

Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2021

**Members Present:** Tamara Huesers, Marit Ortega, Kathy Crispo, Dena Heen, Kris Lawrence, Katie Schad, Jennifer Doschadis, Ann Herold, Helga Bauerly, Beth Falconer, Sarah Jane Nicoll, Cheryl Woodruff, Mara Kramer, Kelly Crue, Paul Tomczik, and Vicki Sanborn.

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 am by the President, Tamara Huesers. Tamara led the group in prayer.

**Agenda:** Agenda was reviewed. Ann Herold motioned to approve the agenda. Katie Schad seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Report was reviewed. Kris Lawrence motioned to approve the minutes, which were submitted by Jennifer Doschadis. Helga Bauerly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kris Lawrence presented the treasurer's report. The report reflected \$200 for the teacher's conference dinner. The current balance for CHS Parent Council is \$3,493.17. Last year's balance at this time was \$3,595.00. Katie Schad made a motion to approve the report. Helga Bauerly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Unsure whether Parent Council meetings will be held in-person or virtual next year. However, still having the virtual component for parents who can't attend in-person will be discussed next year.

Discussion on going back to providing monthly staff treats per grade or continuing care packages like what was done this year. Providing monthly staff treats enables more parents to be involved, however, it was suggested to provide store bought items instead of homemade.

Membership dues increased from \$10.00 to \$25.00 to give Parent Council more funds to give back to CHS staff and students. Green sheet donations for staff last year was \$5452.00 and phone book sales/membership dues was \$2500. These are Parent Council's only fundraisers so \$25.00 membership due is realistic. Helga Bauerly motioned to increase Parent Council dues to \$25.00. Marit Ortega seconded the motion. Motion carried. Marit Ortega mentioned adding an envelope to the Parent Council packet that goes out in the summer as an option for budget conscious parents to send in their dues at a later time since there is already a significant number of fees due at the beginning of the school year. Parents can have the option to pay their dues at the beginning of the summer or possibly at Christmas time. Also, the Parent Council has a Paypal account so they could pay that way too.

CHS Phone Directory is paid for by the advertisers, who pay \$40.00 per ad. This has been the same cost since Tamara began Parent Council in 2013. She suggested increasing it to \$50.00. Last year we only had 19 businesses advertise. Previous years businesses would give one lump sum and their business would be promoted in everything (all sports programs, website, etc.), not only the phone directory, but there isn't that option anymore. Marit mentioned that there's discussion of CHS going back to that and if they did, it would start at the beginning of the fiscal year in July. She will include Parent Council advertising in that meeting. Because of the possible changes in advertising, Tamara decided to table the Phone Directory Advertising cost increase discussion and leave the price at the current \$40.00.

**Old Business:**

Recap of possible speakers for next year include: career navigation and exploration, parent education (during the Parent Council meetings or an evening event) on substance abuse, coping mechanisms, perfection and anxiety, high achievement anxiety and social media and electronics. A parent mentioned wanting to hear from and connect with teachers too. Kathy Crispo will work with teachers and see what suggestions they have and are interested in. She will forward this information on to Sarah Jane Nicoll. Hearing about enrollment from Denise Klein and fundraising, donations, and the general health and wellness of CHS from the Advancement team would be beneficial for parents

too. At the beginning of the school year, hearing from someone to discuss the Open Hearts/Open Minds curriculum and how/why it's being implemented. Towards the end of the school year, hearing from Erin Hadelstadt regarding her role as new principal of the middle school. Finally, recommended speakers for both students and parents are Craig and Molly Sanborn. Their website is [craigandmolly.com](http://craigandmolly.com). They can speak on an array of topics and really connect with their audience.

Sarah Jane Nicoll and Kelly Anderson will be leading the Parent Council next year.

**Adjournment:** Katie Schad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Herold seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned and followed by guest speaker, Kathy Crispo, who gave us a recap of the school year and what to expect next year.

Respectfully submitted by: Jennifer Doschadis, Parent Council Secretary