

Coronado High School PTO
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2020 9am Virtual Zoom Meeting

“Every child every day will have a challenge, a connection and a champion!”

Call to Order – Jennifer Shoemaker, PTO President

- Meeting commenced at 9:03am

Welcome and Introductions:

- Jennifer Shoemaker, President
- Bridget Shanks, Vice-President
- Sarah Roughneen – Treasurer
- Anita Lorr – Secretary
- Shane Schmeichel – CHS Principal
- CUSD School Board members Karl Mueller, Maria Simon
- Plus 29 members/guests in attendance

President’s Report – Jennifer Shoemaker

- February 2020 meeting minutes are on the PTO website – please read and email PTO if you have corrections or updates to the meeting minutes
- CoSA is now in its 25th year and will have its fall production “Songs for a New World.” Also CoSA this year received the prestigious national Art Schools Network Exemplary Certification (5-year certification) which means that CoSA has standards that exceed typical standards for arts schools
- AmazonSmile - please choose CHS PTO as your charity while you’re shopping on Amazon
- Post-graduate college planning and workshops – PTO is fortunate that Paige Shuman has agreed to stay on in the role this year to assist CHS counseling staff with college/career workshops
- Membership drive – please join PTO with your donation. Membership is the primary fundraising activity of PTO, and for your convenience there is a Venmo code to easily join
- CHS helpline email and phone number: CHSinfo@coronadousd.net or 619-522-8907

Treasurer’s Report – Sarah Roughneen

- All PTO revenue comes from the Membership drive and Hospitality cash donations
- Funds are primarily collected from the end of August to the end of October, and PTO has collected less so far this year compared to prior years
- Projected \$7,500 in income this year, which is close to half the usual projected revenue
- We are beginning this year with a bigger bank balance than usual because last year expenses were less due to COVID-19 (for example, the Islander Awards ceremony held at the Hotel del in May was canceled last year)
- Monthly Hospitality events – we have already begun hospitality by providing gifts of wrapped candles for all CHS staff in their boxes prior to the beginning of school

- Motion to approve the 2020-21 PTO Budget - Aimee Anderson moved to approve budget, Sarah Jones seconded, and the motion passed.

Ella Worthy – Coronado ASB Commissioner of Publicity

- Freshman class officer campaign this week - voting opens this Friday and winners will be announced next Monday
- Next week is Club Week – students can register their club and students can shop for clubs that they want to join
- Look for a couple of Spirit Week events coming up in the next few weeks
- ASB Instagram takeovers – 2 appointees who will take us through their day in midst of COVID
- “Tiki TV” Instagram and TikTok weekly announcements – school announcements, world announcements and anything that CHS students need to know for that week
- CHS Student Store has a new Instagram account – Eva Bessette is working hard to get us new merchandise and advertise on Instagram. There will be a hype video to promote CHS merch
- Shout out to Mrs. Castillo and Mrs. Belong for being such amazing distance learning teachers

Featured Speaker – Superintendent Karl Mueller

- Distance learning through Bridge instruction – contemplating how relationships have shifted so that now with distance learning there is an open classroom. This presents an opportunity in terms of the future of education in general: focusing on the “why” – teachers slowing down and considering why is this activity/article/topic important to introduce to students. Now the “why” must be clearly defined - Bridge learning is asking us to be mindful and purposeful with what are those essential learnings.
- Reopening. Different San Diego County school districts are taking varied approaches to reopening and are currently in different stages. Reopening was discussed at length at last Thursday’s School Board meeting. There will be a workshop tomorrow to discuss reopening in more detail. We need to reopen in a way that is safe and does not compromise continuity of instruction, which means rolling out a phased, methodical approach to reopening. We will communicate this plan to the community after tomorrow’s workshop. Look for the Friday newsletter with timelines, knowing that in these uncertain times that those timelines can change. So far, Cohort One began in-person learning this week for those most vulnerable students, and Cohort Two will begin the second week October. When schools move in and out of remote learning, we have learned that significantly disrupts learning because the two experiences are so different. Please be patient. We want to get our kids back to school as quickly as possible, but we want to do so in safe way and want to grow opportunities to continue in-person learning and not have to pivot back to remote.

Principal’s Report

- Yesterday three students returned to campus and will attend school Tuesdays through Fridays. Teachers were so heartened to see even just a few students on campus again. The second week of October will be phase two for students who need the most support.
- CHS is considering how to implement in-person experiences for activities like: hands-on learning experiences, clubs and activities, etc.

- Next week's schedule will shift due to the Teacher Work Day next Friday, September 25th. For weeks where there is no school on a Friday, block days will shift to Monday-Thursday.
- CHS counselors Ms. Goldman, Ms. Johnston and Mr. Cummins usually spend half their work day on college/career counseling and the other half on emotional/social support for students. Currently the ratio is more like 80/20 emotional/career.
- There will be two new staff members housed on our campus related to the new career pathways curriculum at CHS.
- SAT / ACT testing question. Asst. Principal Ms. Burling is in charge of testing at CHS. Different states have different policies on whether they allow SAT / ACT testing, and right now it seems CA is not allowing testing whereas some neighboring states may be. Every year in October the PSAT is administered to all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, free of charge by Coronado Unified. It is unclear right now what kind of testing will be allowed by the state of CA. Stay tuned
- IDP and 504 students question. Accommodations that were provided last year with in-person learning are still being provided to those students in remote learning. Instructional aides in breakout rooms are being used for testing support. CHS testing center coordinator Ms. Luppi will be available to help support students with their assessments.

Community Partners

Jeanmarie Bond - Coronado Schools Foundation

- Kato Innovation in Education Award – new award which will highlight a different CUSD staff member each month to promote awareness and for the community to celebrate together
- All Schools Movie this Friday night September 18th - \$100 ticket for a family of up to 6 (includes entry to the movie, a doublewide towel designed by URT, basket of snacks, raffle to win a stand-up paddle board). Movie is family-friendly E.T.
- You've Been Stung! Hive 365 campaign – six sets of You've Been Stung! bees are making their way around town to solicit donations. Be on the lookout for beekeeper Mayor Richard Bailey
- Who Dunit? A Coronado Mystery on Saturday October 17th virtual event – families can participate by purchasing \$100 mystery kits. Clues will be provided in the kits so that people can solve the mystery together virtually. There will be a costume contest – we are asking for families to dress up together as detectives. We will also hold a live auction and online auction - some items up for grabs are a beautiful house in Kauai for a week which sleeps 6, a working vineyard experience, etc. Please support CSF and join us for our Who Dunit? event!
- For this school year 2020-21, CSF returned \$760,000 to Coronado schools, and almost \$250,000 of that total is designated to CHS for its STEM and Arts pathways.
- Jill Hardman endowment for Fine Arts – new this year, Hardman art funds are available to purchase all arts materials for students at all of the Coronado schools so that students have hands-on materials during distance learning and also for in-person instruction.

Mindy Hayes – Naval Base Coronado, Southwest Region School Liaison Officer

- Her role is to bridge the gap between military families and the community as they transition in and out of an area, during deployment, and with other special needs. Mostly with transitions

during a move, helping kids get registered at school, answering questions, and often how to get their kids into CUSD including where to look to rent or buy a home.

- CHS has a great student club program called Student to Student (S2S) that meets monthly and its sole mission is to help connect all students, not just for military kids, but for all to help build that sense of community, partnering with ASB also.
- Post-secondary preparation - GI Bill presentation for military families
- Weekly Friday newsletter - military support available, possible scholarship opportunities, etc.
- Kendra Miller - Military Family Life Counselor (MFLC), third year at CHS, provides confidential non-medical counseling for not just students but also their families, good listening ear with complete confidentiality, looking to connect with more students this year

Tara Davies – Coronado Public Library

- New teen librarian, please contact her for a variety of resources: virtual databases, tutorial videos, can do live presentation on how to conduct research, etc.
- Library is now open! Please see the Library Calendar for a list of free events open to the public
- Virtual event College and COVID talk tomorrow night by college admissions expert Greg Kaplan

Gia Del George – Coronado SAFE

- Nonprofit in Coronado that provides social, emotional support for youth and families, both civilian and military
- Aloha Club is the committee that welcomes all new families to Coronado by providing swag bags (just dropped off swag bags to over 30 new families) and matching new families with existing families to mentor and provide local information and resources
- Parent empowerment group every Thursday evening - virtual drop-in group for those that might have questions or need to hear from other parents for support
- Check Your Mood Day screenings – for depression / anxiety range, to check for emotional well-being especially for high school age youth or college kids that are home right now. Check Your Mood Day Kick off on October 8th, but can get screened any day by calling the SAFE office
- Counseling offered to anyone over the age of 12

New Business and Questions

- PTO October meeting will be scheduled soon. Keep an eye out for the date and time in the weekly CHS newsletter.

Surprise and Thank You!

- Sarah Jones was randomly chosen as the winner of today's raffle! The raffle prize will be at the CHS front office on a bench ready for pick-up in 30 minutes. Congratulations, Sarah!

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.