

**Coronado High School PTO**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**December 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 9:02am

Welcome:

- Jennifer Shoemaker, President
- Sarah Roughneen – Treasurer
- Anita Lorr – Secretary
- Shane Schmeichel – CHS Principal
- Plus 27 members/guests in attendance

Treasurer's Report – Sarah Roughneen

- PTO budget is in good shape. Conservative budget this year, estimating half of usual revenue. We have met our revenue goal so we are free to spend what we have budgeted in expenses.
- Bulk of PTO expenses every year are: Hospitality, One Islander Grants, Islander Awards at Hotel del, and one school assembly.

Principal's Report – Shane Schmeichel

- Reopening Plan presentation. Ask your questions in the chat box to be answered after the presentation.
- January 5, 2021 our mod-to-severe classroom (first classroom to return to school back in September) will return. From there, we will continue to bring back cohorts that were already on campus, which include study skills classroom, ROTC in-person instruction, ASB, yearbook, etc. These classes will be brought back before we start large scale reopening.
- **PLEASE ANSWER THE SCHOOL SURVEY ON YOUR STUDENTS' RETURN TO SCHOOL.** Still waiting for 180 families to answer the return-to-school survey. School needs 100% participation before reopening plan gets implemented because of the data necessary to make informed decisions.
- Start date of hybrid has not been determined. Goal is as early of second semester as possible.
- Hybrid model has students attending in-class school two days per week. Last names beginning A-L will be Tues/Wed, and last names M-Z will be Thu/Fri. Mondays will remain bridge for all students.
- Classrooms are currently being setup so that we can have about 15 students per classroom, which will provide 6 feet of distance between desks.
- Hybrid learning will mean high school staff will go into IT mode with all the technology that is set up and all the troubleshooting that comes with it.
- Most classrooms will be live streaming zoom.

- In-person classroom instruction will look different. Teachers will keep 6 feet distance, will remain at front of classroom, stay near their desk, multiple microphones, big boom mics, students at home can hear everything that will happen in classroom. Maybe wireless headsets for some teachers. iPads that rotate with the movement of the teacher. Arrangement of cables and equipment so that live streaming can be as best as can be. Staff has been testing equipment for months. Not every room will have the exact same setup, depends on the needs of teacher and content and classroom.
- Some classrooms will deliver frontloaded information on the days students are in class, and asynchronous work on days students are not in class.
- Survey results so far: 22% want to remain home for remainder of year of those that have answered the survey so far. Slightly higher than he thought, had expected closer to 10-15%. Still waiting for 180 remaining families to answer survey.
- For some students who opt for distance learning continuation, their schedules may change. For example, if a student has 5th period Chao English 9, for second semester they may change to 4<sup>th</sup> period Chao English 9. This is because they may put all bridge kids together in one class and all in-person kids in another class. The reason is to provide a seamless transition in case the school is forced back into 100% bridge. However, none of the honors/AP classes will change. These schedule changes will only affect non-honors/non-AP classes. Determining how and which classes to change will require a lot of data analysis, and the data is based upon which students opt for hybrid learning and which students remain bridge. That is why the school needs all families to answer the survey.
- Time schedule will be the same. There may be a slight reduction in break time between classes. But they may keep the break at 30 minutes to keep the hallways less crowded. They may dismiss classes in sections, and all hallways will become one-way walking hallways.
- Mr. Schmeichel answered questions from the chat box:
- Will there be social events, especially to welcome new students? Two groups, ASB and S2S, will brainstorm ideas on possible events / programming. There may be a Quad Fair for all new students who are new to CUSD.
- Senior class activities? ASB Senior Class Officers have been working on how to keep senior class traditions in a safe way in this new environment. Lots of ideas. Stay tuned.
- Yes, CHS is definitely moving to 4x4 schedule next year.
- CoSA will run the same way as the main school. Same schedule.
- Quad rules for students. If students keep their masks on, they can be closer than 6 feet distance to others outdoors in the quad. However, if they take a quick mask break, then they need to maintain 6 feet distance from everyone.
- ACT SAT tests? He has not seen any information from College Board on whether they will be offering tests in California. College Board may give schools the option to administer tests on campus, and if so then CHS will be open to that opportunity.
- PSAT – historically CHS has administered PSAT for all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in the fall. CHS did not offer PSAT this fall due to COVID. That assessment may be offered maybe in February or March 2021? Will be optional for juniors only. Sophomores and freshmen can

request to take the test if there's availability. But due to lack of physical space, priority is given to juniors. National Merit Scholarship eligibility only for juniors who score well on PSAT.

- If they stay bridge learning, will my student's teachers change? Probably yes. However, if there is a teacher change, it will be a teacher who either currently teaches that class or is an expert and has taught it in the past.
- How are staff doing during these times? Thank you for thinking of us. Generally, all staff have learned lots of new skills, and in general teachers are working a lot more hours to pivot to this new learning model. Mr. Hopper and wife are hosting a zoom staff social today for some fun lighthearted connectedness.
- January 11, 2021 all teachers will be back on campus. To be trained on live streaming. To troubleshoot their classrooms. IT-related matters. To give a feel for the additional IT work involved, Ms. Howard and Mr. Schmeichel went to set up a classroom for live streaming, and it took 5 people four hours to setup that classroom. It was a problem with the speakers that worked for everything else except for zoom. The school IT department was contacted, and four hours later the problem was fixed for just that one classroom.
- Counselors are spending 90-100% of their time scheduling meetings with students to check their mental state. Parents, feel free to send a message to your counselor, requesting that they check in on your child. We know that more students are struggling, and isolation can cause other areas of weakness to be magnified. Principal newsletter offered information on what to do for winter break and how to help kids get through the holidays.
- Educators getting vaccinated as part of stage one? No, the school has not been officially notified as to when our educators will get vaccinated. All staff that have been reporting to campus are required to get COVID tests, minimum every two months. If a staff member comes in close contact with a COVID-positive person, then additional testing is required. Because they are essential workers, at some point he assumes the government will announce that educators will be prioritized in the list of workers who will get the vaccine.

#### President's Report – Jennifer Shoemaker

- PTO Board will review One Islander Grant staff requests this week. Opportunity to give teachers more than just hospitality, funded exclusively through membership donations. Grant requests this year are from the English, Math, ROTC, etc. departments.
- Staff hospitality for this month are holiday gift cards packaged in a festive bag - thank you to everyone for contributing!
- Check out the Counseling Powerschool page for college prep programs. Thanks to Paige Shuman who is coordinating PTO efforts, college prep zoom sessions. Powerschool page also has information on virtual college visits.
- Thanks to Lainie Reuter for keeping PTO social media up to date. Please check our Facebook and Instagram for the latest news.
- **LOOKING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS.** Need parent volunteers to remove the plastic film from plexiglass trifold dividers (necessary component for in-class learning). Volunteer at home. Each divider has plastic film on both sides, and there are 10 dividers in each box. Please consider taking a few boxes home to help CHS staff. Contact the CHS front office to volunteer.

- Ella Worthy – CHS ASB Commissioner of Publicity report: (1) Check out CHS website student store to purchase: Senior Class is selling candy cane grams, Juniors are selling masks, and merchandise available for sale (2) High Tide Pizza is still running Senior Class fundraiser \$20.21 pizza & salad Tuesdays and Wednesdays (3) Donations for Our Lady of Guadalupe personal items & toiletries drop-off to CHS (4) Class shirt pickup this week (5) Follow CHS ASB on Instagram and tune in to Tiki TV.

### **Community Partners**

Tara Davies, Teen Librarian - Coronado Public Library

- Library is 3D-printing cookie cutters. You can send over your particular code to the Library, and they will 3D-print your personal cookie cutters for you.
- Junior library volunteers - virtual meetings to gather and plan activities together
- Teen graphic novel book club meets at end of month
- Library is still open to the public. Classified as retail, open at 20% capacity. Also still offering curbside pickup 10-4p.

Leanne Anderson, Director of Development - Coronado Schools Foundation

- October virtual auction raised \$150,000! Thank you for your donations and participation! Although CSF is used to raising \$250k in prior years, we are thrilled for the community support this year.
- Holiday shopping: CSF locals card app (no longer a physical card). CHS advanced computer science class students developed our locals card app a few years ago. Graduate Max Kunes (now at UC Santa Cruz) is still maintaining the app for us. Donate \$100 or more to get the locals card and start saving all over Coronado.
- Golf cart opportunity drawing for Telethon. Buy your tickets now. Fun stocking stuffer gift.
- Hotel Del ornament sales – CSF gets a portion of the proceeds from ornament sales.
- Amazon smile shopping - choose CSF as your charity. Same Amazon, same prices. Must shop at smile.amazon.com.
- Ms. Mariah's Music4Kids. Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 11-1pm live stream concert where she will take song requests for donations. Go to Coronadopresents.com. All proceeds go to CSF. Saturday 5pm deadline for song requests will give her time to practice beforehand.
- Movie night rental in your backyard! For a \$200 donation, you can rent an inflatable screen, projector, speakers, plus URT beach towel and snacks for up to 10 people in your home.
- Save the date! CSF Virtual Telethon on Wednesday March 24, 2021. Same format, but all new game shows this year. Tune in to watch your favorite teachers and fellow students.

New Business

- Next PTO meeting is Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 9am.
- Raffle winner this month is Renee Simpson! Please pickup your prize later this morning at the collection table near the CHS main office. Erin Rowan will be expecting you.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58am.