

Cuthbertson High School
PTSO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 09, 2020 (via video conference)

Attendees: LaDonna Baldwin, Dina Blazek, Sonya Carter, Lisa Dipiazza, Jane Gettinger, Trish Giglio, Amy Githmark, Tracey Hammond, Allison Matthews, Liz Patel, Kelly Sanfilippo, Diana Skarbek, Jeffery Stout, Julie Swafford, Jenn Ward, Georgina Zayas-DeCouto

Call to Order: 6:32 p.m.

Approve Meeting Minutes from October: LaDonna Baldwin moved to approve; Jane Gettinger seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Administration and Staff Update:

- Principal Stout expressed appreciation for the treats for the staff and support from the PTSO.
- Exams will be held before the winter break this year, which is a good change in many aspects, but also presents challenges for the school.
- Trish Giglio asked if students could soon be returning in person four days a week. Principal Stout repeated that those decisions come from Governor Cooper and the Board of Education, not individual schools.
- Principal Stout explained again that during the pandemic all events need to continue to be drive-through events. All schools within UCPS have received the same directive.
- Ms. DeCouto shared appreciation for the PTSO treats and support from the community.
- She is waiting to hear about ACT/SAT testing for the spring.
- Ms. Githmark thanked the PTSO for support, and expressed that even a small treat makes a big difference and is a boost to morale.

President's Report:

- Allison Matthews thanked Ms. Githmark and the other staff members who modeled spirit wear for the PTSO social media pages.
- She welcomed Sonya Carter, who will be helping LaDonna Baldwin on the Scholarship Committee.
- Dina Blazek was recognized for her work selling spirit wear at the Lawson Vendor Fair.
- NuCor Corporation is a new PTSO sponsor, with a generous donation of \$1,000, which is greatly appreciated.

Treasurer's Report:

- Jane Gettinger relayed highlights from the monthly financial reports.
- Invest has increased and will meet and possibly exceed budgeted goals; Membership is below expected numbers.
- Spirit Wear sales had an increase of \$2,800 from the Lawson event and online sales.
- Allison Matthews asked Principal Stout if there were needs at the school that the PTSO could help with, possibly equipment or supplies for Mr. Kohlbrenner for helping with the PTSO video. Principal Stout said he would keep it in mind as he looked at the school's budget.

Committee Updates:

Hospitality

- Staff birthday cards and Target gift cards were delivered for October and November birthdays.
- Candy bags were distributed to all CHS staff and bus drivers for October.
- Plans are being made for Pie Day. Pies will be collected at the school, or donations can be made via gift cards.
- Thoughts are being discussed for December, since no in-person luncheon can be held as it has in the past. Ideas are gift cards to be distributed to the staff and/or a "grab-and-go" boxed lunch.

Senior Events

- Plans are being made for a “Winter Cavaland” on Thursday, 12/04. There will be drive-through stations for things to be passed out to seniors, including 2021 glasses, hot chocolate, goody bags, and other items.
- A Sign-up Genius will be sent for parents to donate to the event.
- The question was asked again about graduation. Mr. Stout explained again that decisions regarding large gatherings are not up to the school, and graduation will be a UCPS district-wide decision.

Membership

- No new members have joined.

Communications

- Everything is going well.

Volunteers

- There are senior parents to add to the mailing list.

Scholarship

- LaDonna expressed appreciation to Sonya Carter for joining the committee and bringing new ideas and enthusiasm.
- Communication will be going out in January.

Spirit Wear

- The Lawson Vendor Fair was a successful event, bringing in \$2,800.
- Another opportunity to sell spirit wear might be the Waxhaw Farmers’ Market.
- There was discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of methods of payment (Venmo, Zelle, a QR Code, PayPal, etc.)

Old/New Business

- The 2020-2021 Student Body President is Kelly Bennett. Allison will again reach out for future meetings.

Next meeting:

Monday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn: 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Swafford
CHS PTSO Secretary