



CSI PTO General Meeting **Minutes** Thursday, February 16th, 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. **Nothing added at this time.**
 - Review of minutes from 1/18/2023
 - Meeting Minutes & Agenda are available for review on our website.
 - **Anna moves we open for discussion for minutes from 1/17/23, Carli seconds**
 - **No discussion. Anna moves that we accept minutes as they are. Kathryn Underwood seconded. Accepted by voice vote of PTO members**
- ❖ Executive Board Members Present
 - **Anna Barlesi - President**
 - **Carli Mulloy - Vice President**
 - **Maria Gray - Secretary/Parliamentarian**
 - **Shaheen Kanchwala - Dir. of Communications**
 - **Kelly Conroy - Dir. of Programs (via Zoom)**
 - **Pooja Jain - Dir. of Finance (via Zoom)**
- ❖ President Update - Annie Barlesi
- ❖ Bylaws Discussion- Parliamentarian Maria Gray
 - **Discussed reasoning behind changing bylaws**
 - **Proposal Art 6 sect 2 bullets 10-11 explained**
 - **Feedback: none**
 - **Maria 2nd, all hands raised, passed**
- ❖ Treasurer's Report - Sara Siegrist/Annie Barlesi
 - **Direct donations are slowly coming in**
 - **\$2,000 in Sponsorships for WAT**
 - **Astronomy Night was successful! Brought in over \$800**
 - **We continue to fund field trips, classroom supply needs, materials for innovation hours. Questions can be emailed to csipto.treasurer@gmail.com or csipto.info@gmail.com**
 - **Anna gave a shout out to Sara Siegrist for doing an amazing job of getting our financials in order and keeping them in order. She has set up systems that will allow the next Treasurer to step in with ease and little disruption.**
- ❖ Principal's Report - Principal Kami Thordarson and/or Assistant Principal Stephanie Day
 - **Will have 2 TK next year and eventually expanding to 3 classes. We will be the largest school in the district.**
 - **Question: is district adding more administration support with the increase in student population? As we expand we will have added teachers, plus added positions. 2nd school counselors, and an equity coach to support staff. Not sure about additional administrators.**

- Question: Will current staff that is part time or being placed at multiple school sites going be kept on full time. For example specialists. With more students will there be more support staff - reading intervention, speech, behavioral. No
- Upcoming events: Astronomy Night was wonderful. Great turn out. Very much student led! March 1st is the second UT Innovation Showcase. Schoolwide showcase will be in May. We will have a choir performance the morning of the March showcase.
- New office help, Tyra, will take on Kim Scheerer's role and Kim will be PBIS officer (Positive Behavior Intervention Support).
- New positions are all posted in EdJoin
- March 8th - Class pictures! March 10th is no school for students and professional development for teachers
- Question about holding showcases after school or in evenings so working families can come. The May showcase is after school, but teachers can't always do those. These events are planned in an attempt to accommodate all schedules.
- Supervision at gates
- Can we consider a no phone rule at the dance? Other schools do this successfully. Per Stephanie, yes we can ask the Leadership kids to consider.
- Will we get more janitorial staffing? (Question was related to cleanliness of the bathrooms - students are commenting that the bathrooms are dirty - especially girls bathroom) Stephanie does not know, but will look into it. With PBIS supervision, hopefully we will see more prevention. Working with students to respect our spaces.
- Question regarding cameras on campus. Can we use them to find those who are creating messes and follow up. Stephanie said cameras are placed around campus and have been helpful in identifying students who are doing damage to property, etc. Can't have cameras inside bathrooms, but they are outside. For issues of graffiti and messes, the admin only know about it when it is reported, so they do not always have a good time frame for when the situation happened.

❖ Teacher Update - Mrs. Kathryn Underwood

- Kinder is learning about Black History heroes, and adding and subtracting in 10s. They enjoyed Friendship Day.
- Kinder and 1st combined for innovation hours: Painting, Scratch, Animal and Pet Care, Engineering, fabric arts, baking. They will do Read Across America after the break.
- Wanted to thank parents for setting up and supporting all the Friendship Day events!
- 4th grade did Levi Stadium field trip. Upcoming-SJ Symphony, Mission San Juan Bautista. For Friendship Day they brought in a community service project. Created friendship bags for homeless.
- Uptown thanks PTO for their help with innovation hour, particularly for Robotics.

❖ Special Guest Speaker- Bailey Alexander, CSI Counselor

- SEL - Social Emotional Learning
- A lot of our students need more support after the disruptions of Covid.
- Definition:
- Why do SEL? Is it counter intuitive to take time away from academics? We know the benefits are huge. Over time SEL does improve academics. Employers are also seeing the benefits of those soft skills: communication, empathy, etc.
- At CSI - Already a strong dedication to SEL here, so it makes it easier to build on it. We work on it school wide, grade level specific, and as needed for individual situations.
- We use Responsive Classroom. Morning Meetings, Character Strong, Kimochis, and Panorama Education are level one interventions, school wide interventions. Panorama allowed us to see that student sense of belonging was low, so 6th graders tackled the idea of how to improve this issue.
- There is always more we can do, but we have some great things coming up for UT. Program called Breaking Down the Walls, TUPE coming to campus to discuss tobacco use and making healthy decisions.

- Working with Common Sense Media to see how we are doing with technology use and what interventions we might need.
 - Also using the Mood Meter to help students to gauge how they are feeling throughout the day. Provides students an easy tool to recognize their emotions.
 - School to home partnership is one of the best ways to support SEL at CSI. Engage your students about their day and what they are learning. Model healthy engagement with your feelings at home. We have some tools to take home! If you are on Zoom, email Bailey and you can pick up in the office.
 - Question: What is the protocol for unwanted attention between students? Students need some skills for being assertive, but if it is a persistent problem students should reach out to Bailey or other trusted adult on campus.
 - Question: What support for
 - Question: As we continue to grow how do we build out culture here, how will parents be informed about things like vocabulary that is used on campus, and integrating it at home? Teachers can add this information to weekly bulletins.
 - Question: Does TUPE address more than just tobacco use? There is some flexibility in what we ask them to address, but the main focus is on tobacco use.
- ❖ Uptown Report - Leadership Students (Aubree Craig, Bella Garnica)
 - Most of their topics have been addressed. UT kids could not attend tonight.
- ❖ Room Coordinator Update - Maria Gray/Kelly Conroy
 - 3rd grade RCs are planning a Dessert Bar for Staff on 2/17. The monthly Staff Appreciation events have gone well and everyone seems to enjoy it!
 - The transition to having the Director of Programs oversee the RC program, as per By-Laws, is happening and Kelly is taking on more of the responsibilities.
- ❖ Fundraising Update- Pooja Jain/Kelly Conroy
 - Kelly held her first big meeting for WAT. Kelly is working with Pooja and Sara on the fundraising stuff.
- ❖ Programs Update - Kelly Conroy/Annie Barlesi
 - We will be needing lots of volunteers day of WAT
 - Wine and Art Night is coming 4/20/23 - Earth Day theme. More of a community night, led by a Del Mar art teacher/CSI parent. Adult-only event. More details coming after WAT.
- ❖ SPAC Update - Justin Fraser/Annie Barlesi
 - Big focus on TK. No longer have a preschool and space will be used for expanded TK classes
 - To join TK in the '23-'24 SY, need to be 4 by April 2, the following year, age 4 by June 2, and in the '25-'26 SY students will need to be 4 by September 1.
 - The TK program is play-based and will work on social skills needed for kindergarten.
 - iReady results are good. Scores in ELA and Math both trended up. Saw biggest jump in between 2nd and 3rd grade this year!
 - Funds were given across state for arts and music access.
 - Many schools are facing the same challenges regarding fundraising and volunteerism. Getting parents involved in the younger years
 - Question related to the grant and how the school is using the money. This is where Maria Gray has been hired to help find ways to use this money across all grades. Laying the groundwork for programs to start in the Fall.
- ❖ School Site Council Update- Lindsey Centeio
 - Have been discussing ideas for an Art based field trip, recess based program for more structured play, asked 8th graders what they would like to see in the future for art.

- LCAP - Local Control and Accountability Plan. Goal 1 is reviewing goals and making sure we are checking all boxes, Goal 2 is approaching, and for Goal 3 we want more speakers.
- Test scores are positive and reflect the district trend as well.

- ❖ New Business/Questions

- ❖ Next PTO Meeting - March 15th @ 8:15AM in the D.Studio

- ❖ Upcoming events
 - Biggest fundraiser is WAT at the end of March!

- ❖ Adjourn Meeting Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

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