

**Cuthbertson High School**  
**PTSO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2021 (via video conference)**

**Attendees:** LaDonna Baldwin, Kelly Barna, Dina Blazek, Sonya Carter, Justin Cook, Rebekah Garrett, Jane Gettinger, Trish Giglio, Tracey Hammond, Asa Humphries, Serena Johnson, Whitney Koester, Allison Matthews, Liz Patel, Julie Swafford, Jenn Ward, Georgina Zayas-DeCouto

**Call to Order:** 6:33 p.m.

**Approve Meeting Minutes from August:** LaDonna Baldwin moved to approve; Jenn Ward seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

**Administration and Staff Update:**

- Assistant Principal Zayas-DeCouto thanked the PTSO for the treats on the August work days.
- The Open House was a success and was well-attended.
- Current enrollment is 1,943 and continues to grow.
- There are several positions open at the school, including in the math and counseling departments.
- Amy Githmark shared that 43 CHS staff members have joined so far.

**Student Council President's Report**

- Asa Humphries reported the student council is working on finalizing plans for the Homecoming game on October 1 and the Homecoming Dance on October 2.
- They have spirit days planned for that week and look forward to a great deal of participation from the students.
- The Stair Climb fundraiser was a success, and sponsorships of Officer Kennedy raised over \$400.

**President's Report:**

- LaDonna Baldwin shared her appreciation for the communication between the PTSO, Senior Events Committee, and the Student Council.
- She welcomed new members to the PTSO Board Kelly Barna, Justin Cook, and Serena Johnson.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Jane Gettinger reported highlights from the year end and monthly financial reports.
- She also shared a projected outline of the 2021—2022 budget, including projections of sources of income for the PTSO, Invest, Membership, sales of Spirit Wear, and Venmo donations.
- Justin Cook asked about the percentage of families who join the PTSO at the beginning of the year versus throughout the year. Jane explained that the majority of families join and invest at the beginning of the year, and memberships trickle in throughout the school year. Money is also received throughout the year from Amazon Smile donations and businesses.
  - **Approval of PTSO 2021—2022 budget:** LaDonna Baldwin moved to approve; Justin Cook seconded the motion. The budget was passed unanimously.

**Committee Updates:**

**Senior Events**

- 430 packages have been sold (out of 501 senior families.)
- 85% of families have purchased a package. (Typically 83—87% purchase.)
- The deadline to purchase a package is September 24.

- The first event was a success. Repecci's Italian Ices were distributed on the Senior Patio at a cost of \$1,200.
- Upcoming Events:
  - September 24—Senior Breakfast
    - Chick-fil-a will be provided to seniors in the Media Center.
    - There will be alternatives for those with dietary restrictions: gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan, etc.
  - October 1—Homecoming; distribute thunder sticks and ice cream pending approval from Mr. Stout.
  - October 29—Senior Breakfast/ Halloween theme

### **Hospitality**

- The committee recognized birthdays from July and August with Crumbl Cookies.
- If they are able to hold Honor Roll breakfasts again, they will begin planning. Principal Stout will follow up and let them know.
- Same for the breakfast for the Order of the Chevalier.
- The staff treat for September will be a grab-and-go "open vending machine."

### **Spirit Wear**

- Sales of Spirit Wear will continue to be sold via orders placed on the website.
- New items include a new "Rise as One" hoodie, a long-sleeve hoodie, and new pajama pants.

### **Membership**

- 131 families have joined the PTSO for the 2021—2022 school year (in addition to the 430 Senior families.) There are 1,645 unique CHS families, so 34% of families have joined so far this year.
- The question was asked if a payment option via Venmo could be added.

### **Invest**

- Donating through Investment are still coming in.
- 78 families have donated so far, for a current total of \$4,182, which is ahead of previous years.
- 101 families donated through Invest last year.

### **Volunteers**

- The list of volunteers has been updated for the 2021—2022 school year. There are currently 953.
- A Sign Up Genius will be sent out for donations via Venmo for staff appreciation in October.

### **Scholarship**

- The application process will remain the same for the upcoming school year. Application information will be sent out in February/ March 2022.
- Five \$1,000 scholarships were approved in the budget.

### **New/Old Business**

- The furniture (tables) for the enlarged Senior Patio are delayed, but are on the way.
- There will be signage stating it was gifted from the PTSO families.

### **Next meeting:**

Monday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.

**Adjourn:** 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Swafford  
CHS PTSO Secretary