



CSI PTO General Meeting **Agenda** Wednesday, May 18th, 2022

- ❖ Call Meeting to Order **Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Anna Barlesi**
- ❖ 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
 - Review of minutes from 3/16/2022
 - Meeting Minutes & Agenda are available for review on our website.
 - **Anna moved to open discussion of minutes, Maria seconded. No questions were raised. Anna moved to accept minutes, seconded and passed by a majority of members present.**
- ❖ Executive Board Members Present (csipto.info@gmail.com)
 - Anna Barlesi - President
 - Shaheen Kanchwala - Vice President
 - Sara Siegrist - Treasurer
 - Maria Gray - Secretary Parliamentarian
 - Staci Binns - Dir. of Communications
 - Serena Cuyar - Dir. of Fundraising (via Zoom)
 - Kelly Conroy - Dir. of Programs (via Zoom)
- ❖ President Update - Annie Barlesi
 - **We saved this for the end, and everything was covered by the other reports!**
- ❖ Treasurer's Report - Sara Siegrist
 - **The Board voted to reallocate funds into the WAT budget. We reallocated \$500 from the Auction budget since we are not having one this year, plus \$75.66 remaining in the Book Fair budget.**
 - **The Board also reallocated \$--- to purchase a school site movie license, which is good through May 12, 2023.**
 - **Passive fundraisers are doing well. We are expecting another check from Amazon Smile soon.**
 - **We are starting to think about next year's budget. If there are ideas for events, fundraisers, etc. send them to the board at csipto.info@gmail.com.**
 - **Anna added that the Board will meet during the summer to plan.**
- ❖ Summer Budget - Sara Siegrist
 - **Typically our budget is formed in July and approved in September. This year we would like to approve a Summer budget so we can start planning Fall things before the new budget is approved.**
 - **Sara proposes taking \$4,000 from the Spring Fundraiser (which did not happen) to be used toward planning a Fall Adult Social, plus taking \$2,000 from Community Engagement to cover costs for the beginning of the year.**
 - **Anna moves to discuss, Maria seconds.**
 - **Q: Will this happen next Summer as well? A: If this year goes smoothly, we will look at doing it again.**

- Q: How much is left in next year's budget after the proposed Summer Budget? A: Rough estimate of \$70,000 - \$100,000 for next year. Still working through our end of year costs. We maintain a \$20,000 reserve, which we would like to increase to \$25,000 in next year's budget.
 - Anna moves to pass Summer Budget, Maria seconds. It passes with a majority of members present voting yes.

- ❖ Election of New Executive PTO Board for 2022-2023 School Year
 - The slate of candidates for next year are:
 - Anna Barlesi - President
 - Carli Muloy - Vice President
 - Maria Gray - Secretary Parliamentarian
 - Sara Siegrist - Treasurer
 - Shaheen Kanchwala - Dir. of Communications
 - Pooja Jain - Director of Fundrasing
 - Nicole Le - Dir. of Programs
 - Because we do not have more than one candidate for each role, per the Bylaws, we are holding a voice vote today. Anna moves to open for discussion. Kelly seconds. No questions are raised. Anna moves to elect candidates. Staci seconds. All candidates are elected by a majority of members present.

- ❖ Principal's Report - Principal Kami Thordarson and/or Assistant Principal Stephanie Day
 - We have a lot of Field Trips happening right now. We are also experiencing a COVID surge. The weekly testing has been great to pinpoint positive cases early.
 - We are finishing up hiring for next year. Still have 2 open position.
 - Uptown meeting on June 1st @4pm in the Bistro to go over changes for next year. We will have 4 returning teachers and 4 new teachers.
 - There will be a celebration of Michelle von Richter at next assembly since she is retiring.
 - Our Innovation Showcase will be Thursday, May 26th 2:30-4pm. Downtown will be from 2:30-3, Midtown from 3-3:30 in the D-Studio, and Uptown from 3:30-4. Students will be presenting their "Bug" projects showing what bugs them and how they would fix it. Downtown focuses on things in the classroom, Midtown looks at school wide issues, and Uptown takes it beyond.
 - Q: Will COVID testing continue in the Fall? A: Not currently planned.
 - State testing has been harder with COVID absences along with generally higher levels of anxiety. Goal for next year is to focus more on social/emotional preparation for the kids, as well as more parent education.
 - Noticing that cell phone addiction is real, particularly in the upper grades. Current school policy is phones are allowed on campus, but must stay in backpacks and turned off during the day. This works for most kids, but it is harder in Uptown.

- ❖ Teacher Update - Mrs. Kathryn Underwood
 - Kami covered a lot of subjects!
 - Teachers had so much to say about the WAT. They loved the event that the parent community put together and are amazed at how much money was raised. They are looking forward to next year.
 - 2nd grade is thankful for being able to purchase supplies and books. Kinder & TK are thankful for the Children's Discovery Museum field trip.
 - Several class parties will be happening in John D. Morgan Park.
 - Teachers were blown away by Staff Appreciation Week and all the amazing gestures throughout the week.

- ❖ RC Update - Maria Gray and Nicole Chitty
 - The RCs have taken on the monthly appreciation events. Upcoming is Uptown at end of May, and 3rd grade in June.
 - RCs did a wonderful job celebrating their teachers during SAW

- Will be doing a survey of RCs regarding this year and looking forward to next year. We will manage Uptown a little differently to better serve the needs of the teachers.
 - Sarah van Gothem was the admin help at the beginning of the year and was so helpful. She is moving, so looking for someone who loves Google forms to help get the year started right.
 - Idea for website: Add a Volunteer tab to provide one place with all the info needed.
- ❖ Programs Update - Kelly Conroy/Annie Barlesi
 - For Spiritwear, we are discussing a possible bulk order early in the Fall.
 - Have some good feedback from parents regarding which restaurants and nights are the best for next year.
 - ❖ School Site Council Update - Nicole Chitty
 - Next meeting we will be looking at next year and reviewing testing.
 - Safety committee has been running drills
 - ❖ SPAC Update - Justin Fraser
 - District continues to focus on social/emotional learning and provide more support for teachers
 - District survey shows staff would like more voice and more productive meetings. Parents want more clarity in communications. Streamlined communications.
 - ❖ Fundraising Update - Serena
 - Our WAT was so successful because we had a committee. A good blueprint for how to proceed in the future. Our goal was \$30,000, but we made over \$45,000. \$26,000 was raised from direct email requests. We could not have done it without the 100+ parent volunteers.
 - Feed the Wolf is at \$19,000 and would love a bit more.
 - ❖ New Business/Questions
 - Nothing was brought up
 - ❖ Next PTO Meeting - Fall of the 2022-2023 school year, check csipto.com for updates!
 - ❖ Adjourn Meeting Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm by Anna Barlesi



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