

Cuthbertson High School
PTSO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2021 (via video conference)

Attendees: LaDonna Baldwin, Kelly Bennett, Sonya Carter, 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 February: Trish Giglio moved to approve; Tracey Hammond seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Administration and Staff Update:

- Principal Stout expressed everyone's excitement to have students in the building five days a week.
- 70% of students are attending in-person; 30% are attending virtually.
- He announced Homecoming will be held April 22 during the women's soccer game.
- Assistant Principal Zayas-DeCouto echoed the faculty and staff's enthusiasm to have more students in the building.
- With testing coming up, it's a busy and demanding time.
- Ms. Githmark shared that everything is running smoothly in regards to students wearing masks, following hallway one-way directions, etc.

Student Council President's Report

- Kelly Bennett shared that the student council is working on finalizing plans for Homecoming and Spirit Week.
- Plans for Spring Fling have begun, and they're hoping to get vendors on board soon. He will reach out to the PTSO for any assistance needed.

President's Report:

- The PTSO will meet on May 10 for the General Meeting. Plans will be discussed for the remainder of the year, there will be a vote on allocation of funds to the school, and officers will be elected for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Allison asked Principal Stout to think about a gift from the PTSO for the school. Depending on funds available, a patio area with tables will be studied.

Treasurer's Report:

- Jane Gettinger reported highlights from the monthly financial reports.
- Income came in over the month from Invest, Membership, and Spirit Wear, as well as donations via Venmo for the Hospitality Committee.

Committee Updates:

Senior Events

- At the Homecoming game on April 22, the Senior Events Committee will distribute pom poms, handclappers, and thunder sticks.
- Plans are being finalized for a Senior Breakfast with breakfast from Panera.
- The Committee offered assistance for Spring Fling (date tbd) and the Senior Luncheon (date tbd).
- Logistics are being considered to have Seniors picture day, graduation rehearsal, and the Senior luncheon all on the same day, possibly June 2.
- Graduation will be held June 3 in the evening. There are ideas and proposals for decorations and lighting.
- The request was made to continue to spread the word regarding the purchase of 2021-2022 senior packages.

Hospitality

- The monthly staff treat and birthday greetings are continuing—April coming up.
- Donations are being solicited for Teacher Appreciation week May 3—7.
- Each day will have something for the CHS staff: a snack bar, cookies, soft pretzels, etc., with a grab-and-go lunch on Friday.
- In addition, all 120+ CHS staff members will receive a gift card in the amount of \$10 or \$20 each, depending on funds available.
- Candy bars will be distributed to A Honor Roll students.

Spirit Wear

- Allison, Julie, and Jane will be selling spirit wear at the Lawson Vendor Fair on April 18.
- A suggestion was made to advertise to rising 9th graders.

Membership and Invest

- Membership and Invest each continue to have a few contributions.
- Plans are being discussed to reach out to rising 9th-grade families.
- Principal Stout shared that he hopes to do a “New to CHS” night in August, which would be an opportunity for the PTSO to invite new families to join, invest, purchase spirit wear, and get involved.

Scholarship

- Seniors may apply before April 23, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting:

Monday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn: 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Swafford
CHS PTSO Secretary