

CMS PTSO General Meeting Minutes September 16, 2021 | 5:30 PM | Via Zoom

First order of business was addressing the TicTok threat that was circulating on social media. Principal Duval wanted parents to know that the school and staff were erring on the side of caution and stressed the importance of communication and community in dealing with such threats.

The PTSO and the entire student body addressed the farewell of Principal Stephen Duval, recognizing the years of service and positive influence he had over the school, the student body and the culture. He will be greatly missed.

The gavel was passed to Gabe Pagano who expressed his excitement towards taking over as interim Principal. He was very pleased with the strides we have been able to make as a School District, citing the holiday concerts we were able to have previously in the week, to illustrate that we have come a long way.

Erin McIntosh, was the staff member that was highlighted during the meeting. Discussed the Next Steps Club a college and career readiness club. Covered how Measure 98 pays for all related field trips, t-shirts and guest speakers. Mountain Time Club opportunities vary in a wide range. Various clubs (each of which allows for 20 members) include: Study halls/tutorials for every subject, Art Studio, Calming Space, Flag Football, Library Event Planning, Assisting in Life Skills, Take it Apart Club, Silent Reading Club, Chess Club, Baseball Club, A club focused on Card Games, 3D Printing Club, Acapella Singing, Dual Language Learning lab, Green Team, Gay/Straight Alliance, Lego Club, Ski/Snowboarding Club and Track club, to name a few.

The 2021 giving campaign has been deemed a great success. In all, the PTSO raised \$24,350 through donations and banner sales. Exceeding the goal made up for last year's deficit, even when considering operation costs. Returning donors made a huge difference. As a PTSO, we are planning for the next steps addressing where we need to tweak the budget while celebrating that the gym banners completely filled our walls. Our current budget proposal was reviewed by Colleen Goldblatt and was approved by Caitlin and Cindy seconded the motion. The budget included the grant previously requested by Mike Bilan to assist the school in purchasing a new 3D printer.

Katy Cross addressed SWAG being available at the front office leading up to the holidays, kids and families were encouraged to pick up their purchased items before break.

PTSO encourages everyone interested in volunteer opportunities to go to the CascadePTSO Website and click the 'Contact Us' button. Staff Appreciation week is coming and we welcome any and all help leading up to the week honoring our staff.

Quarterly dates for the next PTSO general meetings are as follows, all are encouraged to attend. They will all be held via Zoom until further notice. We will follow an agenda each meeting using a template used from previous years to keep the flow orderly and timely.

March 17 at 5:30 pm, Before Spring Break - Upcoming Teacher Appreciation & May 19 at 5:30 pm, End Of Year Celebrations & Wrap Up Meeting