

**Coronado High School PTO
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2021 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:

- Jennifer Shoemaker, President
- Bridget Shanks, Vice President
- Sarah Roughneen – Treasurer
- Anita Lorr – Secretary
- Shane Schmeichel – CHS Principal
- Plus 16 members/guests in attendance

Treasurer’s Report – Sarah Roughneen

- There were a number of expenses related to the return to campus in February. PTO wanted to make it fun and festive so we had a banner, balloons, music, and bubbles. Each day PTO handed out a raffle prize to one student. Total \$450 spent on campus spirit. Also, PTO spent \$130 hosting a February coffee and juice bar for staff. Spent \$45 on a hosted lunch for school counselors’ week. Gave \$100 to the school nurse for petty cash to purchase band aids, cotton balls, etc.

Carol Lemei, Guest Speaker

- CHS Alumni Class of ’65, proud CHS parent, CHS Ceramics assistant, married to Bill Lemei also Class of ’65, provides college counseling services
- We need to help our students feel how wonderful they are, especially during this pandemic.
- Has learned from speaking with students who have reflected on their school years. Memories of being terrified as first year freshmen. “I felt I didn’t deserve to be there.” “Everyone around me was so much more accomplished.” “I had no idea what I wanted to do. I was confused.”
- Also heartened by creativity and commitment and kindness and energy from students in our community who are involved in: online courses, assisting with childcare, volunteering at the local historical museum, mentoring youth in sports or tutoring, etc.
- Colleges are very interested in students who are engaged. Most students that she has worked with have gained entry into top colleges by being engaged.
- Which activities should students join? Follow your heart. Let your extracurriculars reflect your interest. Don’t engage in a smorgasbord of activities. Help others who are less fortunate. The world needs you.
- Share a sense of optimism. Favorite cartoon Luann message: Good always prevails and humanity always moves forward to a better place. It is going to be a better world, not perfect, but better.

- What do you expect for standardized testing in future years? Who knows - it keeps changing. Most colleges have made testing optional this year. Many will probably waive the tests for good. UC's are planning to waive for good, but they may implement their own test in its place. Standardized testing is on its way out because of its lack of fairness. Widely known that affluence equates to better test scores. Test optional – colleges that will accept scores if you have it, which begs the question: Did this student not have the opportunity to test or are they hiding bad test scores?
- Are colleges moving towards a portfolio application? Yes, more wholistic yes. Coalition application has the ability to upload videos, artwork, writing samples. More and more colleges are accepting the Coalition application and giving Common app a run for its money.
- Suggestions for how to get our children engaged? Take an online course. Local library needs student volunteers. Historical association takes volunteers. Join NHS tutoring - especially math and science tutoring and helping students with writing essays. Help people in your local neighborhood. Help local government by volunteering.
- Seems like it's been a record year for college applications. Smaller private liberal arts schools have been generous with money this year, especially in Texas, Oregon, and the mid-west.

President's Report – Jennifer Shoemaker

- Parent Forum tonight 6:30-8pm for the new 4x4 bell schedule next year
- Campus Spirit - big banner, music, bubbles, gift cards for students. We received press in the Eagle and Journal front page – Principal Schmeichel standing on top of a quad table with a megaphone. May be a good photo for the historical society to memorialize this pandemic? Union Tribune photo of our PTO banner, highlighting San Diego schools that are reopening.
- This week Campus Spirit is funding \$10 Starbucks gift cards given out to students who are following the social distance protocols, noticed by CHS Compliance Officers.
- Happy Homecoming week! Please read the Principal's newsletter for HoCo activities.
- February staff coffee & juice bar - thanks to Anne Hill for setup and staff Janet Jimenez for cleanup.
- Looking for parent volunteers to handle March hospitality. We believe that staff really need something more in terms of a show of support. Would love to hear any ideas and also looking for volunteers to handle March hospitality.
- Incoming freshman dates: (1) Feb 24th 6:30p parent zoom, (2) Mar 2-3 CHS counselors in eighth grade science classes, (3) Mar 8-19 incoming freshmen registration.
- CoSA MTD presents "The Laramie Project" on demand 2/19-2/28 see CoSA website for details and ticket info. They recommend this production for 13 years old and up.
- CUSD is looking for both short and long term substitute teachers. Contact the front office.
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the work-from-home project: trifold plexiglass shields.
- Senior photos Mar 1st-3rd & underclassmen photos Mar 4th-5th
- Follow us on social media: Instagram and facebook

Ella Worthy, CHS ASB Commissioner of Publicity

- This is Spirit Week. Every day there is a different theme to wear: green, Disney, class shirts, etc.

- Class shirts will be distributed during 5th period Wed and Fri and can be picked up at the Student Store during break and lunch.
- Class competitions in conjunction with Spirit Week – one member of each class will compete in the following games: obstacle course, painting, ping pong, water balloon toss.
- HoCo parade this Friday Feb 19th. Each park will be decorated with each class's theme followed by a 4:30p car parade. Please come to the parade route to support our students!
- Court will be crowned after the car parade and will be livestreamed on Instagram @coronadoasb
- Hoco TV special Friday 2/19 at 6pm. Will showcase the Homecoming Court, teachers, hot ones, etc. Televised on coronadotv.me. Please watch!
- Dance this year is a drive-in movie at Santee on Sunday 2/21, at 5:30pm. Movie is ET. Students must register for a spot, which is separate from buying tickets. This will help determine how many cars to expect.
- Please support the Homecoming car parade this Friday at 4:30p, watch the Court crowning on Instagram @coronadoasb, and watch coronadotv.me at 6pm!

Michelle Gilmore, Senior Parent Volunteer Coordinator

- Events to coordinate: senior banners, senior breakfast, baccalaureate, senior awards
- Maybe Graduation events planning?
- We want to give our seniors the best sendoff possible after having gone through this tough year. What do the students want? Which traditions are important to them? Whatever we are able to do in a safe way, let's do for them. We can plan for now, whatever the current guidelines are, and then if things open up, then we can upgrade!
- Senior parent volunteers needed. Mr. Schmeichel will send out an email with a volunteer sign-up. Underclass parent volunteers also welcome.

Community Partners

Mindy Hayes, School Liaison Officer

- GI Bill presentation zoom meeting tonight Wednesday, Feb 17th at 6pm – learn about the post 9/11 GI Bill and educational resources available to military members and their dependents.
- Multiple scholarship opportunities for military children. Look for the weekly email or contact Mindy directly.

Tara Davies, Teen Librarian - Coronado Public Library

- Library is open Mon-Sat 10-4pm and Wed through 9pm. The public is welcome to come in and sit and browse. Wear a mask. Limited capacity but they rarely hit the maximum.
- Library has opportunities for students looking for volunteer hours. Earn hours by participating in any of the Citizen Science Programs. Also, a virtual monthly volunteer meetup for students.
- Coronado Community Read for teens, kids, adults. Check the library website.

Jeanmarie Bond, CEO - Coronado Schools Foundation

- Golf cart opportunity drawing tickets. \$14k golf cart value. Mail in or phone in ticket purchases.
- 34th Annual telethon. Wednesday, March 24th. This year it will be a hybrid event, partly a live production and partly pre-recorded. Broadcast from the KCMS studio. Granzer Hall utilized for some performances. We are continuing the game show theme with all-new game shows.
- Silver Strand - Are you Smarter than a Voyager?
- Village - Invention Convention similar to Shark Tank
- CMS - The Masked Student live from Granzer Hall
- CHS - Tiki Time similar to the old Pyramid show with Casey Tanaka as host
- Coronado Lego Builders challenge - school wide challenge, create a Coronado or San Diego themed masterpiece and record a time lapse video of your creation. Submit for Telethon.
- CSF Student representative – looking for current juniors to apply. Application opens next month.
- CSF Board – looking for interested adults.

Georgia Farrell, Executive Director - Coronado SAFE

- Please don't wait until there's a crisis to get help. Get help before it's too late.
- Presentation this Monday Feb 22nd - Online Trafficking: Who's at Risk? Register at coronadosafe.org. Topic is trafficking, but it's really about student safety.
- Aloha Club for new Coronado families. Peer to peer programs for students.
- Wellness checks – SAFE offers free wellness checks and sliding-scale youth and family counseling. Important to help catch issues before it becomes a crisis. Including parents. Reality is that parents are struggling just as much as students.

Principal's Report – Shane Schmeichel

- CHS Hero Snack Packs delivered to all teachers throughout 50% capacity week.
- Tonight zoom parent forum for rising sophomores, juniors, seniors re: new 4x4 bell schedule.
- Rising freshmen will get their own personalized newsletter and registration from Ms. Mellina and will have their own parent forum the following week Wed Feb 24th.
- Can students go to two periods on a given day and then go home for third period in which their teacher is zooming? No, students need to be wholly on-campus or off each day. This is for the school to accurately track attendance and for the purpose of student safety.
- Fourteen teachers are zooming in from home for a variety of health or other pandemic reasons. Each has a co-teacher in the classroom to handle technical issues and provide student support.
- 30% of students chose to stay home on bridge learning for the remainder of the year.
- At 50% capacity, there are about 400 kids on Tue/Wed and about 400 on Thu/Fri.
- Administration continues to add strategies to secure everyone's safety. Last night M&O chalked up the quad with lines that are six feet apart. Stickers have been ordered for more defined spacing. Hand sanitizing stations will be installed in the quad, not just in classrooms. COVID testing during break is being implemented. Frequent and high turnout COVID testing is one of the important ways that we can secure our staff/student/parent safety.
- To date, CUSD has not had any known spread within our schools. Protocols are working.

- Mr. Schmeichel is impressed with the students' mask wearing, not an issue at all. Students are following protocols. Happy to see that students are mindful of everyone's safety. He is hopeful that safety planning will keep the school open for the rest of the year.
- The district requests that staff and students COVID-test every other week. Today and tomorrow student testing at break is a pilot to see how many can be tested during that time frame.
- One staff member is temporarily out for two months, Mr. Silverman.
- Mr. Ray Yannaccone – continues to struggle with cancer. Please send your love, good thoughts, and prayers during this critical time.

New Business

- Next PTO meeting is Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 9am.
- Raffle winner this month is Ashley Arnas' parent! Please pickup your prize later this morning at the front desk in the CHS main office. Erin Rowan will be expecting you.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.