

**Cuthbertson High School**  
**PTSO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**December 13, 2021**

**Attendees:** LaDonna Baldwin, Kelly Barna, Dina Blazek, Sonya Carter, Jane Gettinger, Amy Githmark, Tracey Hammond, Asa Humphries, Serena Johnson, Christy Lundy, Allison Matthews, Stephanie Ommer, Liz Patel, Principal Stout, Julie Swafford, Jenn Ward, Georgina Zayas-DeCouto

**Call to Order:** 6:38 p.m.

**Approve Meeting Minutes from November:** Minutes approved.

**Administration and Staff Update:**

- Principal Stout thanked the PTSO for the pies, gifts, and events.
- The Cav-a-Land event for seniors was well attended with over 300 students participating
- Exams are approaching (January 10—14) and all exams will be held in person. Volunteers will be needed to proctor.
- Principal Stout said students are strongly encouraged to attend review sessions the afternoon before each exam.
- The Souper Bowl of Caring will need to be approved from UCPS administration. If allowed, it will be held close to February 13.
- Principal Stout discussed that while various groups with different missions exist within the school, all exist for the same purpose: to support the school and the students. CHS Band, CHAOS, PTSO, and Principal Stout agreed all logos could be available for all groups to utilize. Principal Stout will contact CABC for their input.
  
- Amy Githmark reiterated appreciation for the pies in November, and the birthday treats.
- Staff membership in the PTSO has reached 55.

**Student Council President's Report**

- Asa Humphries reported the student council is busy making plans for a Holiday Spirit Week.
- He expressed appreciation for the Cav-a-Land event.

**President's Report:**

- LaDonna Baldwin asked that PTSO board members think about the role they would be willing to take on for the 2022—2023 school year. Board members should email her any thoughts or decisions.
- The student patio is completed, with the installation of a plaque.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Jane Gettinger shared highlights from the monthly financial reports.
- Invest and Membership have exceeded annual budgeted amounts.
- Families in the community have been very generous with donations via Venmo for Staff Appreciation monthly events.

## **Committee Updates:**

### **Senior Events**

- The Cav-a-Land event on December 3 went well.
- Upcoming Events:
  - February 11—Senior Breakfast/ Valentine's theme.
  - March 17—Senior Breakfast/ St. Patrick's Day theme.
  - April 8—Food truck or ice cream on senior patio.

### **Hospitality**

- Pretzels were distributed for the A Honor Roll students during lunch.
  - There were 531 students on the A Honor Roll; 125 were left over.
  - Next time candy bars will be considered for students not in attendance, or given to homeroom teachers to be handed out instead, in order to confirm identity of recipients.
- December birthdays were recognized with Crumbl cookies.
- Staff luncheon on Friday—a barbecue meal will be served from Tickle My Ribs BBQ.
- In addition, each staff member will receive either one or possibly two \$10 gift cards.

### **Spirit Wear**

- The committee is looking for a co-chair. Anyone interested should email LaDonna.

### **Membership**

- To raise visibility of the PTSO, memberships will be sold at indoor sporting events (basketball, volleyball, etc.)
- More focus should be given to rising 9<sup>th</sup>-grade families.
- The committee is working on the development of a Welcome Packet for families new to CHS.

### **Invest**

- Donations through Investment are still coming in.

### **Scholarship**

- The program will launch in early January, with an application deadline of April 22.

### **Next meeting:**

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

**Adjourn:** 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Swafford  
CHS PTSO Secretary