, a special thanks to volunteers. Comparatively, there was low attendance for the open house; may look at combining events next year
 - Have a 6th grade only lunch and a 7th-8th grade lunch this year. The 7th-8th lunch is very large but seems to be working for all
 - School is continuing to encourage binders and cell phone policy. Changing approach to iPad use; students put the iPads in a designated space when they come into the classroom and the teachers direct when to use them. YouTube is also locked now. Pleased with buy-in from kids so far
 - High participation in athletics
 - Mountain Time will start next week
 - Gabe is on OPB tomorrow discussing CMS’ cell phone policy. He is also on the superintendent’s podcast discussing cell phones tomorrow afternoon. A parent asked about smart watches and he advised that they are not seeing watches being as big of an issue.
 - Acknowledged teaching staff, noted that CMS added a few teachers this year

- Guest teacher: Melodie Craig asked for volunteers. Classes are big (30+ students) and volunteers are a big help. She is sending out an email to parents and will also coordinate with Cidney (PTSO volunteer coordinator).
- President's report
 - Upcoming volunteer opportunities
 - Picture day on 9/20 is covered; thank you to volunteers
 - Opportunities for committee members, including fundraising, staff appreciation week, concessions and 8th grade celebration
 - Scan the QR code for "get involved" to sign up for volunteer emails, and "stay informed" for general news
 - Big push right now is the giving campaign. We are working to get funds for teacher grants and to put on events like school dances and staff appreciation. Our goal is \$20k
- Vice president's report
 - Grant requests – we receive requests from teachers. If request is for over \$1k, we will send out a vote to the general membership via email. The board can approve requests under \$1k
 - Received a grant request for \$200 for chess sets for Mountain Time. Discussion about sending out a message to families asking to "clean out your game cabinet and send in chess sets and other games." A parent asked if the teacher wants something specific like tournament boards or if a "hodgepodge" of boards will work. Kelsey will talk with the teacher
 - Concession sales at home outdoor events (cross country and football). We can't do indoor events because of the mess it creates for janitorial staff
 - Scoreboard campaign – school had a very old scoreboard with lights burned out that couldn't be replaced. PTSO partnered with school to get a new board and it is installed and working. We are raising \$4,800, currently have \$1,905. An ask was made to football parents last week and several gifts were received. We are also working on business sponsorships We also will be fundraising for indoor gym scoreboard. Parent asked if concession sales will be

directed to scoreboard or general. At this time, concession sales have not been directed to a specific area.

- Treasurer's report
 - Tari went over the 2024-2025 budget; the detailed budget can be made available to anyone interested
 - Giving campaign goal is \$20k, we have raised \$10,309 to date
 - \$5,900 is from banner sales (banners displayed in gym)
 - Expense highlights
 - Awarded two grants to date
- Secretary's report
 - Emails will go out about the next general meeting in November; we'd love to see families there!
- Fundraising report
 - Giving campaign – if every family donated \$29, would meet our goal. We are currently at 20% response so there is a lot of opportunity. Would love ideas for getting people to look at fundraising messages. Campaign will run through December
 - Banner sales – targeting local businesses. We have reached out to all businesses with an existing banner and gotten 10 responses out of 40-50 asks. We will be reaching out again. We have not started approaching new possible donors. We have letters that people can take into businesses. Also opportunities for volunteers to make phone calls. We have a spreadsheet showing who has been approached and are happy to share with anyone interested in helping. Note that banners have to be approved by the district prior to printing.
 - MOD Pizza fundraiser – scheduled for 10/17. Will be communicating with families about this and have an electronic flyer to share. If it goes well, we'll do it again. Question about if teachers can promote the fundraiser in the classroom. Gabe will research.
 - McMenamin's fundraiser is another possible fundraiser this year
 - Suggestions to research OnPoint and Learning Express for funding opportunities
- Merchandise/web report

- Student planners – A big thank you to Trixie for the layout and printing coordination. Using the planners helps students slow down, use pencil and paper to write things down, learn life skills
- Swag shop is open for orders! Some products need minimums. Need to do some additional advertising. Board is looking for a merchandise coordinator; it's an easy job. Contact the PTSO if interested
- Social follower growth – currently have about 85 followers. Please follow us and share with other families
- Stickers and bracelets will be at football game
- Also have winning sticker designs that can be printed

3. Old Business

- None

4. New Business

- Shared Well Wired healthy tech pledge for any interested families
- Offered parent meet-up for Canvas/Parent Vue help; contact the PTSO with any questions

5. Open Floor

- Parent asked question about dances. There is no schedule out yet, but will be discussing and will need support to put on
- WEB schedule coming out

6. Upcoming Meetings

- Next general meeting in November – TBA
- Every other month going forward

7. Adjourn 7:07 p.m.