

**PTSO Meeting
September 16, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Board:

President - Pam Woll

Vice President - Kathi Ehlers

Secretary - Shirin Spangenberg

Treasurer - Jo Gabrielson

Communications Coordinator - Ben Ling

Principal – Bob OConner

Shelley Marshall

Cecily Gilbert

Julianne Rosen-Carone

Andrea Lettman

Laura Falter

Riki Case

Sandra Wintr Hersch

Ben Ling

Kirsten Nilsson

Heidi Hewitt

Laurie Fajardo

Belinda Adams

Toni Adams

Shannon Hallowell Schemmer

Marilyn Carson

Welcome: Pam Woll

Student Council Update: Babe Miller

-Homecoming and Spirit Week are next week

=Spirit Week:

M – Pajama day

T - USA Day

W – Neon

Th - Tropical

Friday - Sr's dress in camo, Jrs/Soph: red white

Wed:

Powder puff game (girls): Dozier

Powder buff: volleyball (boys)

Thursday: bonfire

PTSO has only done popcorn in the past

Fire department sets up and lights the bonfire

Spirit week activities at lunch, trying to get prizes for this, any kind of prizes; anyone have connections? Gift cards, etc. by Friday

Bmiller17@pcstudents.us

-Bob O'Connor will talk to Caleb about having Student body Communications Officer put events on website

-there needs to be a place for information

-Babe Miller mentioned information is on Instagram: pcstuco_

-not everyone has Instagram, so they will put it on website

Homecoming Dance: Saturday, 7:30 – 11:30 pm, Silver Lake Lodge, Deer Valley

Theme is "Masquerade in Paris"

-Hoping to have crepes and stream lights; they have a DJ

-Sign painting is 9-12 on Sat

9th graders can come with an upperclassman

-If they come from a different school they need to sign paperwork in office

-Student body does food

Principal Update: Bob O'Connor

-19th day of school

-His role: informational resource, fix problems

-2 new Asst. Principals, new counselor, 10 new teachers

-Daniel James Brown is here: welcome to stay for presentation in lecture hall

-parent in community has Pocock boat and it is in lecture hall

-athletics are in full swing

-Power School has been a headache, running slow, frustrating

-counselors have been really taxed as they have lost schedules

-we have the upgrade and problems are with the upgrade

-schools without upgrade (South Summit) are not experiencing problems

-It was College Day here Monday morning (9/14); seniors heard presentations from different colleges

- Police car here today: teacher hit deer, had to file report for insurance reasons
- Our School Resource Officer, Sgt Corey Allen has been promoted to Lt, he is leaving and we will be getting new SRO Officer

Pam: why don't juniors listen to college presentations? Bob will talk to counselors; they would miss a lot of classes; Seniors are in the process of completing college applications

- More students are taking classes here from TMJH
- TMJH students make about 370 trips to the high school every day for classes

Questions? No

- Heidi Hewitt runs docudrama; wanted to do same thing with texting and driving. HH spent summer making film; it is premiering next Thursday to those who participated.

- Friday assembly – may show it then, but assembly in gym not Eccles

Goal to have students see it before Homecoming

- Film is a little over 8 minutes, it's a PSA, they want to distribute to other districts
- server does not work so cannot upload it, considering a private YouTube channel so teachers can show it.

It's pretty graphic, powerful

Film department and equipment is really impressive, they have editing software; film is impressive and top quality

Premiere: Thursday 9/17 at 7 pm, Lecture Hall, we are welcome to attend so long as we don't bring extra people

- Culinary students are catering the premiere, which will save a lot of money

If we meet in same room as today (Room 256), we can show film at our next meeting on 10/21

Bringing by-laws up to date: Shirin Spangenberg

- By-laws state they should be reviewed every year and updated every 3 years
- there are 7 board positions in by-laws, we have not had all 7

- PTSO did updates, copies are available at meeting for review; we made suggestions and changes to simplify
- changed PTSO from a 7 person board to 5 person board
- Add 5th person as tie breaker and communications
- Julianne stated the last year's board was 5 members
- These are updated, there will be a link
- next month we will vote on changing the by-laws

Committee Updates:

- Homecoming: Michelle Tychsen could not make it
- School pictures: Lori Forchic
 - Went well, twice as many volunteers as needed
 - Volunteers are supposed to get free packages for kids, Ben will contact LifeTouch
 - pictures came home yesterday

Registration: email Ben on how to make it better next year

Ben's email: skiuphill@gmail.com

Question: is there any way to have fees be automatic for classes? There has been difficulty matching the fees to the classes;

- Software we used for fees is not meshing well with PowerSchool
- Software doesn't let you get a total before you check out, working on this to try to have it a little more cohesive;
- even more explanation of what fees are for
- had to highlight and hover cursers over the fee
- still a lot better than former registration process
- Common Question: why are we paying book fee if everything is on the computer? Answer: It pays for software licensing on the computer;
- we should update the language on some of the fees on the fee schedule

Directory: Ben

Directory Spot K has been approved, cost this year is: \$700

Jo reported that the PTSO board approved payment of \$700 because invoice was received in August;

Next year, the online directory will cost: \$750

Online directory can be accessed on phone and on computer

It will be available as soon as Ben can upload information to Directory Spot.

There should be a new password every year; don't share passwords with anyone
Won't be able to send password out until we have list of everyone who paid the
PTSO dues

It may be weeks before we find out

If you paid online you still need to fill out PTSO membership form

When PowerSchool does work, we don't need the form

-they had last year's membership form online

-Bob O'Connor returned to meeting and introduced Jessie Shuveiller, new Asst.
Principal

Return to Directory discussion:

-no place to sign up online for Committees

-Jo stated that last year's PTSO board had approved the use of the online
directory.

-Julianne stated that the PTSO Board did not have the right to approve the
payment for the online directory; this was confirmed by Julie Eihausen

Volunteer Coordinator: Ben

-we have a fair # of people for all committees

Julianne Rosen: we don't need people for laptop collection

Conference meal and staff appreciation: need chair

Conference Meals: Marilyn Carson offered to chair it again, she did it last year

-needs to know if there is a budget

Mini grants: Pam

-waiting for PCEF to give out grants

Julie Eihausen: typically, board member not on grant committee, only treasurer

-when you have more than one on grant committee, gives appearance of undue
influence

-recommend someone else chair it

-ask Shirin if she wants to be on grants or have a board position, she needs to
decide

-she can't be the chair

Julianne and Lauri West will co-chair if Shirin wants to stay on PTSO Board

Julie recommends that no other board members are on committee
Usually no more than 6 people on committee

AP Testing: Toni Adams

- going to separate stress week and AP testing
- we can send out to Volunteers at Large for volunteers

No Stress Week during AP testing, only 3 stress weeks, stress week is finals week

October 14th the planned test for 10th graders

PSAT tests for Juniors

We have bought snacks for this, Toni Adams happy to buy snacks and keep them for AP Testing

- 2 full weeks every day, multiple locations

Stress Week: finals week, last week of every quarter

It's fruit and water bottle,

Weds, Thursday, Friday

Q: What about bringing in therapy dogs like Weber State and elementary schools?

Julianne: new set of rules for schools, make sure we are within it; talk to Bob

Stress Week: 2 parents are there, during lunch

Kids really appreciate it

Docudrama: Heidi Hewitt

- Mini doc won't be a line item until we film it again which won't be for a few years

- They intend to Copyright it. Cost: \$300

- Premiere of Mini-Docudrama: Bob is taking out of Sundance budget

- Docudrama: never know if cars are being donated,

- Towing: \$75, already at \$900,

- Red thumb rings: not doing for mini-docudrama; cost last year: \$200

- better to only give them once

- It's a little thumb ring, fits on thumb, a reminder not to text and drive

- Is \$200 enough? It was \$175 last year

- We have some leftover so this should be enough

Laptop distribution: Julianne

Went really well, very smooth,

Not collecting chargers anymore, have kids hold them at home in the summer,
run risk of having them not enroll next year
Seniors hand theirs back in

Grad Night: Gwen not in attendance

Volunteers at large: Sheila Hall

-no questions, happy to help

PCEF: Ben

Red Apple Gala: went really well, don't have numbers yet

PCHS: will get \$500 for donating time at gala

Sunday 20/Monday 21: PCHS Vinto 20% back days, only for dinner, dine in

They donate through LivePC & GivePC

High school clubs that benefit: dance, band, scholarships, health care,
gay/straight, cheer, robotics, debate

Top 2 schools that participate: schools can earn bonus 1000 or 500

-other schools have different nights

Beat the Call starts today 9/16

If haven't donated yet, they will call you

Want everyone to donate \$1 per day

School with highest BTC participation, \$2500 UPS grant

Community Council Liaison: Toni Adams

Parents, teachers and administrators

Charged by UT state legislature to put together school improvement plan

Plan is how land grants are spent

\$85,000 /year

4 different goals: student achievement

1. Monitor student achievement through testing
2. Use data to determine intervention and instruction strategies to improve student growth: tutors, math lab, science
3. Looking at achievement gap: Latinos in Action, content link
4. Fund ongoing programs and support professional development and innovative technologies

Meeting once a month

September 24th, 2:30, Conference Room main office
Schedule is posted on school website
Elected this year: Marilyn Carson, Eric Falter and Karla Knox

School Board: Julianne Rosen

-Grade realignment: Superintendent Conley is to make recommendation to leave 9th grade out of high school next year
Next meeting is 9/22 at 4 pm
Agenda is posted Monday before
Video of meeting is put online 48 hours,
-video is broken into sections so can watch different sections, don't have to watch the whole thing

Treasurer Update: Jo Gabreilson

-reviewed Treasurer's Report

-General Funds: \$6637 in bank, more than we expected to rollover
-gives us an excess to put into this year's budget
Projected Income: refer to Treasurer's Report
Balance available: \$1647.81
-this is all we can use for mini-grants

Online enrollment:

-membership drive: going to send something out in newsletter

Membership Dues: \$330, PowerSchool = unknown

Donations: \$365

Smith's: reenroll every year

-waiting for confirmation if it's by August or January

Online Directory: Julianne stated not accurate to state that it was agreed, it was deferred to this year's board

-Jo: this board did agree

-why do we need a directory? Directory is helpful to new parents

-Money has been spent, board got together and voted on it and bill has been paid

-Directory is of everyone unless they opt out

-how much of an incentive is it to join PTSO to get the Directory? Need new PR campaign

Membership is down because of the way we did online registration this year

We should no longer hinge membership on online directory

Registration: have someone there for PTSO is helpful

-nice to have someone there where sign-ups are

-people need to understand where money goes

-information is on website

-email blast: We need you to join, and why; put it part of the newsletter

-make it its own email

-make it clear that membership is down

Conferences: we can have a table then?

We only found out yesterday how much money we have, with the rollover from last year, so it's no mini-grants at this point

Have email go out to all parents and have table at conferences

We may need to cut things

"Conference meals provided by PTSO" sign

Sheila will email volunteers at large and help with table at conferences

Pam will help with table

Jo: We are ok this year, but next year we may not be

Proposed budget Vote:

Motion to approve: Belinda Adams

Seconded

Pam: all in favor

Proposed Budget approved

We have a PTSO banner "sponsored by PTSO"

-this should show up at all events

Need a print out of everything PTSO does, print it out at the UPS store

Can we do fundraising?

District PTO wants us to report on what fundraising we do?

-we don't do a fundraiser, membership is our fundraiser

-We can have one fundraising event

-we need to be careful at the high school because don't want the PTSO to compete with the kids because kids are doing a lot of fundraising on their own, we don't want to be compete with our own kids

New business: Master Plan Update

Tania Knauer and Julie Enhausen

-let Tania know if your HOA would like to see information on the bond

2% growth annually

People moving in from CA and NY

Capacity needs to be addressed at secondary schools as well, not just elementary

Subject of realignment came up

2017/18:

Elementary preK – 4

Ecker: 5-8

TMJH – no more

PCHS: 9-12

Survey: students don't like being at Treasure, they want to be at high school

2016: all-day kindergarten, regardless of realignment

Middle School Years: gives opportunity to look at programming at those ages;
what schedule best serves those age groups?

Dual language better served

Programming needs at high school: PCCAAPs, CTE, testing space

Athletic Facilities

Trailside: "learning chalets"

-we will need some at high school,

Long term plan: need to think about the future, 10 years down the road

Gym: we have JV practice gyms; we don't have a competition gym

Repurpose performing arts space

We have thousands of dollars of equipment lining the halls

Athletic facilities need to be updated

McPolin: don't think they need to add class space this year

-kindergartener hit last year in parking lot

Looking at drop off and pick-up, redo playground

New Dozier Field:

-talked about moving track and making it available

Soccer field turf so it can be plowed

-no storage or locker rooms at Dozier

During ½ time teams are out in the cold

(Left meeting during discussion of Master Plan)