



## CSI PTO General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 19th, 2023

- ❖ Call Meeting to Order Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Anna Barlesi
- ❖ President Welcome - Annie Barlesi
  - PTO Overview
    - Any new topics not listed? Please type in the chat box any unanswered questions, we will address them at the end of the meeting
      - No additions at this time
  - Review of minutes from 3/15/2023
    - Meeting Minutes & Agenda are available for review on our website.
      - Anna moves to open discussion for meeting minutes, Sara 2nds.
      - No discussion. Anna moves to pass as is. Sara 2nds. Passes.
- ❖ Executive Board Members Present
  - Anna Barlesi - President
  - Carli Mulloy - Vice President
  - Sara Siegrist - Treasurer
  - Maria Gray - Secretary/Parliamentarian
  - Shaheen Kanchwala - Dir. of Communications
  - Kelly Conroy - Dir. of Programs
- ❖ President Update - Annie Barlesi
  - Wine and Paint night is coming up tomorrow night! There will be small bites, wine, and a fun night of art!
  - Movie Night is on 4/28. Featuring Bad Guys. Concessions for sale, but popcorn is free. Movie starts at 6pm. Open to the entire community.
  - Wine & Paint night: doors open at 6:30, painting starts at 7, so it is okay to be late.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report - Sara Siegrist
  - WAT was incredibly successful. We are just shy of \$70,000. PTO is in great shape for next year. We had 269 students registered on PledgeStar and a few families donated directly through the website, which is great participation!  
We received donations from 5 countries and 74% of donors were new to our Paypal system, which means they were first time donors. Feedback is positive about PledgeStar and we are planning to use it again next year.
  - Staff Appreciation week coming up May 8th. Any parents who would like to get involved, please let us know.
- ❖ Uptown Report - Leadership Students (Zoey Benedetti, Chloe Black)
  - Two leadership students attend all Board meetings and General meetings, and this trimester they are Zoey and Chloe. Evening meetings are often hard for them to attend, so they can't be here tonight, but Anna will provide a short update on Uptown.
  - Super excited about how last month's dance went. Lots of positive feedback.
  - Interested in doing a more UT centered fundraiser, so have decided to try Pura Vida bracelets.
  - 8th grade promotion is coming up. Settled on having student speakers.
- ❖ Teacher Update - Mrs. Kathryn Underwood

- Kinder
    - Wants to thank the PTO for WAT event. It was a great schoolwide bonding experience.
    - Thanks to 4th grade families for the bagels and snacks!
    - Focusing on Earth care this month and being responsible with our environment. The school-wide Zun Zun assembly on 4/26 will focus on Earth care as well.
    - Preparing students for the math & art focus for the 49ers EDU field trip on May 2nd
    - Kids are learning to solve problems, refine solutions, & explain their thinking for their BUG projects.
  - 1st grade
    - They are moving from opinion writing to personal narratives (5 paragraph essays), and are working on BUG projects focused on “What bugs us at school?”
    - They are looking forward to the field trip to DeAnza Planetarium on May 8th.
  - 2nd grade
    - They are also working on BUG projects focusing on solutions to problems in our community. They have 4 amazing ideas: pollinators & gardens, helping retirement facilities, creating a school mural, and bird conservation.
    - The West Valley Clean Water Authority came to the Wonder Lab this week to give each class an interactive presentation about storm water management and pollution prevention. Kids enjoyed it and the speaker was informative and engaging.
  - 4th grade
    - Had a busy March! March 8th was the follow up lesson from the Levi’s Stadium field trip.
    - March 21st they went to the SJ Symphony, On the 23rd they went to Mission San Juan Bautista
    - On March 28th they did a joint virtual experience with 5th grade called “Baking for Good” with King Arthur Flour Co.
    - Today an ABC reporter, JR Stone, came from SF to discuss journalism
    - They are starting BUG projects focusing on “Designing for a better California”. They are also starting their Poetry Unit.
  - UT is also working on BUG projects. Each grade level is taking on a UN goal for sustainability. A parent volunteer put together a Sign-Up Genius for supplies students will need to build their prototypes. Teachers are excited to see what they do!
  - Ms. Kleusner’s 7th and 8th graders are doing self-directed projects and they are very appreciative of supplies paid for by PTO. These projects include table building, sewing, stop-motion, ceramics, music, film making, drawing, painting, Papier Mache, embroidery, and engineering.
- ❖ Election Update- Parliamentarian Maria Gray
    - Nominating committee is formed. We have our Nomination Form set up and it is on the Website and nominations can come in anytime. Will blast it out on Friday for the school. Nominations are due May 3rd.
    - What happens if we don’t fill all the positions? We must have Prese
  - ❖ Room Coordinator Update -Kelly Conroy
    - End of the year, the next big thing is Staff Appreciation. Will hopefully get an email out about that on Friday. Will give ideas for how RCs can celebrate their teachers. Also some classes will be doing end of the year events like a field day
  - ❖ Fundraising Update- Pooja Jain/Kelly Conroy (WAT)
    - WAT was, again, very successful and that was our last hurrah
  - ❖ Programs Update - Kelly Conroy

- May 10th Dining Out at Chipotle
  - Kona and a food truck on May 11th for Innovator
  - Kona on the last day of school June 9th
  - Uptown's bracelets
- ❖ SPAC Update - Justin Fraser/Annie Barlesi
    - Justin appreciates hearing what is going on at other campuses
    - District wants people to know that keeping the schools open during power outages was intentional . A teachable moment for students and admin.
    - Working with CalTrans to improve walkability to school and pedestrian safety
    - Increased funding for special ed and trauma specialists
    - 20% reserve message is that they want to stave off a severe loss of funds if we have a 2008 level recession. Dr. Viramontez is always available to be on campus to talk to PTOs and answer questions.
    - Anna also mentioned that each of us have the ability to reach out to the School Board or to the Superintendent with any questions or concerns.
    - Meeting was mostly driven by questions by SPAC members, so always send Justin questions and he will bring them up.
- ❖ School Site Council Update- Lindsey Centeio/Annie Barlesi
    - Mostly discussed survey results at the last meeting. And LCAP
    - Next meeting is next week, so we are off a little
    - Reach out to Lindsey with questions
- ❖ Principal's Report - Principal Kami Thordarson and/or Assistant Principal Stephanie Day
    - Each school writes their own LCAP and we are in that process right now.
    - Anna asked what part we write. We write what makes us who we are. We do reflections. We itemize what we spent, account for why we spent or didn't spend what was in the goals/budget for the year. Will work with Zyxy on goals for next year. Final vote on our LCAP in May. Anyone is welcome to attend the SSC meetings
    - Next week state testing (SBAC) starts. We usually schedule tests in the morning. ELA next week, Math the following week, and 5th & 8th doing science the third week. Schedules will go out shortly. Try to encourage good sleep and breakfast, but also don't want it to be a high anxiety event for students.
    - May 11th is Innovation Showcase. Schedule is ½ hour blocks, starting with Downtown while youngest kids are in school, Midtown next, and end with Uptown. Hoping the food truck and kona encourage families to stay
    - 8th grade promotion: kids and staff are planning. They are doing 5 awards and the kids are figuring out award process. 2-3 student speeches that kids will try out for. 4pm the 8th in the Bistro.
    - 7th grade parents are hosting a brunch for 8th graders on Friday the 9th.
    - May 17th PTO meeting, Zyxy Godfrey will be there and she will spend the day on campus that day visiting classrooms.
- ❖ New Business/Questions
    - Did we announce the awards from WAT. They will be announced at May 3rd assembly.
- ❖ Next PTO Meeting - May 17th @ 8:15AM in the D.Studio
- ❖ Upcoming events
    - Art & Wine Night 4/20
    - Movie Night 4/28
    - Community Night 4/26
    - Innovation Showcase 5/11 - BUG projects will be presented
- ❖ Adjourn Meeting Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm by Anna Barlesi

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