

PTO Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2020

In Attendance:

Kelly Blum
Claire Buch
Kristen Byrnes
Jennifer Cantu
Ane Francis Caputo
Jessica Cronin
Claire Elliott
Amy Formolo
Lizzy Fullmer
Amber Hart
Courtney Henry
Heather Johnson
Whitney Jones
Ruchika Joshi
Christy Julien
Veena Kasi
Lacy Kastendieck
Wen Lozano
Erin Macicek
Rhonda McClenahan
Melissa Martinez
Suzanne Mitchell
Bethany McCauley
Laura McCabe
Erin McQuain
Agith Muthalaly
Jade Nell
Kristen Nuckols
Jackie Parks
Amy Peters
Deborah Peyreau
Debbie Price
Anastasia Parker
Irvine Qian
Noreen Reid
Leslie Rodriguez
Kelly Samways
Meenakshi Shankara
Jennifer Smithson
Rose Snyder
Geetu Saxena
Bennetty Thornhill
Leslie Walters

Britt Wanek
Jessica Waters
Kimberly White
Stephanie White
Alfonso
Mariana
Priscilla

Welcome

Bethany McCauley-called meeting, introduced herself, and welcomed everyone, and a special welcome to all the new families!

Minutes and Secretary Report

Kelly Blum-introduced herself... asked everyone to please have full name on screen or send full name on Chat. Mentioned that meeting will be recorded but not publicized.

Back to Bethany...stated that we are fortunate to be under Christy Julien's leadership and turned it over to Christy Julien for the Principal's report.

Principal's Report Christy Julien:

- Welcomed everyone especially the new families.
- Wishes that new families were able to come in to school and see the kids' classes.
- Encouraged families to reach out if there are any questions or concerns
- Ears are always open, everyone at CT is always available by phone or email.
- Will welcome everyone at the school first opportunity that it is available.
- Has always loved how welcoming the CT community has been over the years.
- CT is a K-6th grade school staff really gets to know the kids really well and are able to help them academically.

Introduced **Deborah Peyreau** (one of the new Asst. Principals)

- She has taught at Coulson Tough for a few years. She is the 2nd, 4th and 6th grade Asst. Principal.
- Very excited for her new role at CT

Christy also mentioned the counselors Jessica Waters counselors for K, 1st, 3rd, 5th and Leslie Rodriguez 2nd, 4th & 6th, will hear more from them later in the meeting.

Introduced **Norine Reed** our Tech. Coach she's the one to help with Canvas or any Tech. issues. She said hi and welcomed everyone. She also works with Robotics teams, Tech. clubs. Very valuable person to the CT community. Reminded everyone about some of the Zoom features, muting etc. She mentioned how great it was to have in person kids back into the school and working hard to work the kinks out on dismissal procedures etc.

She turned it back to Bethany- she mentioned how challenging these times have been and encouraged everyone to keep up the good work! She introduced Amy Formolo with Membership and also works on the website.

Membership- Amy Formolo:

- Membership, it's \$20 to join for the whole family.
- Currently have 100% staff participation and 132 families have joined

- Encouraged everyone that has not to please join, it's quick and easy and very helpful to the PTO
- She showed everyone on the screen how to join and how it includes the online directory Membership Toolkit!

Kelly Blum asked to get minutes approved. Amy Formolo and Laura McCabe both approved.

Bethany introduced Laura McCabe Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report-Laura McCabe

- Good standing as we were able to roll funds from last year
- We have one fundraiser planned-Love for Tough, but hoping for a second in the spring
- Stressed how important it is to join PTO
- If anyone wants to see the current budget, it can be viewed on the web-site
- She can be reached if anyone has questions on any line items.

Checks written May-August

School-Labels.com Inc. - Miscellaneous (Hangtags for carline) - \$970.00
 Conroe ISD - Educational Enhancements - \$861.00
 Signational Signs - 6th Grade Celebration - \$1,200.00
 Laura McCabe - Educational Enhancements/Campus Enhancements - \$1,552.13
 Lisa Johnson - 6th Grade Celebration - \$775.00
 Coulson Tough - Educational Enhancements - \$2,400.00
 Laura McCabe - Campus Enhancements - \$249.95
 Jessica Waters - Counselor Programs - \$576.84
 Miravalle Landscaping - Beautification - \$165.00
 Erin McQuain - School Supplies - \$68.00
 Claudia A. Cantu - Staff Appreciation - \$10.83
 Erin McQuain - School Supplies - \$945.00
 Texas Comptroller - Quarterly Taxes - \$23.81
 Amelia Formolo - Website/FOT Business - \$631.83
 Amy Peters - Staff Appreciation - \$201.75
 Corporate Incentives, Inc. - Staff Gifts - \$1,005.00
 Lead4Ward - Software - \$250.00
 MOEM - EE Software Licenses - \$218.00
 Dreambox - EE Software Licenses - \$8,200.00
 Jostens - Yearbook - \$414.95
 J. Harding & Co - Spiritwear - \$1,178.25

Bethany introduced Amy Peters.

Amy Peters- Staff Appreciation and VP of Programs:

- No field trips in the Fall, but has not heard yet on Spring and hoping they can happen then
- Teacher appreciation will not look the same but will do small things
- Teachers need to feel the love especially right now. Will be sending out more information about ways to help out.

Bethany thanked Amy. She introduced Geetu from yearbook.

Yearbook-Julie Emmons and Geetu Saxena

- Geetu She's helping Julie (Julie not present)
- Received lots of pics through facebook. CTyearbook2021@gmail.com
- She and Julie will set up meeting with Yearbook company. For now, relying on facebook for pictures.

Bethany mentioned how we have a great relationship with Jostens. Introduced Melissa Martinez with Partnershare.

Partnershare Melissa Martinez

- One Partner Share a Month. Jersey Mikes' is coming up 9/24
- Will send out flyer through folders and email to remote parents
- Will have a weekend event in October. Will only do one a month.

Spirit Wear

Tiffany Banks (not present)

- Bethany said shirts are coming on Friday, 9/11 along with masks.
- Sales were pretty good
- Might have another sale in the future.

Box Tops-

Kelly Blum-Box Tops app.

- Super easy to work with!
- Download the app. And follow 3 easy steps & start scanning receipt etc.
- Delivered groceries simply email digital receipts!

Tough Culture and Traditions

Bethany McCauley-

- Her favorite thing about CT is the Culture and emphasis on all the character pillars.
- Each month there's a focus on a specific character pillar, this month is Respect.
- Loves how her kids have been getting trained on these traits for several years.
- The traits are discussed in all of the grade levels.
- Because of the challenging times for everyone, the Counselors were asked to speak and give us a brief presentation on what they do and to provide some guidance.

A word from our Counselors

Leslie Rodriguez: CISD for 12+ years, counselor for many years, she handles 2nd, 4th, & 6th grade, she is super excited, and is available to anyone that needs her.

Jessica Waters: reminded everyone about yearbook pics, posted the email address to send pics, Also introduced herself excited to welcome new families.

Helpful Presentation:

- Character pillars of the month and habits of the week
- Teaching the kids empathy and building a culture of Kindness.
- Resilience is s in everything and very applicable to today's challenges
- Being open minded, we all have a tribe and not alone
- Shared a screen on CT Parent Empowerment
- We all have challenges

- Asked to write a word describing what we are currently juggling and shared everyone's words (we are all juggling something and very similar things)
- Mindset and flipping the switch, outlets, moments of clarity
- All about changing perspective
- Emotions are normal and expected, but we are in control on how we handle those emotions and having a positive mindset
- Being mindful of triggers is important
- For every negative thought, fill it in with 3 positive ones
- Daily Affirmations are helpful
- Self-care is very important
- Video about how we can't see how easy the solution is when we are in it
- We are all in this together!
- Jessica closed with a reminder about when we are facing something hard we come together and help each other out.

Bethany thanked everyone for attending the meeting, asked if anyone had any announcements, and closed the meeting.

Upcoming Dates

- 9-24 Partner Share Spirit Night Jersey Mike's Subs
- 9-25 Spotlight Ceremony- Respect (Wear Yellow)
- 10-8 Next PTO Meeting