

LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH PTSA 2020-21

January 26, 2021 ZOOM MEETING

Call to Order - @ 12:00

December 2020 Meeting Minutes will be distributed at the next meeting

Budget Review/Treasurer's Report – Megan Eves

- More than 50 people from the Central High community made more than \$3,500 in donations for the Angel Tree.
- Contributions were used to purchase \$1,000 in Visa gift cards for Ms. Moore to use for shopping, \$2,200 in Kroger gift cards for Central families, and \$300 for purchases from Wal-Mart.
- Thank you letters and contribution information for tax purposes were emailed to all individuals who donated \$50 or more. Venmo donations do not email information so the Treasurer has requested contact information via Venmo.
- If you donated \$50 or more and want a letter for tax purposes but didn't receive one, email PTSA Megan at LRCH.Treasurer@gmail.com.
- The year-to-date target budget has been met.
- Remember to link your Kroger and Amazon Smile accounts for contributions to be made to the PTSA.

Committee Reports

Project Graduation - Clark Cogbill

- Professor Bowl has refunded the full deposit from last year's reservation.
- The committee is focusing on possible outdoor venues for this year. More details to come.

Jennifer thanked Traci Sugg & volunteers who helped stuff report cards

Student Council - Anna Yates, Co-President

- There will possibly be an outside homecoming event
- A mentoring program is being developed for freshmen to meet virtually with older students.
- A Black Lives Matter mural will be painted in the Spring

PTA Council Report - Kim O. Guinn

- PTA Council met Jan 12.

- It was reported that all LRSD school nurses have received a COVID-19 vaccination.
- Teacher of Year and Employee of Year events will be virtual this year.
- Title I Family and Parent Engagement meeting tonight at 5:30.
- R.I.S.E. parent training will be held February 20 and March 20.
- Schoology parent workshops begin weekly on February 10.
- School Board President Vicki Hatter stressed the board's desire to be transparent and engaged with parents. The board will be sending out a parent survey.
- A representative from the Department of Human Service made a presentation at PTSA Council on debunking myths about vaccine.
- The next School Board meeting is January 28 at 5:30.

Principal's Report - Nancy Rousseau

- 179 teachers and staff were vaccinated Friday, Jan 22; They will receive the second shot on Feb 12.
- 150 students took the PSAT at the JA Fair campus.
- 112 additional students signed up to come back to campus for in-school learning this semester.
- Thank you to PTSA members for the much-needed Angel Tree support.
- Juniors will take the ACT on February 23. Students will register in their English class. Virtual students must come to school to complete sign-up forms. School for all other students will be virtual that day.
- A Central student has created COVID care kits. Saturday at 1:30, these will be distributed via drive-through at Central. A Go Fund Me account has been set up to raise money for more kits.
- Recruitment: Parents who've applied for their child to attend Central should be notified by mid February.
- Class registration for next school year will be done online through the HAC system in February.
- This year's Black History Month presentation will be virtual.
- Due to COVID, this year's LRCH basketball games are open only to families of players but are being livestreamed for the extended community.

Jackie Merrell - ViPS (Volunteers in Public Schools)

- Volunteer hours can be registered online at <https://www.lrsd.org/Page/1493> or emailed to jacquelyn.merrell@lrsd.org.

- Volunteer hours from March 1, 2020-February 28, 2021 should be counted. Be sure to include attendance at all virtual meetings and events. If you have questions about your hours, email Jackie.
- The deadline to turn in hours is March 9, 2021.

Nominating Committee Vote

- Five PTSA members were nominated to serve as the Nominating Committee to create a slate of PTSA officers for 2021-2022 school year. Jennifer invited meeting attendees to self-nominate if interested in joining. Nominated members are: *Shannon Collier-Tennison, Beth McAlpine, Angie Saine, Danyelle Walker and Kim Williams.*
- Jenny Bradford motioned to approve the slate; Kim O'Guinn seconded. The committee members were approved by hand vote.

Special Presentation - Tanya James and Hillis Schild with Arvest Bank

- Arvest is a Central PTSA Community Partner. Tanya and Hillis shared information on additional financing options for college and bank account options for students.

Meeting Adjourned @ 1:03 PM