

Coronado High School Parent/Teacher Organization Meeting  
CHS Conference Room  
September 26, 2017

## MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Karl Mueller (Superintendent), Jenny Moore (Principal), Lee Pontes (School Board), Julie Russell (School Board), Debbie McBride (President), Paige Shuman (Vice President), Sarah Roughneen (Treasurer), Jennifer Shoemaker (Secretary), Melinda Hallal, Susan Hardy, Nancy Mowry, Gabriela Borbon, Patience Moore, Sonja Dupourque, Carrie Keyes, Julia Elassaad, Kathleen Steinley, Karen Rodgers, Heather White, Sherry Ritchey, Kathleen Mulvehill, Andrea McGloin, DeAnn Brown, Luan Troxel, Angela Porez, Shirley Gauvin, Georgia Chakos Ferrell, Toni Heintzelman, Annette Symon, Rachael Rosenbloom, Christy Becker, Heidi Iversen, Lisa Davenport and Heather Goodmanson

Debbie McBride called the meeting to order. Paige Shuman moved approval of the May minutes. DeAnn Brown seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sarah Roughneen gave the Treasurer's Report. Membership income is down. We will only spend what we can raise to preserve the \$3,000 cash reserve. We are likely to meet (and potentially exceed) our \$12,800 membership goal in part due to the fees increasing from \$25 to \$40. Expenses have been cut. Block grants for teacher discretionary spending has been cut to a maximum of \$75 per teacher. We will no longer pay office postage and will seek donations and grants to fund a distracted driving program. Expenses include the Back to School luncheon, Back to School Night pizza for teachers and \$1,000 toward the Adam Lee Brooks assembly held last week.

There was a request from Robin Nixon for a \$78.12 coaches meal. Jenny Moore indicated that she submitted that through the Principal's Discretionary Fund. Debbie McBride moved approval, Heather White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Discussion ensued as to why we needed to vote on matters within the Principal's Discretionary Fund. Sarah said she intends to present as many fund requests as possible and definitely all requests over \$250 for a vote and for members to be aware of expenditures. Jenny Moore explained the purpose of the coaches meeting called by CHS Administration as a staff development program. She will consider ISF as a funding source as appropriate.

Paige indicated that PTO memberships are also down at other CUSD schools. It was suggested that CHS PTO consider ways (similar to Village Elementary) to promote membership dues collection and the value of meetings. It was suggested to offer a catered reception or other hospitality event following Back to School night.

Jenny Moore asked about teacher grants. Sarah indicated that they are capped this year at \$75 and will be available in the middle or end of November.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Debbie reported that PTO provided lunch for the teachers in August, Village Pizzeria/Blue Ridge Hospitality dinner for Back to School night, and paid for half of the recent assembly (with ASB).

PTO vacancies include: chairman of the Hospitality Committee which provides teacher goody bags, a volunteer coordinator and class parents for 9th and 11th grades. Job descriptions and additional details are available.

**CORONADO SCHOOLS FOUNDATION:** Patty Cowan encouraged all to participate in and join the PTOs. She reported that CSF returned \$250,000 to the district which funds sports medicine, band, career day, art installation, science, laboratory, engineering and other programming. She highlighted key staff member contributions to CSF. CSF also provides PTO with their online member directories. She explained their policy of zeroing out their funds each year, highlighting the importance of their upcoming auction October 14. There are only a few tickets remaining. Volunteers are encouraged to help with various projects at the CSF offices Thursdays at 11 a.m. and Karen Rodgers indicated that was a great way to get involved. Other ways to support CSF include the Hive 365 program, March 8 telethon and purchasing a locals card. Patty announced the upcoming SAT prep classes.

**CORONADO SAFE:** Georgia Ferrell detailed SAFE's role in the community, free meditation sessions Wednesday mornings, monthly coffee talks, donation-based counseling and other programming. She highlighted the successful recent suicide awareness and prevention efforts which engaged over 300 students at CHS. SAFE also sponsors Project SAFE on campus and provides means for students to reduce stress. Georgia introduced Jennifer Shoemaker and explained SAFE's role in the ALOHA CLUB.

**THE ALOHA CLUB:** Jennifer Shoemaker detailed a renewed effort to increase community involvement with a particular focus on families with school-aged children in

Coronado. The Aloha Club is supported by Coronado SAFE, the US Navy, CUSD and local private schools. On a related note, Kathleen Mulvehill spoke about CHS' Student 2 Student (S2S) club which has recently elected leaders and will soon train students to make connections with new students and those looking for enhanced connections. The Aloha Club is soliciting additional volunteers to partner with new families. In addition, new families are encouraged to sign up to be partnered with club members.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Jenny Moore discussed enhanced connections as being a key component of the district's LCAP results. She first highlighted science curriculum changes which begin with this year's freshmen. She also explained CHS changes regarding online learning and the many issues surrounding providing online learning opportunities for a wide variety (albeit small number) of learners. Ms Moore discussed the recent late start Thursday and speaker who highlighted community building issues. PSATs will be taken October 10 with a modified schedule on surrounding days. CUSD pays for 9,10 and 11th graders to take the test. Alternative programming will be offered to Seniors. CHS will host staff for an accreditation visit in November and parent involvement will be required at a later date. She announced an open position for the School Site Council which meets quarterly to plan programs and budget.

A question was raised regarding NGSS standards and whether the state provides revised materials to adapt to the new science curriculum. Ms Moore indicated that similar to previous adoption of revised English standards, teachers are working to compile the resources needed.

Ms Moore explained revised elective opportunities which include the addition of sports medicine, engineering and AP computer science classes. This year it was not possible to maintain a home economics class.

Homecoming week plans were announced. The football game and parade will be held November 3 and the dance November 4 at the Fleet Science Center. Ms Moore encouraged parents to support positive student interactions that week and recommended students consider going to the dance in groups.

Questions were raised regarding volunteer student hours, group math tests and class size. School Board member Julie Russell and Ms Moore spoke to the related scheduling, funding, labor and educational issues involved in the current (32:1) class size ratio in the district as compared to others which maintain a 36:1 ratio.

Karen Rodgers and Debbie McBride mentioned the National Honor Society tutoring and other resources available to students.

MFLC: CHS Military and Family Life Counselor, Emily Craig introduced herself and reminded parents that all eligible students need a permission slip on file to access MFLC services.

OTHER ISSUES: Discussion was held regarding a recent personnel issue involving a CHS Assistant Principal. Ms Moore explained that the staff member repeated words from music heard coming from the locker room. Jenny Moore said she is committed to ongoing conversations with students and families who want to discuss the situation further and is aware of the wide variety of responses, empathies and perspectives to be considered.

Upon unanimous vote, Debbie McBride adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.