



CMS PTSO General Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023 | 6 PM | In Person

Board Members Present: CB, CBjornstad, MS, TH

Others Present: approximately five parents

Call to order 6:00 pm

Board turnover announcement in May - President and Treasurer. These spots will need to be filled. Kelsey Boyd - voted in as VP

Volunteer opportunities coming up -

- End of year dance - no confirmation yet
- 8th grade day
- Staff appreciation week

PRINCIPAL UPDATE - GABE PAGANO:

- 8th grade day: take them to ACB and spend a fun afternoon there. Volunteers: supervision, possibly dance, Da Kine Grindz or a food cart. Last year this event took place at the football field - students weren't very engaged in the event
- 8th grade movie by Ms. Quinn, more information to come. Kids have loved it in the past.
- Seeing in Youth Truth data: trust in teachers is above and beyond in Oregon and BLP. Working on putting in whatever supports needed for students to feel supported, comfortable around peers and teachers. Can't learn without being comfortable.
- Orchestra/Band/Choir Vertical Concerts: Orchestra was this week, band/choir next week
- Track and Field Starting Soon: This sport includes the largest group of students and we encourage all students to join. Track and Field promotes a good connection with peers outside of school. This is a "no cut" sport - everyone is welcome.
- Academically kids are doing well, okay progress on routines, getting executive functioning skills working. Cell phone policy is great compared to last year.
- State testing coming up for kids across the school.
- Socially and academically CMS is great school experience.
- Safety on the forefront - Bend HS swatting. What are we doing? How are we going to practice should that occur? Drills coming up in the Springtime. Goal is to make students feel comfortable with the common language and expectations. CMS has a focus on safety on a day-to-day basis.

- Q: will kids know about the drills? Kids will be prepped in advisory. Gabe will send info to parents first. Practice in lock down: the only person to go into the room will be principal and police - do not open the door for anyone else. They will practice with just staff first, then bring LEA in to practice.
- We have done “hole” drills removing all the kids from the hallways and moving them into the classrooms.
- Comment: These drills are common because they’ve been doing them since Kindergarten. Might be scarier for the parents.
- Comment: The drills work - they’ve been practiced and it can be scary when doing it.
- Most of the unsafe places are in bathrooms and during passing time. Working to make those places safer - working with students, teachers, admin to acknowledge the safety concerns. Kids are most worried during passing time - hearing things, crowded, don’t feel as safe. Put together plans to make these spaces safer. We want kids to be able to move freely throughout the building safely.
- Backpacks in lockers - this is not going well. Staff to encourage kids to use their lockers next year. Might be the “cool thing” to keep the backpack on. Hard to implement it halfway through the year. It is a safety piece at lunch time, backpacks have to be at their table. Don’t want them in the habit of just leaving the backpacks around. We will keep working on it - will gently go alongside them next year. Teach it and the why behind it.
 - Comment: hard to get back to the locker in between each class.
 - Other high schools are much bigger and they get to class on time. Gabe doesn’t see people struggling to get around timely. Thinks it may be more of a social piece. The kids usually clear the halls with plenty of time.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE - CAITLIN:

- We make one big push in the fall so we don’t continuously ask throughout the year. For businesses there is the opportunity to purchase banners. If you donate a specific amount you automatically qualify to get a banner.
- Last year we over fundraised and didn’t get as many grant requests, which put us in a good position for this school year.
- We were lower on banner orders this year.
- Teachers can send us requests for anything throughout the year and the PTSO decides what we will support financially. Monies have also gone to teacher appreciation and dances, and the PTSO has different buckets of money to draw from.
- Teachers can send in grant requests through an online form on the PTSO web site that goes to the general PTSO email
- If parents think it’ll be helpful to post what grants are filled, information, etc. let us know and we can post it on the web site
 - COMMENT: It would be nice to see photos of what was purchased, testimonials, etc so that parents feel a connection to where the money is going and may be encouraged to donate more
- COMMENT: are we open to “mixers” to earn money? At another school, the PTSO was able to get a discounted rate at The Pavilion. Surplus money collected went to the

school. This event served as fundraising, but also a way to promote family and social time outside of school.

- Mariah: We have participated in the MOD pizza fundraiser before. We'd need to work with FAN about the equity piece - PTSO could offer to buy tickets for people who can't afford it.

TREASURER UPDATE - COLLEEN:

Approved grants so far:

1. FAN iPad insurance for families that can't afford - \$400
 2. 3D printer - \$2200 (covered half)
 3. Tuba for band - \$2800
 4. FAN: yearbooks for families that can't afford them
 5. 7th and 8th grade dance over Valentine's
 6. Community Action Showcase
 7. Battle of the Books - prizes
 8. Just approved: funding for 6th grade science elective
- Our target was \$20,000. We were right around \$15,000, but we had \$5-10K surplus from last year.
 - Of our \$15,000, \$12,000 goes to teacher grants. Every dollar goes back to the school in big and small ways.
 - Grand opening at The Yard (kick boxing) - 100% proceeds will benefit CMS PTSO and Pine Ridge, this is not an official fundraiser by the PTSO. Event is 4/15, 12:30PM - 5PM

MERCHANDISE UPDATE:

- The store is open. The orders should arrive the first week of April. Will need some help distributing the merchandise. There is a link on the web site.
- COMMENT: have we reached outside of the school for incoming 6th graders who may want swag? Gabe will send the link out to the schools who may have incoming 6th graders.

PRESIDENT UPDATE - MARIAH:

- Kelsey Boyd will step in at the open VP position
- General Meeting Vote: Motion to vote in Kelsey, all in favor
- Emails: all the emails have been set up generically so whoever steps in will have access to previous years emails.
- Dodie will send announcement needs for volunteers.
- Coming out of COVID was weird, then the year after, still trying to find base line.
- COMMENT: a teacher attended a listening session at the district school board - CMS teachers walked away thankful they work at CMS.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM