**COLLEGE STATION HIGH SCHOOL PTO Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2023**

**In Attendance:** Holly Sharp, Guadalupe Martell, Shelly Humphrey, Kim Ege, Joy Cashion, Hailey Bodden, Melissa Carter, Shelby Lyne, Lauren Connally, Misty Kalke, Daniela Volosen

**Call to order:** 12:02

**Teacher Representative’s Update:** Ms. Martell – Teachers are excited about lunch coming up.

**Approval of October 2023 meeting minutes:** Motion was made by Shelby Lyne. Second was made by Joy Cashion. All in favor. October minutes were approved.

**Principal’s Update:** No report

**President’s Report:** Holly Sharp

* Lots of activities going on at the school. Lockout and fire drills after we come back from the break. Final exams December 13th-15th, with early release on the 15th.
* At last week’s election, two school bonds passed (A and B) and two failed (C and D).
* At Citywide PTO, Education Foundation report said 86 grants were applied for and 72 are being funded in total of $325,000. Grant patrol is this Thursday. Brazos Valley Gives brought in $81,000 and 144 families participated. We also heard guest speakers on social media and mental health.

**Treasurer Report:** Joy Cashion

* Starting balance at beginning of October was $21,226. Received checks from Kroger and a sponsorship. Cleared teacher appreciation check and citywide dues. Balance now is $21,702.
* We still have two outstanding checks for scholarships to Blinn from after prom.

**Fundraising:** Sherry Sutton & Miriam Williams Gerdes – Nothing new to report

**Sponsorships & Engagement:** Norma Croskey –

* Sponsorship drive closed Nov 1. Will make sign for front office and add sponsors to our website. BVOMS sponsored at $1000 so they’ll be on principal newsletter and fund a scholarship. Will look for more sponsors for scholarships.
* Looking for ideas for how to utilize funds and have engagement with students at senior sunset since we’re not doing after prom. Will likely have scholarships and small prize drawings.

**Teacher Hospitality:** Shelby Lyne & Katy Jackson – Thanksgiving lunch for staff this Thursday. Next semester will have breakfast the week before spring break and lunch during teacher appreciation week.

**Staff Appreciation:** Hailey Bodden & Misty Kalke – Still doing cookies and snacks.

**Communications (Social Media):** Michelle Hawthorne – Nothing new to report but remember to send her pictures if we have any.

**Communications (Website):** Lauren Connally – no new items to report, will add sponsors

**VIPS & Donations:** Ericka Mitchell – no new items to report

**Copy Coordinator:** Crystal Warner – no new items to report

**Other Business:**  none

Future Meetings (3rd Tuesday of each month at noon in the LGI): Dec. 12\*, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 19, Apr.16, May 21 (\*denotes not a 3rd Tuesday )

Question asked about finals schedule. This is what was sent out:

Dec 13th – 5th period 8:25-10:20, 6th period 10:25-12:20, open lunch 12:20-1:50, 7th period 1:55-3:50

Dec 14th – 3rd period 8:25-10:20, 2nd period 10:25-12:20, open lunch 12:20-1:50, 1st period 1:55-3:50

Dec 15th – 4th period 8:25-10:20, open lunch then early release

Cards for exemptions available at lunch the 4th-6th

Meeting adjourned at 12:29.

**Addendum:**

On December 6, Holly Sharp sent an email to the board to discuss PTO helping with the counselor’s office donation drive for families in our school. A motion was made by Sherry Sutton to:

1. approve the $795 that was specifically raised for the Counselor's fundraiser to be used to purchase gift cards for the CSHS couselor's gift card drive

2. approve $205 to be spent from the Staff Requests budget to be used to purchase gift cards for the CSHS couselor's gift card drive

Second was made by Ericka Mitchell.

Votes were 15 for and none against. Motion passes.