

Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2020

**Members Present:** Tamara Heusers, Marit Ortega, Jennifer Doschadis, Kathy Crispo, Cheryl Woodruff, Laurie Larson, Kathy Czeck, Dion Hansen, Lana Kozak, Helga Bauerly, Dena Heen, Bridget Hamak, Ann Herold, Maria Burnham, Reed Mauriala, Kristen O'Donnell, Donniel Robinson and Katie Schad.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by Tamara Heusers. She led the group in prayer.

**Agenda:** Agenda was reviewed. Dena Heen motioned to approve the agenda. Jennifer Doschadis seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** The minutes were provided for review. Dena Heen motioned to approve the minutes. Jennifer Doschadis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** The treasurer's report was reviewed. Current balance is \$11,322.00. Ann Herold made a motion to approve the agenda. Kristen O'Donnell seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion: Next month, Tamara will send out these meeting minutes, the Treasurer's Report and Agenda in the email with the invite to next month's meeting. Kathy asked who sends the meeting notice email and suggested that this email would be best coming from Marit. Held discussion about when email should come out and agreed that an email one week prior and another email the day before would be beneficial for members. Jennifer asked if a digital copy of the phone book would be an option. Tamara will check into this possibility for future phone books and will report back at a future meeting.

**New Business:**

**A October staff care gift**

We were unable to have a staff meal last month, however, Tamara and Pam McBroom created a fun treat for each staff member. A small group of members brainstormed ideas for upcoming months' staff care gifts. October will be tea and a fall themed treat. Lana has recruited a few local businesses for specific treats for future months, such as DQ, cheesecake and flowers. The group has laid out a plan for gifts for the rest of the year. Kristin raised the question that our requesting donations from these local businesses for donations may be an added hardship for them since Covid has created hardships for many. Tamara clarified that they are asking for partial donations, such as we use our funds for the item and the business contributes labor. We will also be mindful of this issue. It was suggested by Marit that we consider using Vicki for these treats, as well.

**b. Staff Conference Meals, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. Box meals?**

Tamara asked if we should consider doing conference meals just once this year considering the logistics of Covid precautions and low attendance for these meals in the past. Kathy shared that conferences this fall will be virtual but the teachers will be at school conducting them (unless they need to be at home). Ann, who has volunteered for this in past years, stated that these meals are definitely appreciated by the teachers and Bridget agreed. Kathy felt that these conference meals are a way to create community for the teachers and suggested reaching out to Vicki in order to ensure Covid precautions, as well as utilizing Vicki's services. Pam shared that typically 2-3 people help serve and clean up. Pac Wok was suggested as well as other boxed meals. Tamara will look into these ideas and shared that Parent Council typically only provides a meal for one of the two conference nights in the Fall and Spring.

**Old Business:**

**a. CHS Parent Council Member Phone Directory status**

The phone book printing should be complete this week and distribution should occur next week. Tamara will look into a digital format.

**b. Monthly staff care gifts/money received**

Tamara reported that \$275.00 has been donated for staff care gifts.

**c. CHS Parent Council Secretary for 2020-21 School Year**

We are still looking for a secretary for this year.

**d. Speakers for the year**

Next month the speaker will be Sandy Baldwin speaking about diversity and inclusion, as well as service learning hours. There will be no meeting in December, as that is typically used for staff Christmas gift distribution. Tamara has received an offer from a new CHS parent who can lead us in a meditation/relaxation exercise. Tamara thought this might be a good thing for January. Laurie Larson suggested that this might also be a great idea for the staff gift one month. It was suggested that there might be other CHS parents that could provide other experiences of this nature that would work as a staff gift. Tamara and Marit will write something up and send it out to all CHS parents. Laurie inquired as to how CHS normally sends out requests for parent volunteers and to meet the needs of CHS. Kathy stated that she believes that parents choose a school like CHS with the idea of being involved but this has certainly been complicated by Covid. Generally this process is varied depending on the group that has a request. Such groups are Parent Council and the Athletic Association. If the need is for the school in general then the request comes from Kathy. Marit stated that an email could be sent to each department, staff and faculty member to inquire if there are needs that a parent can help with from home this year. Kathy will also bring this up at the upcoming Inservice Day.

**Adjournment** Marit Ortega motioned to adjourn the meeting. Laurie Larson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Guest Speaker: Reed Mauriala and Bridget Hamak, CHS Counselors. Topic: "Healthy Coping During COVID"

**The next meeting is:** November 10th at 11:30 am. Guest Speakers will be: Sandy Baldwin, with Social Justice Network and Service Learning Update.

Respectfully submitted by: Katie Schad, Parent Council Secretary