



CMS PTSO General Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2022 | 5:30 PM | Via Zoom

Unfortunately, this meeting invite did not go out to the entire Cascade population as intended. The meeting did proceed however with the 12 attendees that were on the call.

Principal Pagano reflected on the accomplishments of the year highlighting: staying open, having kids in front of teachers and with their peers, and pushing past the sub shortage. As a PTSO, we celebrate the upcoming dance, the WEB social hosted a few weeks back, the 8th grade celebration. All signs that things are moving in the right direction. Moving forward and beyond COVID, there will be more of a focus on rigorous academic expectations, focusing on standards based grading, tightening up on cell phone policies, appropriate behavior in school, effective social media management and emphasizing the need for punctuality. In addition, Pagano emphasized his commitment to school safety and the constant evaluation to maximize the safety of all students.

CMS is on track to have about 600 students in the fall which has resulted in some staffing changes. Enrollment numbers are down district wide, not specific to CMS.

Tara Termes is currently running the WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) program at CMS. Although they were limited in what they could do this year, they did host an ice cream social with great success. Next activity they are organizing is the dance. This could not be done without the help of PTSO. Their ability to rally parent volunteers and their financial contribution made access to the dance available to all as no entrance fee was charged.

New Board Members were voted in tonight. Secretary position has transitioned from Cindy Beck to Desiree Kelley with a unanimous vote. President position has transitioned from Michelle Klein to Mariah Staats with a unanimous vote. From this point forward, the President, VP and Secretary will all have financial signing privileges to ease the burden off of just a few officers. Colleen Goldblatt and Michelle will wrap up taxes this summer before transitioning the signing privileges. Jamie Gerlitz is our new Apparel Manager, replacing Cindy Tuscano. Trixie Hoda will take place of Katy Bowles as the new Web Content Manager. Caitlin Bjornstad will continue with Fundraising. There is a Vice President prospect but she was unable to join this evening due to illness. She will be voted on at a later date.

The 8th grade graduation party is coming up. It will include a video, guest speakers, acknowledging each child by name, a fun "field day" filled with an obstacle course, sand volleyball and corn dogs. This will be followed by a shortened academic day. In addition, the Humanities team will be gifting each graduate a book, purchased by the PTSO.

One last point of order was making sure the new PTSO Board is aware and prepping to include information about PTSO in packets that will be sent out to all new incoming students. In the PTSO portion of this packet, there should be a "how to volunteer" segment, a push to purchase advertising banners and a SWAG ordering form.

As we send off transitioning PTSO Board members, we thank them wholeheartedly for their service to our school and want all volunteers to know how grateful we are for your contribution in PTSO and helping our school.