

CMS PTSO General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 22, 2024

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Cascade Middle School Cafeteria

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

- Welcome and introductions
 1. Kelsey Boyd – president
 2. Desiree Kelley – vice president
 3. Tari Power – treasurer
 4. Caitlin Bjornstad – fundraising chair
 5. Rachel Grenier – secretary
 6. Gabe Pagano – principal
 7. Sterling Roberts – choir teacher
 8. 6 members at large
- Agenda revisions
 1. Moving bylaw review to president's report
 2. Moving grants to vice president's report
 3. Already approved December board meeting minutes
- Prize drawing
 1. Congratulations Kimberly!

0. Reports

- Principal's report: Gabe Pagano
 - Welcomed Mr. Roberts, choir teacher, first year at CMS
 - Wildest week of weather in Central Oregon last week, hard to end semester with so much up and down; reminding students to work toward their goals over 18 weeks, not procrastinating and making a push at the last minute. Getting everyone to and from school safely is the top priority, take your time, get here safely.
 - Clubs and activities outside of sports are getting going in second semester; Erin McIntosh took 35 students in Next Steps program to Realms and Bend Tech, exploring options outside of traditional high schools, COCC med programs, OSU Cascades, lots of different options for high school, will be sending out video. Next Steps is one of the clubs for 8th graders to explore high school options. Once in high school, students will start exploring all the different career options.
 - 8th grade Fly Out(?) Day on 2/26 – 200 students go on buses to different schools – Bend Tech, Realms, Bend High, Summit, Caldera, tour of schools, inclusive approach welcoming 8th graders, first step into high

school, learn about electives, get students excited, this is year 2 of the program.

- End of semester 1 coming end of next week. Encouraging students to think about academic focus over an extended period, think “here’s what I’m going to do over semester,” not “what I’m doing this week.”
 - Lots of activities, music, sports – the number of kids participating is amazing, couldn’t be happier
 - Started the year with a focus on making CMS safe and welcoming, there’s been a decrease in incidents in bathrooms and hallways and lunchroom, focus on resetting the norms, putting out consistent messaging.
 - Kudos to parents and guardians and teachers – we’re all reiterating the same message, wonderful to work here and have kids here.
 - Don’t know if snow days will require us to go into summer, waiting to hear from superintendent, may look at full days on Wednesdays or full conference days, will share as soon as hear.
- President’s report
 - Reminder to take the parent Youth Truth survey, deadline 1/26
 - Review proposed bylaw amendments
 1. Questions about virtual meetings, want to make as accessible as possible. PTSO not currently set up to offer virtual meetings in a way that will make it accessible for everyone to participate in a meaningful way.
 2. Motion to approve bylaws, seconded, unanimously approved.
 3. Volunteer opportunities – if filled out volunteer form, Kelsey will be emailing out opportunities soon, including committees.
- Treasurer’s report
 - Current balance: \$31,582.98, started with \$23k at start of school year
 - Donations to date: \$13,755.02; on par with 2022
 - Expense highlights
 1. Teacher grants \$2,879.78 awarded to date (resin printers, ipad insurance for FAN students, citizen math curriculum, Halloween celebration, BOB prizes)
 2. Insurance
 3. Taxes
 4. Fees
 5. Web hosting
 6. Quickbooks
 7. Fundraising expenses of \$557.00
- Vice President’s report
 - Grant requests – two to vote on; general members vote on grants over \$1,000

1. From Mr. G, \$1,999, for Dremel 3D printer, Gabe discussed the need to move away from filament-based printers due to high number of errors; resin and Dremel printers are easier to use and give a better product, faster, more efficient, prepare kids for what they will be working with in high school. Motion to approve, second, unanimously approved
 2. Mr. Roberts presented grant request for choir robes, school used to have robes. Motion to approve grant up to \$1,400 for choir robes and stoles, seconded, unanimously approved.
- Color run, tentatively 4/26, back up 5/3, looking for committee members, need to make sure it does not overlap with Summit color run, do at end of school day to involve all students.
 - Staff appreciation week, 5/6 - 5/10, will be looking for committee members and ideas to recognize staff. Mentioned fill the fridge, decorate the teacher's lounge, coffee cart, thank you cards from students, smoothie delivery; suggest reaching out to Bend Furnish and apply to have them redo the teacher lounge (they recently did Bear Creek).
- Fundraising report
 - PTSO fundraising campaign
 - Due to where we are currently at in the campaign, we will hold off sending additional emails.
 - Banners are up, reached out to donors who donated \$250+, can still make those happen
 - Working on sponsor thank yous
 - Can also provide tax letter
 - Have a list of businesses that have donated in the past if anyone is interested in calling/reaching out, saying thank you and asking for support; basketball and wrestling now so lots of eyes on banners
 - Matching grants – this was on the agenda but was not discussed.
 - Sunriver 10% for schools – resort will donate 10% to CMS if you book through them and notate our school name when you book. Will be posting on website and social, and sending out via email.
 - McMenamins family and friends night – applied, waiting to hear back, happens on Tuesdays and they give 50% to participating school.
 - Concessions – talking as a board about selling popcorn and other concessions at events, wrestling events, basketball games; received tentative approval from custodial, would need help selling and cleaning afterwards, do trial run with outdoor track in spring (at least 2 track events in spring), don't have dates yet. Once have dates will firm up plans and recruit volunteers.
 - Merchandise/web report
 - Swag shop – this was on the agenda but was not discussed.

- Other merch (stickers, bracelets) – at last general meeting idea presented for these, could sell at concessions, could solicit students feedback (via principal’s council and WEB) and hold art contest for the sticker (print two designs, one by students). We could buy and give every student a bracelet and sticker at start of year, then sell at events. WEB could also sell. Kelsey to reach out to art teacher. “Climb On” was suggested as tagline for bracelets.

0. Old Business

1. None

0. New Business

- Upcoming volunteer opportunities
 - Outreach to past/potential donors
 - Fundraising committee
 - Mountain time/classroom volunteers
 - Planter decorating quarterly
 - PTSO tables
 - Case in hallway – ideas for decorating?
- Upcoming events
 - 6-8th school dance in spring
 - Staff appreciation week
 - Will discuss 8th grade events in March
 - 8th grade celebration, tentatively 6/13
 - Yearbook party
 - 8th grade night, tentatively 6/5 or 6/6
 - 8th grade graduation?

0. Open Floor

1. None

0. Upcoming Meetings

- 3/11: general, 6 p.m., library

0. Adjourn 6:55 p.m.