

## CHS PTSA Meeting Minutes

1.8.24, 4:30 PM

**Attendees:** Dr. Thomas, A.P. Mureno, Tracy Wesley, Catherine Neal, Carolina Avary, Lynn Hirsch, Emily Nicholson

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

- Two EC positions remain open, interviewing for one!
- Closing the Achievement Gap – working well with PLTs (Professional Learning Teams)
- Administrators planning a Q3 Reset with students during Real Talk the first week of January, to go over the new Tardy policy, also introducing Final Exams (only CHS in CHCCS has NOT done Final exams). Teachers will have agency on whether final exams or projects. Absences are too high post-COVID; possible exam-exemptions based on attendance and grades.
- Monthly Jaguar Spotlights might become Weekly! Administration wants to be able to recognize more students. Teachers are nominating students. PTSA will provide t-shirts, thanks to Lynn Hirsch and Jenny Cummins facilitating.
- Peer Mentoring program, to connect students with a member of JagLinks, is starting
- Upcoming ways for students to connect w/the CHS community include Carrboro Blowout (in May), plus an upcoming dance
- Principal Mureno requests money for ACT day (Feb 27). While juniors test, other grades will have activities: registration info for freshmen, dodgeball tournament in gym. Afternoon will be wellness day for all students. Sessions need some funding (e.g. knitting needs yarn, etc.). Want students to be able to sign up in advance for different session, to encourage their engagement.

**Budget Update –** Tess Wesley, via Tracy Wesley

- \$3100 donated for grocery cards! (Additional \$1k of Food Lion cards available from Good Will.) Mrs. Oliver distributed \$800 to families. More was given to a family in acute need. Dr. Thomas feels that the school staff is doing a good job identifying families in need. Group discussed how to best communicate w/Mrs. Oliver about identifying students in need.
- 1 new PTSA membership (and donation) since 12/1/23
- Supplies & gift cards were provided to teachers for Wellness day activities
- PTSA sponsored Sunshine lunch
- Baked potato bar was well-received by staff
- Media Specialist is requesting funding for books in Spanish

**PTSA President Update –** Tracy Wesley

- SNAC updates: The district hired a new EC Director, Fonda Robinson, in Oct 2023; SNAC is meeting with her. CHS has 2 new SNAC reps: Marisa Kathard and Jo Wyrick. They want to thank all regular ed students at CHS who participate in the Best Buddies program in the Adapted Curriculum classrooms.