

Coronado High School Parent Teacher Association Meeting  
CHS Black Box Theater  
March 13, 2018

## MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Julie Russell (School Board), Maria Simon (School Board), Jenny Moore (Principal), Patty Cowan (CSF), Paige Shuman, Sarah Roughneen, Jennifer Shoemaker, Christy Becker, Barb Kelly, Heather White, Sue Wilkinson, Anita Lorr, Nancy Mowry, Jessica Herman, Claudia Waisbord and Amy Schiaffino

Vice President, Paige Shuman called the meeting to order as Debbie McBride is out of town. Heather White moved approval of the February minutes. Maria Simon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sarah Roughneen reported limited activity this month. One check of \$268 was paid from the Principal's Discretionary Fund for chair massages for counseling staff. Jenny Moore queried the remaining balance of the fund and Sarah will report that to her at a later date.

Paige Shuman clarified that PTO is currently collecting monies for graduation seat reservation but that is not a fundraiser or funds that PTO maintains.

PRESIDENT: Paige announced that this is a typically slower season for PTO and activity will pick up again closer to the end of the year with graduation and Islander Awards.

Paige reported that Committee Chair, Heather Goodmanson will soon be circulating a sign up for a teacher Salad Bar scheduled for March 22. Last month's teacher supply drive was very successful. Jenny Moore mentioned the donations came at a good time in the school year. Credit was given to Christy Ward and the CMS PTO for sharing the idea. Nancy Mowry asked about storage of the donations. Jenny Moore indicated that went well and Heather and her volunteers arranged a great "store" for teachers.

PTO will host an "alternatives to 4-year college" night on April 5 in the CHS library. Gap year, community and junior college, military, rotary, trade and exchange programs will be represented. Nancy Mowry asked about the format given the location. It will be open to parents and students and set up in the style of a college fair. Paige asked for contin-

ued feedback and suggestions. Julie Russell asked whether such information could be included within the school day. Jenny Moore indicated that CHS hosts Community College Week every year and that Career Day is now being held every other year. She is keen to continue exposure to vocational opportunities and will consider whether vocations can be included in Career Day. Nancy Mowry bemoaned the lack of traditional skills (to include home economics) being taught. Jessica Herman suggested reaching out to NASSCO regarding ship building and/or other local businesses who need contractors and trade laborers. Jenny Moore indicated that the new sports medicine, arts and engineering and work working classes can provide pathways and exposure to additional non-degree careers. A question was raised about the percentage of CHS graduates who attend 4-year colleges. While over 80 percent do, it was noted that the percentage who complete is unknown. Sue Wilkinson suggested that we work with hospitals regarding Licensed Practical Nursing and other programs. Paige will contact Sharp Coronado and welcomes additional ideas.

Paige suggested PTO consider a (approximately \$2,000-\$3,000) fundraiser to provide the organization with additional flexibility to support incoming and growing requests. Jenny Moore suggested an event for team dinners and something as simple as bringing \$5 and an appetizer to a social. Nancy Mowry raised the idea of a mother/daughter event. Maria Simon noted potential interest in Butter Braids, particularly as CMS is no longer selling them. Paige encouraged the group to forward additional ideas to the Board. A question was raised regarding an upcoming heart health screening being supported by PTO.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** In contrast to this being a slow time for PTO, Jenny Moore noted that it is a particularly busy time of year for faculty, staff and students. CHS is in the middle of registration, AP and State testing preparation, mid-term grading, college acceptances, Museum of Tolerance field trip, national school safety/gun issue walkout, Every 15 Minutes program.

Nancy Mowry asked when counselors will meet with Junior class members. Jenny Moore indicated that they began choosing classes in February and will finalize their selections with counselors between now and May. Christy Becker, parent of a COSA student, mentioned that her experience with her student's counselor was very positive despite a long line waiting outside her office.

A question was raised about where students who choose to do so will walk out. Jenny Moore discussed that CHS cannot condone walking off campus but that it is always within a parent's right to sign students out. She has met with several students regarding potential to organize and is also thoughtfully considering showing respect for students who choose to remain in class as well as the varied viewpoints among parents represented in the school community. Student safety and student rights are paramount in her decision making process. Nancy Mowry queried who was leading the student effort and whether that was driven by ASB. Jenny said that the intention was to be student-led and that she and other staff have offered tables and resources as needed but that in general CHS has a "mellow" culture and a broad recognition of diverse opinions across campus. Maria Simon noted that it was unfortunate schools were being put in this position with an event planned within the school day. Jenny Moore noted an interest in seeing schools being lifted up by the community and a desire to be part of a positive movement may be a natural reaction in the aftermath of a tragedy.

Christy Becker noted the walkouts as an expression of significant student concern about personal safety, a great learning opportunity and chance to participate in a democratic experience. Jenny Moore encouraged parents not to define the walkout for students but rather to listen to their desires and messages. Amy Shiaffino queried potential penalties students who walk out will face. Jenny Moore indicated that the timing of the walkout was in part during break and that returning in a timely manner by the end of break would be viewed as civil disobedience but not in violation of attendance policies.

Jenny Moore thanked the group for providing her with an opportunity to talk to parents, exchange ideas and hear an array of views.

The April 9 PTO will include parents of rising 9th graders.

CORONADO SCHOOLS FOUNDATION: Patty Cowan thanked Jenny Moore, Maria Simon and Julie Russell in particular for their support of the highly successful CSF Telethon. She noted her appreciation for the thoughtful and respectful dialog about school safety. Patty discussed fundraising for the CSF Challenge Grant, the upcoming Hive 365 party April 22 at Camp Surf, telethon goals and local winners of the big telethon prizes including the golf cart, surf board and bike.

SAT/ACT prep class signups are ongoing and scholarships are available. Grace Kim and Steve Reese lead popular classes. Summer Enrichment planning is underway.

Paige Shuman recommended the Essay Prep class with Mr Wong (and Kristine Johnson) for the summer between Junior and Senior years. Julie Russell noted the community need for school enrichment, Jenny Moore discussed potential for credit courses in Summer 2019 and Maria Simon asked about the draft schedule/itinerary of classes.

CSF is looking for Board Members. Debbie McBride serves on the Board. CSF also has volunteer opportunities available. Hearty congratulations were offered to Patty and her team for a great fundraiser.

ISLANDER SPORTS FOUNDATION: Heather White announced that ISF will be raffling tickets for VIP seating and refreshments in the press box for graduation night as a fundraiser. More information will be sent to the Senior Parent Facebook page. Jenny Moore has offered to refund payment for preferred seating tickets for raffle winner if needed. Maria Simon questioned whether that would make a good auction item and Heather indicated that ISF's preference was to keep the individual contribution amount low to provide wide access to the most families. Discussion ensued regarding handicap access to the box.

Without objection, Paige Shuman adjourned the meeting at 9.50 a.m.