

**Coronado High School PTO  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 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 9:05am

Welcome:

- Jennifer Shoemaker, President
- Bridget Shanks, Vice President
- Sarah Roughneen – Treasurer
- Anita Lorr – Secretary
- Shane Schmeichel – CHS Principal
- Plus 21 members/guests in attendance

Treasurer’s Report – Sarah Roughneen

- PTO received a large, unexpected donation of \$1,100 and will use those funds toward a grant for the special education department.
- Expenditures this month: distributed \$166 snacks/drinks for May CASSP testing. Paid out \$233 for Principal’s bbq for administrative staff and \$110 for administrative assistance day lunch.

Special guest - Patrick Rabun, NJROTC

- One Islander Grant – PTO funded 10 additional Sea Perch (underwater robot) kits for NJROTC. Patrick Rabun zoomed our PTO meeting into his NJROTC classroom to view students assembling those kits as a sneak peak into how NJROTC has utilized our funding. Kids cutting wires, drilling holes, sautering circuits. Lesson that engineering is not that hard and that anybody can do engineering. With the purchase of additional kits, there are smaller groups and thus more innovation. Students have the flexibility to move beyond the standard design. All kits built so differently. Even online students have been zooming in and contributing virtually. Thanks to PTO for providing additional kits!

President’s Report – Jennifer Shoemaker

- CoSA continues to be very busy. I Love You You’re Perfect Now Change is available for viewing on demand May 14-23. CoSA continues to bring live theater into our homes despite pandemic.
- Thanks to counseling team for Greg Kaplan Junior Parent Night seminar last night. CHS counseling team will have lots of fall events planned and are always open to all grade levels. Close to 80 people attended the zoom last night, which is indicative of how much need and interest there is in post-graduate planning. One recommendation to current juniors: start reaching out to teachers now requesting college letters of recommendation. A nice compliment

last night: CHS really stands out in that our teachers really know their students well and write strong personal letters.

- Local SAT testing dates mostly got canceled in the San Diego region. Thanks to Kathy DiMatteo, CHS has applied to be a standardized testing site and hopes to be approved by the August 2021 test date. CHS will be an open site for anyone, but will try to get the word out to our community immediately via a text or email to all CHS families before spots fill up.
- Quick year in review:
- We have had extraordinary supporters this year financial and otherwise, a plethora of all-stars, and we are truly grateful.
- The existing PTO Board have been together for two years. Bridget Shanks will be at CHS for one more year and will roll off the Board but will help with senior parent volunteer. Sarah Roughneen will be graduating her youngest and leave CHS after five years of dedicated Board service. Anita Lorr will remain on the Board as Treasurer next year and help with the transition. Thanks to this Board for fun times and service together!
- One Islander Grants were very successful thanks to everyone's contributions.
- Thankful for PTO's relevant guest speakers at monthly meetings all year.
- Campus Spirit events – we needed campus spirit events this year more than ever. Welcome back to school week with bubbles, signs, balloons, etc.
- Teacher and staff hospitality events - people came through with financial donations, bottled waters, decorations, etc. Staff was so appreciative with constant notes of thanks. Sandra Davis Math department wrote BEST.PTO.EVER.

Michelle Gilmore, Senior Parent Volunteer Coordinator

- Updated senior week calendar.
- Shoutout to Principal Schmeichel and Ellie Johnson and all the seniors tirelessly working to plan a very special senior week. So excited for our kids!
- Powderpuff - Friday June 11. Powderpuff breakfast at Slaughter household, pep assembly during the school day, powderpuff game that night 7pm on CHS field. All seniors will be invited to attend in-person school on that Friday June 11 so that all seniors will be in attendance for the pep assembly. Head coaches for both cheer and football have already begun organizing. Senior spectators will be on the home side and junior spectators on the visitor's side. There is a limitation on the number of spectators, and people may need to register as a spectator. Actual referees will be hired. Halftime cheerleaders show by both juniors and seniors.
- Baccalaureate – Sunday June 13 at 4pm in CHS Quad. Guest Liz Flage, St. Paul's United Methodist Church Youth Director. Every year Coronado has a tradition of all local youth pastors working together - this year will be hosted by St. Paul's. All senior families should be getting invitations in the mail soon. Typically about 25-50 senior families attend, depending on church involvement, etc. Partnering with CoSA to get a riser in CHS Quad. All families invited to provide their own lawn chairs or blankets sitting on bluff in quad. Chairs will be set up for graduates as a place of honor. Have had two meetings already. About 15 students have been showing up to help plan. Theme: Refining Fire, Redeeming the Darkness.

- Senior Awards Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> 3pm in Quad. Look for details in the Senior-focused newsletter to come out soon.
- Senior Sunset Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm at Sunset Park. Senior bonding event.
- Senior Breakfast Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup> 9am at Spreckels Park and then graduation rehearsal after breakfast.
- Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> another grad rehearsal time TBD and then graduation 7:30pm! Each graduate can invite up to 4 guests. Graduation will be set up in a round theater style system. Diagram of seating and gates. Students will be acknowledged one at a time, stand up to acknowledge their parents behind them and then will do a walkabout around all four sections. Stage in the center will be minimal. All seating will face inward toward center stage. Trying to maintain close-knit atmosphere. CHS is allowed 1400 people right now. If given permission to open up more, then there is a possibility that they will open up the visitor's bleachers and half of the home bleachers for overflow seating. Graduates will have their photo opportunity at school during diploma pickup separate from graduation. Graduation ceremony will be live-streamed using a professional production company. CHS is following guidelines from the Department of Health Guidance for Schools.
- Michelle Gilmore will remain in the zoom to answer questions in the chat.
- PTO has bought tiny bouquets of flowers for Michelle, Ellie, and Ella as thanks for their work.

Ella Worthy, CHS ASB Commissioner of Publicity

- Another ASB forum 5/24 hosted by Commissioner of Outreach Cate Carlson.
- Powderpuff release forms on ASB website and Instagram – students need to bring these forms in person to their respective class teachers in order to participate.
- Senior movie night in CHS Quad 6/5 or 6/6 with food trucks and Prom Court planned by ASB Commissioner of Dance Jolee Barr.
- ASB ExComm and class officer elections were last week. Emma Slaughter is the new Commissioner of Publicity taking over for Ella next year.
- Junior class picnic this Saturday 5/22 for class bonding.

### **Community Partners**

Mindy Hayes, Naval School Liaison Officer

- Student to student - student-led program to bring all CHS kids together to create a welcoming environment. New S2S Board was just elected, and Allee Anderson is the newly elected President. Great way for kids to get involved. Provides connection. Works with ASB.
- Military spouses virtual meetup. Topic: Conflict resolution with your Teen. Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> zoom meeting 9am. Open interactive discussion to develop creative effective communication techniques with your teen.
- MFLC on campus provides confidential non-medical counseling for military for students, parents, combination. Kendra Miller is the MFLC. No school MFLC available during summer, but Military OneSource is available 800-342-9647.

Tara Davies, Teen Librarian - Coronado Public Library

- Stress less kits available for mental wellness month. Graphic novel book club. Teens create take and make activity, make candy sushi to celebrate AAPI heritage month.
- Summer reading program. Big annual push to incentivize reading and keep students learning during summer. Teens will have opportunity to volunteer with summer reading program.
- Library has resumed pre-pandemic hours Mon-Thur open til 9pm.

Coronado Schools Foundation (slides presented by Jennifer)

- Loews Balcony Bash – very successful and fun event, games between balconies, live music from Matt Heinecke’s band mostly 80’s hits.
- Summer enrichment registration is open. Of particular interest to high school students is ACT/SAT prep Steve Reiss classes - known throughout Coronado and SD as an excellent private tutor.
- CSF student representative application deadline has been extended to this Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Open to all current juniors - please apply! Opportunity to serve on a dynamic, professional board.
- All Schools Movie! This Saturday May 22nd Willy Wonka on CHS field. \$100 ticket for up to 6 people. A special Golden Ticket will be hidden in someone’s popcorn!

Georgia Farrell, Executive Director - Coronado SAFE

- SAFE’s mission is to improve the emotional behavioral health of students in Coronado. There are still a lot of people struggling with private pain, and SAFE is trying to remove the stigma and encourage people to reach out for help. If SAFE does not have the resources you need, they will help you find the right resources.
- Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm Coffee Talk – Executive Function.
- Aloha Club looking for families who are available to partner with new families to Coronado.
- This is mental wellness month. This Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-11:30am SAFE will be at Bay Books with Miss Coronado Volunteer Lauren Griffin O’Donnell. Come for coffee and donuts, fun wellness freebies, and to take a photo with Miss Coronado.

Bridget Shanks, PTO Vice President

- On behalf of PTO Board, the biggest thank you goes to outgoing PTO President Jennifer Shoemaker! Jennifer has been such a light these last two years as PTO President. She does so much work behind the scenes, oozes positivity, an absolute delight 24 hours a day, and we are so grateful that CHS will continue to have her as part of the Islander family with her two younger kids still to attend CHS. Thank you to Jennifer for leading our board and doing the work of ten people. Bridget’s VP role was Jennifer’s hype girl, and Jennifer was so easy to hype. Both will continue to work together for their rising seniors next year.

Principal’s Report – Shane Schmeichel

- DEA agent Rocky Herron speaks about drugs, informing students of the realities of experimenting with drugs. On June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> CHS will have Rocky Herron present at

school, including fully remote bridge students. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will come over for their own separate presentation, and then there will be a parent evening event TBD.

- Librarian Tara Davies mentioned volunteering opportunities at the library. One of the strengths of the new bell schedule is that it offers more flexibility and students ability to tailor their transcript. If students are volunteering at the library for an extensive period of time, they can actually get credit for that work on their transcripts. For example, Coronado Historical Association sponsors a year-long internship with several CHS students – those students have the CHA internship listed on their transcripts.
- Summer 2021 will be busy at CHS hosting in-person teacher-delivered instruction summer school remediation program for the 4 weeks immediately after school gets out. Mon-Fri with exception of July 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Stacy Morrissey will be the summer school principal. If your child has struggled with a class and received a D or F grade, then they qualify for the summer school program. Remediation is being offered, not original credit. This is an opportunity to build foundational skills to ready students for the next chapter of academic growth. So far, 45 families have already registered, more have received invitations. Foundational courses offered like IM1, IM2, IM3, English, and additionally BYU online curriculum available for other classes. All classes will still be on campus during the summer.
- Where is the best resource to get information on transcript credit opportunities which are not offered by CHS? Is there one place where this is all explained? Being able to bring in outside credits is actually a policy of CHS. A lot of students have gone outside to get credits from accredited organizations. Many students did not need these credits for graduation but obtained them anyway for acceleration. With the new bell schedule there will probably be less need for outside credits to be brought in. BYU online courses. Free community college courses offered. Concurrent enrollment availability at community colleges. Southwestern College campuses dual-enrollment offered on actual CHS campus. Medical courses. Fire courses. Counselors can help steer students in the right direction depending on student needs and interests. Meeting with your high school counselor is the best resource.
- Vaccination question? There is no indication that CUSD will require students to vaccinate. If families volunteer information about their student vaccination, the purpose is to provide general information to the school. The COVID team can use that knowledge to make informed decisions regarding contact tracing.
- How can parents view their student's selected courses for next year? Go to ParentVue in Synergy. Menu on left side. Click Selected Courses. You will see your student's selected courses and their three alternates.
- Is Senior Breakfast for parents also? They will probably need volunteers to donate items and help set-up, but otherwise parents are not invited.

#### New Business

- New CHS PTO Board Slate for the 2021-22 school year:
- President Lainie Reuter
- Vice President Marni Kavanewsky
- Treasurer Anita Lorr

- Secretary Stephanie Baker
- Campus Spirit Renee Simpson and Greta Pate
- Thank you Principal Schmeichel. Photo of principal with a loudspeaker in CHS Quad. Hoping the photo makes it into CHA museum commemorating this historic year. Every single suggestion PTO has made, Principal Schmeichel has embraced with an “I love it!” response. He never lost his patience or his cool despite the difficult year CHS endured. An incredible multi-tasker, add “amazing technology guru” to his list of skills. Thank you for your leadership and partnership this year!
- Thanks to all graduating from the CHS community and know that your contributions to CHS left a lasting legacy and will always be valued. Thanks endlessly to everyone for making it a wonderful year!
- Instagram page – CoronadoHighSchoolPTO
- This is the final PTO meeting of the school year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.