

## CHS PTSA Meeting Minutes

11.6.23, 4:30 PM

**Attendees:** Dr. Thomas, A.P. Mureno, John Hite, Tracy Wesley, Tess Wesley, Catherine Neal, Nancy Rosales, Lynn Hirsch

**Principal Update:** Dr. Thomas and Assoc. Principal Mureno

- Interviewing candidates for Assistant Principal (Congrats again to Mr. Mureno becoming Associate Principal of CHS!)
- Two EC positions remain open, to be filled.
- Substitutes have been stepping up for our teachers!
- Want to promote student connections, sense of belonging. The last Student Wellness day, after testing, almost 200 students checked out early, which was disappointing. How can PTSA help modify the culture of students leaving, rather than staying for fun connections?
- Teachers got to “spin the wheel” for trick or treat; students wanted to spin, too!  
Suggestion: Real Talk is right before lunch - perhaps PTSA can provide a treat/small prize for every single student on December 1, to be passed out by admin? During lunch that day: PTSA volunteers, also, could lead minute-to-win-it games around CHS campus. (Anna O’Connell has several such games/guidelines to use. Mr. Mureno will get games list to Tracy Wesley )
  - Need volunteers for 11:30/11:45 – 1 pm.
  - Engaging coaches was suggested, to encourage engagement, etc. Many coaches are volunteers, but not all. SALT (Student Athlete Leadership Team) might help promote/volunteer. Dr. Thomas to communicate with Mr. Evans, SALT POC. Some staff members would volunteer, too!
- Jaguar Spotlight monthly recognizes staff (teachers nominate), and it would be great to have two Jaguars of the Month. Perhaps Most Improved... Dr. Thomas requests PTSA provide t-shirts. Group discussed making a general t-shirt for teachers/students selected. Jenny Cummins will be asked to help with ideas.
- December 14 CHS Staff meeting will be off-site.

**Budget Update** – Tess Wesley, Treasurer

- A few more Hospitality donations have been received, plus more general PTSA money donated. Budget looks good.
- Donations are over \$14k (budge was about \$13k, so good news!)
- PTSA board worked with Dr. Thomas to devise a method for teachers to request grant money. Budget includes \$3,500 allotted for grants. A few grant requests have been received, but not many.

**PTSA President Update** – Tracy Wesley

- In past month, PTSA paid for DJ & staffed Homecoming event.
- Helped with paper products (???) for Latinx Cultural event (*did I get that right?*)

- PTSA VP Emily will become POC for Carrboro Cares. Recently quickly filled the need for 50 backpacks, etc. (Yay!) Through contact with Mrs. Oliver, the Goodwill of Eastern NC might supply up to \$2k for school needs through either school or PTSA, plus some Food Lion gift cards. Lynn H. suggests keeping track of how those funds are used, to be able to thank them, etc.
- Secret Pals: Patti Martzloff has all slots filled (67 staff opted in). Will take place Nov-May.
- Hospitality did treat bags for all staff. Thanksgiving Feast for staff will be on Nov 15.
- Monthly Wheel of Fortune gifts teachers each month (per Lynn Hirsch).
- Per request, Kelly Young will soon help organize Angela Hill's classroom cabinets.
- AIS requested paper products for Cultural Event – date TBD.
- Black & Brown Student Group wants to have a cook-out (needs to fundraise? If so, the Faculty Advisor must be part of communication.
- Staff received some grant money from PSF, thanks to Lynn Hirsch helping to write grant proposal. (Including Robotics Team, which received \$1k, plus \$1.5k to support students' contribution for the \$6k cost of robotics. Also one student received \$1.5k to go on trip to Ecuador, and staff receiving grant help with France trip.)