

LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH PTSA 2020-21 SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 ZOOM MEETING

Jennifer Ronnel called meeting to order @ 12:02

Jennifer introduced all the board members.

May 2020 meeting minutes were approved without corrections.

Budget Review/Treasurer's Report – Megan Eves

- Went over August schedule
- Bookkeeping/compliance checkpoints
 - Submitting form to IRS for nonprofit status
- Jenni completed the 2019-2020 audit form
 - Was reviewed and noticed no corrected needed
- Transferred operating account from Regions to Simmons
- Refreshed and reset all the ways in which we can receive money for the sake of ease for those who wish to donate
- Went over *best practices* regarding finances
- Brought in close to \$4,000 in donations
- Received \$2,500 grant from Arvest for general operating
- Additional income: Q2 donation from Kroger was \$1,219.13
Q2 Amazon smile donation was \$96.25
- Spread the word as much as possible to use Kroger and Amazon Smile. Money adds up.

Committee Reports

Staff Appreciation - Sarah Cook

- Fed teachers on the first day back - gave box lunches
- Last Wednesday, teachers were treated to ice cream from the Loblolly Ice Cream truck – supported a local business on Main Street
- Moving forward, things will look different due to COVID. Not using homemade items for now.
- Searching for family/friend/connection to cater/food 501.529.5941.

Partners in Education - Jenny Bradford

Please reach out to Jenny with any thoughts on businesses who would like to partner with Central High.

Schedule Pickup/Check-in - Wendy Glover

- Usually lasts one day, but due to COVID it required several days
- Stuffed 2,700 packets for students
- Overall, filled 80 spots, 180 hours over 10 days helping school/students

Watch Dog Dads – Prentice O’Guinn

- Will look different this year due to COVID
- Will focus on trying to gather in-kind donations for students in need
- Coats/hygiene supplies
- Pass the hat will be important
- If interested, contact 501-529-3337

Membership/Pass the Hat - Tiffany Rowe

- Membership numbers - unsure since merging with pass the hat
- Utilize electronic ways to donate money
- For every \$5 of membership we collect, we have to turn over \$3.25 to AR PTA and National PTA.

Principal’s Report - Nancy Rousseau

- Thanks to all parents for what they’ve done
- 750 kids on campus as of Monday, August 31 - Rest of kids are virtual
- Lost some kids to out of state, other schools, other parts of state
- Classes small, social distancing looking good
- Walked around classes, about 150 in all
- Baby steps, it’ll take time to get it all going correctly
- Teachers are teaching both in class and virtual and are exhausted
- There have been hiccups with technology
- Wish there was a second acclimation week for everyone to get comfortable
- First day event was very successful
- Parents follow up and remind students of social distancing rules
- Kids are being so good about wearing mask - Kids are happy to be back
- Toughest on principal - people are changing back and forth. Whatever your child is doing as of this Friday, that’s it.

- Schoology going very well, but will take time for people to acclimate to
- Parent link for Schoology will be distributed by English teachers to all parents
- Lori Curtis new librarian staff, will do parent training
- Given out 1700 chrome books to students
- If you need textbooks, you can email Ms. Ragsdale
- One lunch is much too large - Four lunches as of now
- 12 picnic tables have helped with distribution of students outside
- There will be changes to lunch schedule to even them out
- Counselors are setting up Zooms to meet with students collectively & individually
- School's Amazon Smile goes to PTA
- Cogbill Family purchased the n95 masks, brought 100 to school for teachers
- Casten Family made thousands of masks, brought 210 for teachers

Taking questions

Question in chat - how many teachers/staff do we have this year

Answer - 175 to 180 (with everyone 230)

Absences for Dr.s visits if your virtual

Everything is recorded

Are absences excused? She will check on that.

Question - anticipating virtual all year? Regardless of what happens

Answer - Not sure due to unnatural, up and down nature of COVID

Question - do all classes have live component or is that teacher decision?

Answer - most are doing it 3 to 4 days per week, should be. If not, reach out to principal.

Question - is there a plan for switching to in person at the end of 9 weeks

Answer - Not yet, but district was clear that was the plan

(only 3 kids have been seen without mask)

Water fountains became an issue. Arkansas Children's Hospital gave water fountains/dispensers

Custodians working hard since March

Question - what about ACT?

Answer - we can't have ACT right now. Many colleges are waiving ACT scores for now.
Doesn't seem like the ACT will be feasible on campus due to logistics of it.

Question - About filters and ventilation

Question - Some schools are putting up side-less tents, is this something that's been considered?

Answer - We have a large auditorium, including seats on balcony, the picnic tables outside. We recently had a huge new air filter system put in the school and I'm very happy with it. We have very good air quality. National Guard has not been contacted concerning side-less tents. Not sure where I'd put the tents because I'm not doing anything on front lawn.

Question - What is availability with substitutes throughout year?

Answer - It has been a problem, but it's getting better. 28 subs who were regulars were called and only 3 agreed to come back. But every day we are getting more. Still looking for subs. It is a problem, but we are working it out.

Question - What can we do for you or how we could help, or is there a need the school has that isn't being met?

Answer - No, not really. There was some criticism about the communication regarding teachers getting mask, wipes, disinfectant, but that was resolved. We've spent a lot of money on technology. We are good but thank you for the question and we will let you know.

Bullying presentation is being presented to parents and teachers. We've been dealing with horrific social media bullying over the summer. No tolerance for bullying!! Talk to your kids!

Mrs. Bankston and Mrs. Curtis are working together for codes for Schoology. A lot of neat new features. Those codes should be in parents' hands before end of week. Great tool to use for parents.

Thanks to everyone

We hit 64 participants today

Zoom link will go out in e-blast for next meeting.

Adjourn at 1:11 PM