



## CSI PTO General Meeting **Minutes** Wednesday, March 16th, 2022

- ❖ Call Meeting to Order **Anna called the meeting to order at 7:06pm**
- ❖ President Welcome - Anna 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 additional topics were brought up.**
  - Review of minutes from 1/19/2022
    - Meeting Minutes & Agenda are available for review on our website.
      - **Anna moved to accept minutes, Maria seconded. Minutes approved by a majority of members.**
- ❖ Executive Board Members Present ([csipto.info@gmail.com](mailto:csipto.info@gmail.com))
  - **Anna Barlesi - President**
  - **Shaheen Kanchwala - Vice President**
  - **Maria Gray - Secretary/Parliamentarian**
  - **Sara Siegrist - Treasurer (via Zoom)**
  - **Staci Binns - Dir. of Communications (via Zoom)**
  - **Serena Cuyar - Dir. of Fundraising (via Zoom)**
- ❖ Treasurer's Report - Sara S.
  - **Money from Feed the Wolf is still trickling in. Reminder that many companies do matching programs! We are relying on WAT to be a big fundraiser and planning is starting up.**
- ❖ Audit Report - Meredyth
  - **Finds the financials are in great shape. She has no recommendations for improvements.**
- ❖ Principal's Report - Assistant Principal Stephanie Day
  - **Monthly assemblies continue and our most recent was on the 16th. March Character Strong theme is Responsibility. Student Leadership designs and runs them and it is great to see them improving each time and learning how to differentiate the message to the younger vs older students.**
  - **Upper Grades are holding their first dance on Friday, 3/18. Student lead from start to finish.**
  - **Ms. Read's class wrote a letter to Leadership asking for Junior Yard Duty (3rd-7th grades) to happen. Meggen G. is spearheading and 100 kids have volunteered. They will be called the Playground Pack.**
  - **ELAC Meeting this week. Students are currently taking the LCAP state test.**
  - **We have had visiting groups from Redwood Shores and Los Altos to find out more about Design Thinking. Have gotten lots of feedback and it is affirming to hear that these outside educators see that we are doing what we say we are doing.**

- District is hosting Wellness Week next week. Look on the website for information on classes (virtual and in person) for students, families, parents, and teachers. Info will be sent out soon.
- ❖ **Teacher Update - Mrs. Kathryn Underwood**
  - Teachers are so grateful for the support of the parents and the PTO. They are loving the constant flow of snacks in the Oasis!
  - 2nd Grade are thankful for the funds provided that allowed them to purchase materials (seeds, soil, etc) for their plant unit.
  - Uptown is looking forward to Friday's Spring Fling dance. 90 students have purchased tickets so far. They are also looking into a field trip in May. Investigating Great America's math & science program.
  - Ms. Haughs provided a few short videos to show what the kids are doing in the Fabrication Lab. Some programming around movement in Robotics and pixelation of lights. Thankful for last year's donation from the PTO to get the Fab Lab up and running.
- ❖ **RC Update- Maria, Sarah V., Nicole**
  - Things are going smoothly. All the RCs have settled in and are helping their teachers. The monthly staff appreciation treats are going well!
  - The RCLs helped put together a new student Welcome Pack that can be emailed by RCs to any new students joining the school mid year. Excited that this packet has been translated into Spanish and Vietnamese!
- ❖ **Programs Update- Kelly/Annie**
  - We have earned \$850 from WamiSwag sales so far this year. WS has also provided us with a great price for our WAT shirts, and every student at the school will receive a shirt.
  - The Hicklebee's Book Fair was not huge this year, but it has opened the door and provided us with opportunities to work with them on an in-person Book Fair next year. Very exciting! Ellen W. suggested getting an account with them to earn credits. Anna will explore that idea with Ellen after the meeting.
  - Upcoming Dining Outs: Panda Express (Paseo de Saratoga) on 3/29 and Boston Market (on Bascom and Hamilton) on 4/15.
- ❖ **School Site Council Update- Nicole**
  - We are excited for two new hires next year: a full time on campus Counselor and a ½ time music teacher to be shared with Rolling Hills.
  - We were accepted into the Sports League for next year. We will have 2 Coed sports, one Boys sport, and one girls. Tentatively those sports will be Cross Country, Track & Field, Basketball, and Volleyball.
  - SSC have made some updates to their bylaws, and they are happy to see steady improvement in the test scores.
- ❖ **SPAC Update- Justin**
  - SPAC stands for Superintendent Parent Advisory Committee. At the meeting they talked about updated mask recommendations (still recommended, but no longer required). Onsite Covid testing will continue for the near term.
  - District is continuing to work on their Anti-Racism programs at all the schools.
  - The District's 100th anniversary is on April 30th at the Campbell Historical Museum. CSI will have a table with a small design thinking challenge for people to try.
  - The Wellness Center at Monroe is going well. Students have access and can also refer other students who they believe would benefit.
  - Schools all report that things like field trips, drama, assemblies, etc are all resuming.

- Next meeting is on 5/2 so send Justin any updates! Email to [csipto.info@gmail.com](mailto:csipto.info@gmail.com) and it will be passed on to Justin.
  
- ❖ Elections- Maria
  - Election season is now! We are putting out the call to assemble a Nominating Committee made up of a few parents who are not running for any PTO Board positions. If interested, let Maria know after this meeting or email the PTO.
  - We are seeking nominations for all Board positions. Even if an existing Board member is running again, we want candidates. "Make us work for our positions!" Two positions have the option to have two candidates: Co-President and Co-Treasurer. Anyone who has a child at the school is eligible to run.
  - The nomination process is online. You can nominate yourself or another person, but please check with them first.
  - The NC will verify all candidates, put together the ballot, post the candidates on May 3rd, and manage the election on May 10th. The newly elected board is presented at the May 18th General Meeting and will take office on July 1st.
  
- ❖ Fundraising Update- Serena/Annie
  - Our ongoing fundraisers continue to bring in a bit of money: Boon Supply, See's Spring, Amazon Smile, and Mabel's Labels.
  - WAT: Meggen Gregory and DeeDee Beckstrom are co-chairs for this event on Friday, May 6th. They are looking for volunteers both day-of and for planning. We are using the same online platform as last year, which was very easy to use and we hope to duplicate the success of last year. The event will be after lunch, so volunteers can either come early to help set up or come help during the event. Shaheen reminded everyone that if they email the [csipto.info@gmail.com](mailto:csipto.info@gmail.com) with their interest, they will be connected with the right people.
  
- ❖ New Business/Questions
  - A reminder about the monthly Drop & Walk! The 1st Friday of each month at around 8:15am, a group of parents meet at the Downtown gate (by the Rincon pathway). The walk is approx 1-2 miles, and people often drop off a little early if they need to go. Great way to meet new parents!
  - Meredyth works for the Campbell HS District and wanted to put the word out about a need for a short term appointee to the School Board. This would not be a full term role and candidates simply need to submit an application. This is for District 2 of the HS Board of Trustees. Check the Board website for more information if interested.
  - A question was asked if we will have an Upper Grade rep on the PTO and this is something that we planned to discuss at the next board meeting. Stephanie Day also mentioned that SSC is considering something similar.
  - Another question related to field trips for their child's class. The PTO has funds to help support these FTs, so parents are encouraged to ask teachers if there are any in the works and to offer to help with planning if possible.
  
- ❖ Next PTO Meeting on Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00PM in person AND via Zoom
  - Meeting link will be posted on our website: [www.csipto.com](http://www.csipto.com)
  
- ❖ Adjourn Meeting Anna adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm



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