



CSI PTO General Meeting **Minutes** Wednesday, March 15th, 2023

- ❖ Call Meeting to Order **Meeting Called to order at 8:33am 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
 - Review of minutes from 2/16/2023
 - Meeting Minutes & Agenda are available for review on our website.
 - **Anna moves to pass the minutes as is, Carli 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**
 - **Pooja Jain - Dir. of Fundraising (via Zoom)**
- ❖ President Update - Annie Barlesi
 - **For us to maintain non-profit status, we have to have a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It works better to have a larger board, but that is the minimum necessary.**
 - **Going forward, we plan to post notes of board member meetings with Admin on our website.**
- ❖ Treasurer's Report - Sara Siegrist
 - **On March 1st the Board moved to reallocate \$1,000 from our Summer Budget to Miscellaneous Fundraising.**
 - **Have started the WAT. Have raised over \$10,000, but need more families to sign up.**
 - **PTO has paid for field trips for almost every grade and for a lot of Innovation Hour supplies**
 - **T-Shirts for WAT have been purchased and have sorted them, ready to distribute on 3/30 for the event on 3/31.**
 - **Sara is looking forward to training new treasurer(s) for next year!**
- ❖ Audit Report- Dafna Golan-Carbone
 - **Second time doing the audit and it was even easier this time. Sara does such a great job. No abnormal findings and no recommendations at this time. Everything looks perfect.**
- ❖ Uptown Report - Leadership Students (Aubree Craig, Bella Garnica)
 - **Introducing Zoey Benedetti and Brianna Tapia Medel who will take over presenting to PTO**
 - **We just had a dance, and it was really fun. Leadership did a great job organizing it this year. Still calculating how much money was raised.**
 - **8th grade Field Trip on Friday, 3/17 to see SJSU**
 - **Pura Vida bracelets - Want to know if we should start looking at colors. Anna - They come in blocks of 50 so we would opt for a variety of colors.**

- Ms. Underwood asks where the money goes? It all goes back to the PTO General Fund.
 - Volleyball Varsity game got cancelled due to power outage. Varsity won 1 game out of 4 so far. JVa has won 2 of 4, JVb hasn't won any. Soccer also had a game cancelled due to muddy field issues. The Soccer teams have won a few games.
 - WAT - Leadership made posters and will put them up around campus.
- ❖ **Teacher Update - Mrs. Kathryn Underwood**
 - Didn't get as many teacher responses as usual. We are in report card season. Kindergarten is learning about animals that lay eggs and hatch their offspring. Learning about weather and tracking weather. Thank you to the parents who provided lunch on the Professional Development day. Kinder is really excited about WAT
 - 5th grade wants to thank Alina Kwak for bringing Zack Grenier (actor) via zoom for their acting innovators hour. Students asked lots of questions. Thank you to all the parents for reaching out to the community to bring in lots of support for Innovation Hour.
 - Report cards are due at 4pm today 3/15.
- ❖ **Call for Elections- Parliamentarian Maria Gray**
 - Elections are in May
 - At this time we are opening up the Nominating Committee. Anyone can serve who is not planning to run for a PTO board position.
 - Once Nominations close on May 3rd, the NC will create a list of nominations for each position, along with their candidate statement. This will be posted a week before elections, which will be held on Wednesday, May 17th.
- ❖ **Room Coordinator Update -Kelly Conroy**
 - March is a busy month for teachers, finishing one trimester and beginning the last one of the year, so we asked the RCs to check in on their teachers and see if they needed any extra support. March will be 2nd grade's turn for staff appreciation so they are building a taco bar for Fiesta Friday on 3/24. April will be handled by 4th grade and they are already in the planning phases.
 - With the Wolf-A-Thon at the end of the month, we encourage RCs and other parents to reach out and spread the word about WAT whether it be on social media (each grade has a FB page), on campus, or via class email/newsletters. We would love all of the students to participate in fundraising and school spirit in their grade-level colors on the day of the event. The more we raise now the more we can do as a community next year!
- ❖ **Fundraising Update- Pooja Jain/Kelly Conroy (WAT)**
 - WAT is the focus right now. We have about 10% of families are signed up on Pledgestar, but it would be great to get closer to 50%. There are paper forms in the Welcome Center for those who do not want to be online. Last year we made \$45,000 and the board decided it made sense to put more effort into one larger fundraiser rather than lots of little ones.
 - Looking into a fundraiser that Uptown students can own and have landed on Pura Vida bracelets.
- ❖ **Programs Update - Kelly Conroy**
 - Mendocino Farms fundraiser today online only.
 - Starbird on 4/4. This is a new one for us.
 - 4/20 - Wine and Paint Night. We have an Art teacher from Del Mar who is volunteering her time. We have room for 75 people. Admission includes all supplies, wine, nibbles. Cost is \$55 per person.

- ❖ SPAC Update - Justin Fraser/Annie Barlesi
 - No recent meeting. Next update in April.

- ❖ School Site Council Update- Lindsey Centeio
 - SSC meets tomorrow, so update in April

- ❖ Principal's Report - Principal Kami Thordarson and/or Assistant Principal Stephanie Day
 - Wolf-Pack Chat on 3/22 for just 5th grade parents on Zoom on transitioning to Uptown. Looking at scheduling via PowerSchool. In person Wolf-Pack Chat on 3/23 in the dStudio for the whole community. Anna mentioned that the 4th grade field trip is the same day, so will look at moving it to 4/7.
 - Tobacco awareness assemblies for Uptown went well. Breaking Down the Walls is next week. It is a workshop for Uptown to go through relationship building and SEL. Takes place over a couple of days.
 - Summer school invites went out from the district based on specific criteria. They went out on 3/14. If parents are asking about this, send them to the Welcome Center.
 - Bathrooms are reopened today. Had conversations with classes about wanting to see changes in behavior. Uptown is using a sign out sheet for bathrooms to help with accountability.
 - Block grant money has been used to support field trips and Maria Gray is getting things established for next year. Book Club has started.
 - Staffing: Adding another counselor, so we will have 2. Adding a TK for next year, and will have a 3rd TK the following year. Last Uptown position will be filled as well and we will be full.
 - Kathryn Underwood is going full time.
 - We are getting an Equity Coach to work with teachers on ELD work.
 - Post for a Community Liaison (.75 time). Work schedule is somewhat flexible. Outreach person for families and community events.
 - New PE teacher being added who has experience and will work with Mr. Carmen.
 - Mr. Aguayo will be going back to full-time at Rolling Hills, so at this time there will not be a music teacher on campus next year. A parent asked a question about ways to bring more music into the school, which can be addressed at the Wolf-Pack Chat.
 - Uptown teachers will be moving from 3 preps to 5 preps in line with other Middle Schools in the district. So will have 4 full time prep teachers: 2 PE, Creativity & Design, and Computer Science.

- ❖ New Business/Questions

- ❖ Next PTO Meeting - April 19th @ 7:00PM in the D.Studio

- ❖ Upcoming events

- ❖ Adjourn Meeting **Adjourned at 9:55am**

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