

Coronado High School PTO

General Membership Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020 9am Coronado High School Black Box Theater

Call to Order – Jennifer Shoemaker, PTO President

- Meeting commenced at 9:01am

Welcome and Introductions:

- Jennifer Shoemaker, President
- Bridget Shanks, Vice-President
- Sarah Roughneen – Treasurer
- Anita Lorr – Co-Secretary (acting secretary for this meeting)
- Heather Grimes – Co-Secretary
- Shane Schmeichel – CHS Principal
- CUSD School Board members Karl Mueller, Maria Simon, Julie Russell, Helen Anderson-Cruz
- Plus 35 members/guests in attendance

Welcome – Jennifer Shoemaker

- Happy Valentine's Day! Valentine's Day Scramble worksheets are on all chairs, first person to unscramble will win a special Valentine's Day prize
- Hot Topics circulation – anything that's on your mind please jot down onto the Hot Topics papers and PTO will discuss at a future meeting
- January 2020 PTO meeting minutes were passed – motion to pass was made, seconded and unanimously passed

Treasurer's Report (Budget) – Sarah Roughneen, PTO Treasurer

- Our first One Islander Grant request was approved – IM1 and IM2 math supplies for extra help sessions with teachers (highlighters and markers)
- PTO helps fund Academic League fees
- PTO also helps fund Counseling Night supplies

President's Report – Jennifer Shoemaker

- Thanks to Karl Mueller and Helen Anderson-Cruz for being here today
- Anne Frank Exhibit – thanks to Roelof Roos for helping to bring this exhibit to Coronado. Powerful display. Afforded the opportunity to CUSD students to be trained in the art of being docents. This exhibit came directly from the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam and on to the Timken Museum, with training being provided by professionals who flew here from Amsterdam.
- PTO Easel in the back of the room has a lot of useful information, including the Post-911 GI bill information night hosted by CHS counseling staff
- Junior class parents are hosting a parent mixer on February 28, 2020
- Hospitality – thanks to everyone who is helping with Hospitality – soup luncheon last month, hot chocolate pop-up event during testing. Thanks to The Henry and Clayton's for loaning us their

big beverage containers for the hot chocolate event. We want to keep these pop-up events ongoing to boost morale and school spirit among the students and staff. This month's hospitality will be a School Supplies Store for CHS staff.

- Graduation 2020 planning is already underway. All hands on deck. Looking for parents to volunteer at all grade levels. Freshmen class decorates the graduation stage. Sophomore class hosts a simple dessert reception after Senior Awards. Junior class hosts a simple dessert reception after graduation. Senior class plans the banner sales and baccalaureate, etc.
- New CHS bell schedule - already held two information sessions by Mr. Schmeichel. Thanks to everyone who has been collaborative and positive regarding the change, for being open to learn from other people's opinions.
- Winter Dance is this weekend Saturday night. Some kids/parents do not know that these dances are open to underclassmen; some do not know that they can go to dances without a date. Perhaps next meeting PTO can address topics that people are mis-informed about.
- March PTO meeting date has been changed from March 11th to a different date to be determined

Special Guest Nancy McGreevy, CHS Math Department

- Has been teaching at CHS for 19 years
- Has had over 5,000 students come through her class during her CHS career
- Graduation requirements – 30 units of math with passing grades (which equates to 3 years)
- Military bound students – need to take placement test, which includes IM3 plus some statistics
- 65-70% CHS grads go to 4-year school, but not all apply to be a STEM major
- Financial math elective was offered in the past (day to day economics, paying taxes, reading your credit card statement, how does a mortgage work, etc.) but kids lost interest in its third year. Some of this content will be offered next year in the new Adulting elective class.
- Big hot topic amongst educators is the potential of CalState schools changing the math requirement from 3 years to 4 years. Benefits of requiring a fourth year of cognitive thinking, computer science, mathematics, some engineering.
- There is a math placement evaluation for all incoming 9th graders
- For extra help, there are scheduled office hours with math teachers and NHS tutoring twice a week after school to help struggling math students
- Currently CHS offers post IM3 – Precalculus, honors Precalculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Intro to Statistics, AP Statistics
- After IM3, students are recommended to take Precalculus and then Intro to Statistics. Intro to Stats is a terminating year, meaning there is no math class which follows it.
- Intro to Statistics vs. AP Statistics. Intro to Stats is for students who are not math kids but who want to learn basic practical statistics
- AP Calculus is tied to engineering, physics, STEM, etc., and AP Statistics is tied to psychology, sociology, etc. Ms. McGreevy recommends taking both courses for students to have more options in the future, whichever pathway they decide to choose, whether STEM or non-STEM.
- Parent Guide free download resource on website from CPM. Ms. McGreevy will send the link to whoever emails her requesting it.

- Thanks to Nancy McGreevy for all that she does for our students, special gift presented to her.

Principal's Report – Shane Schmeichel, CHS Principal

- Recognition of special guest Janet Jimenez, day custodian, for her double shift yesterday with landscaping, etc. Caught being awesome! Always goes out of her way to help CHS PTO, breaking down meetings and events, even washing dishes from CHS PTO luncheon, moving boxes and platters of food and drink, instead of relaxing and enjoying lunch she was quietly working and bussing tables and cleaning up. Special gift of a weighted blanket presented to Janet Jimenez.
- This Saturday's Winter Dance venue will change because the venue contact made a scheduling error. New venue not determined yet. Scoping out two new venues this week and will inform people when final venue is decided.
- Future of Winter Dance is in question. Event was canceled last year. Ticket sales low this year. Question of how best to engage students in events that are not well attended. Similarly, eight years ago patio dances used to be well-attended but not anymore. As a result, CHS is choosing not to hold patio dances anymore. Looking for ways/events to better encourage peer to peer connections.
- Looking for parent volunteers to be Actors at Reunification. Off-campus reunification trainings. City Emergency Director is leading the coordination of emergency protocols. Parent Actors can be disgruntled parents, etc. Practice for emergency situations.
- New bell schedule is being proposed.
- Course selection for next year timeline. Feb 20th ALL students will select their courses for next year. Can choose 6 or 7 classes plus 2 alternates. Seniors may be allowed to choose 5 classes but may be encouraged to take 6, depending on the student. All parents have access to see what their students have selected. Feedback from parents that students want more one-on-one time with their counselors. From Feb 20th there will be scheduled individual appointments with counselors. Students officially have until the last day of school to finalize their schedule in synergy. Students can try to change classes prior to the first 10 days of school next year, but it will be subject to # seats available in that class.
- New course offerings for next year: Mock Trial, Adulting 101, and also Choir is back.
- Planning to shorten classes by 3 minutes each and block day classes by 5 minutes each.

School Board

- Julie Russell, Board President – School Board meeting is this Thursday if anyone would like to attend
- Karl Mueller, Superintendent – thanks to PTO for recognizing Janet Jimenez. Thanks to Nancy McGreevy with her recommendation for students to take both AP Calculus and AP Statistics, proud of the product that CUSD provides, wealth of opportunity in course offerings.

Coronado SAFE

- Gia from Coronado SAFE directed us to resources on their website coronadosafe.org
- Looking to forge a relationship with Coronado Library. Drop-in art group. Kids looking for a place to decompress and public library provides that space.

City of Coronado

- Brooke Klosinski left the meeting early, but City of Coronado is actively seeking teenagers for summer job opportunities

CoSA Foundation

- Beth Connelly left the meeting early so Bryn Reina spoke on behalf of CoSA
- Gala on March 14th Cost to attend \$100. Selling raffle tickets for \$10k grand prize. Need not be present to win.

New Business

- No new business
- Valentine's Scramble Worksheet winner. Bridget Shanks checked all papers. Special prize awarded to Janet Thoms congratulations and thanks to all for participating

Meeting adjourned at 10:18am.