



CSI PTO General Meeting **Minutes** Wednesday, January 18th, 2023

- ❖ Call Meeting to Order **Meeting called to order at 8:19am**
- ❖ 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 11/16/2022
 - Meeting Minutes & Agenda are available for review on our website.
 - **Anna moves to open discuss meeting minutes, Maria 2nds**
 - **No discussion, Moves to pass as is, Maria 2nds. All agree. No dissension.**
- ❖ Executive Board Members Present
 - **Anna Barlesi - President**
 - **Sara Siegrist - Treasurer**
 - **Maria Gray - Secretary/Parliamentarian**
 - **Shaheen Kanchwala - Dir. of Communications**
 - **Kelly Conroy - Dir. of Programs**
- ❖ President Update - Annie Barlesi
 - **1/19 - Math Game Night. Dawn Sullivan, our Math ____, planned this family event. Would like people to RSVP, but can come without RSVP.**
 - **1/24 - Wolf Pack Chat: Technology on the Adolescent Brain - Dawn Woods. Zoom**
 - **2/2 - Astronomy Night run by Ms. Hilker. Uptown reps will provide more details.**
 - **We have left over wine, so the Board is looking to do a Paint & Wine night in mid-April. Aiming for 4/19 at the Community Center. When you purchase a ticket you get art supplies, finger foods, parent camaraderie, and wine. We will have an art teacher there to guide us.**
- ❖ Treasurer's Report - Sara Siegrist
 - **Financial Reports from July to December have been given to the Auditor. She will present her findings at the March meeting.**
 - **Direct donations slowly trickling in. Would love to see more. Mostly through corporate matching.**
 - **Dining out has raised over \$1,000 so far, which is good.**
 - **Almost every grade has gone on a field trip this year. Those that have not have one in the works. PTO has been able to pay for all so far.**
 - **Anna wants everyone to know Sara has been doing a wonderful job of laying the groundwork for the treasurer role, so it will be an easy transition for any new people. Could be a good job for a working parent.**
- ❖ Principal's Report - Principal Kami Thordarson and/or Assistant Principal Stephanie Day
 - **The Robotics showcase is going well and the kids are super excited. Ms. Haughs also teaches Computer Science to K-1 in their classrooms, and grades 2-8 in the FabLab.**
 - **Math Game night. Outside organization sets it all up, but games run by our Uptown kids and it should be a fun family night.**

- Wolf Pack Chat: Technology and the Adolescent Brain (on 1/24) is on Zoom. Dawn Woods will show a 45 minute video and live Q&A afterwards.
- Kinder open house is next week. Only one open house this year because only open enrollment for kinder. We are a full TK-8 school next year and will have about 820 students. Current CSI 5th graders who might want to change schools would need to go through the transfer process instead of open enrollment. It is more complicated, but it is an option for parents. Contact Enrollment at the District Office with all questions. CSI Admin has no sway or say.
- 2/2 - Astronomy Night. The San Jose Astronomical Association will bring out telescopes. Participation from Science, Astronomy, & Leadership innovation hours providing activities and showing the movie "Hidden Figures".
- 3/9 - Black and White dance for 6-8 grades. Kids are planning the whole thing.
- Any questions? None brought up.

❖ Teacher Update - Mrs. Kathryn Underwood

- Kindergarten - Lots of discussion of peace among all people, all colors in relation to MLK Jr. Day. Partnering with 1st Grade, so 8 options for Innovation Hour.
- Ms. Alexander, counselor, will start teaching Kimochis to Kinder. Kimochis is our Social Emotional education program.
- 2nd Grade thanks PTO for funding the first round of innovation hour classes. Ms. Palmer was able to do her baking class without taking money out of her pocket, because that is usually what happens.
- 3rd grade have planned their trip to Cal Academy of Science. PTO is paying for buses and they say thank you!
- 4th grade had an experience with an Ohlone expert who came to teach about indigenous culture and life. They got to make a fire on the color top. Learned about how they produced food, how they lived, and how they dressed.
- 5th grade planning lots of field trips and have done DeAnza Planetarium, and are going to Patent Office, Cal Academy, and Westmont HS Play. Thanks to Lindsey Centeio for all her planning.
- Looking for parents to help add quality to innovation hours. Teach a lesson, help out, anything. Parents would not lead the innovation hour, but would bring expertise to it. Ms. Klaunch is specifically for Theater/Acting, Music/Choir, Game Design, and Character Drawing. This is primarily for 5th grade.
- Ms. Haughs thanks everyone for their support and volunteers for helping with classes and projects. The 7th and 8th graders are doing their robotics event in the dStudio this morning.

❖ Uptown Report - Leadership Students (Aubree Craig, Bella Garnica)

- 7th grade field trip planning for DeAnza college. Working on details. Looking at 3/23.
- More details about Astronomy Night - Astronomy Innovation hour kids will do a star walk and lead other games/activities including stomp rockets. More details to come.
- Dance is March 9th
- 8th grade is hoping to have one educational field trip and one non-academic FT
- Sports: Girls Volleyball is coming up. Info meeting on Friday, 1/20.
- Girls Basketball has a game today against Monroe. Possible game tomorrow as it is a round robin.
- Boys Soccer info meeting coming up on Tuesday, 1/17 after school
- Anna: Aubree and Bella check in with all the leadership committees and report to the PTO.

❖ Room Coordinator Update - Maria Gray/Kelly Conroy

- Sidebar re: communication - Still some issues with too many sources of information. Parent feedback is they would like more detail and consistency. Anna to bring it up in the next meeting with Admin.

❖ Programs Update - Kelly Conroy

- Our Dir. of Programs Nicole Le moved out of state, so per our bylaws we can either leave the position open, or the Board can elect a new board member. Kelly Conroy was voted in by the board. Held the position last year so it was a natural transition. Prior her appointment to the board, she was already WAT Chair and will continue with that role.
 - Kelly will be combining this discussion with fundraising.
 - WAT is at the end of March. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The event will look a lot like last year. Will need lots of volunteers day of, but right now looking for corporate sponsors. Sponsors will be printed on the shirts if we get them by the end of January. The 1st week of February, shirts will be printed at a local printer. After that, we will start looking for volunteers who can help day of.
 - Flyers for t-shirts going out within a day or so.
 - Dining outs running well. Panda Express is 1/25 and it is nationwide. Share on social media. Mod Pizza is on February, 23rd.
- ❖ SPAC Update - Justin Fraser/Annie Barlesi
 - Superintendent Parent Advisory Committee. Next meeting is 2/6. Will report in March
 - ❖ Fundraising Update - Pooja Jain
 - See Programs update
 - ❖ New Business/Questions
 - When do we have an info meeting for Uptown? No dates yet, but per past we should look for something to happen in May.
 - ❖ Next PTO Meeting - March 15th @ 8:15AM in the d.Studio, check csipto.com for upcoming events!
 - ❖ Upcoming events
 - ❖ Adjourn Meeting Meeting adjourned at 9:16am by Anna.



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