
PTO Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 13, 2022

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Attendees

Board

Jenny Anderson, President

Molly Benito, VP Communications

Erin Kilbourne, Member at Large

Colleen Stofan, Member at Large

Jim Weider, Treasurer

Carley Spangler (Zoom), Volunteer Coordinator

Terry Holland

Omar Vargas

Stephanie Swinton

Brooke H

Anthony Estrada

Phoebe Matthews

Andrea Loerzel

Emily Thackary

Courtney Salvo

Tuk Zimmerman

Elizabeth Yoder

Tiffany Fisher

Tiffany Carolino

Mr Hennessey

Mr Miller

The meeting is hybrid/dispersed - some families joining on Zoom, some in person

Called to order 7pm

Agenda

Elect Board Positions

1. Jami Curl - Secretary
 - a. Colleen Stofan nominates, Jenny Anderson seconds, all in favor
2. Colleen Stofan - Member at Large
 - a. Molly Benito nominates, Jami Curl seconds, all in favor
3. Carley Spangler - Volunteer Coordinator
 - a. Jenny Anderson nominates, Erin Kilbourne seconds, all in favor
4. OPEN POSITIONS - Website, Treasurer shadow

Draft Budget

5. Budget review - Jim shares
 - a. Conservative fundraising numbers, have dropped fundraising expectations - with COVID many activities funded in the past were not funded, now could be funded
 - b. We have not spent the money we have raised - so we do have savings, even though the budget may come out -\$10k
 - c. Goal to raise \$47,000 this year - We are ACMA fund/family fund is one of our main fundraisers (rolling fundraiser throughout the year), plus specific calls to action (CTAs) to fund specific events, requests.
 - i. There was a short conversation about raising line item amount for Spectacular now - decided to wait.
 - d. This year we will do the Spectacular - main fundraising event of the year (February 17 & 18, 2023)
 - e. Jim takes us through points on the budget (how we raise money)
 - i. Restaurant night
 - ii. Concessions
 - iii. Spirit wear
 - f. Jim goes through main spends - departments, theatre, dance, staff appreciation
 - g. Emily Thackary requests an increase in Art is My Voice line item from \$300 to \$500 - Jim puts in budget after Jenny Anderson raises approval, Erin Kilbourne seconds, all in favor (no objections).

Volunteering & Board seats

6. We need volunteers for Spectacular
 - a. We have committees for Spectacular that will be solidifying in the coming weeks.
7. Additional volunteer needs: Theatre concessions group, Dance concessions group. In order to form groups like these, we need parent volunteers.

Restaurant Nights

- No September restaurant night
- Additional restaurant nights coming up monthly

Spirit Wear

- Sweatshirts have been selling - will order more and continue to sell.
- Gorgeous design by PTO board member-at-large, Colleen Stofan

Additional Ways to Donate (FREE MONEY)

- Amazon Smile
- Kroger Community
- Target
- Corporate Matching

Spending Approvals

Emily Thackary requesting art software (ProCreate) totalling \$200 (to pay for permanent licenses for classroom iPad Pros)

Molly Benito raises approval, Colleen Stofan seconds, all in favor/no objections

Principal Update with Bjorn

Mr. Paige starts by explaining how good it is to hear laughter in the hallways.

Updates:

- Water bottle filling stations installed over summer
- New lighting in the PAC - grant money, legwork, etc. LED lights were \$250k - got them with legwork and grants and donations
- New lighting in Commons - hanging and focusing lights now
- Murals, posters, paintings, life on the walls - it feels like we belong, not that it's all brand new. Moved in, fresh start, great energy to start the year
- Ohana/advisory will be held twice each week with a focus on social/emotional learning
- Locker distribution this Thursday
- Fire drill Thursday
- Outdoor School 4-7 October at Camp MacGruder
- Open Mic Night - Sept 29 (Thursday) 90 minutes (less scripted, less polished)
- Two new counselors - Eric & Amy (students were redistributed once ACMA knew they'd have 4 counselors / one is college readiness (Amy))
- October 11 Senior Parent Night
October 18 Junior Parent Night - with counselors / transcripts and other Junior/Senior student topics
- Helping kids emotionally/socially is a "game changer" - Bjorn

Theatre Parent Group Reboot

The group discusses the history and dissolution of the Theatre Parent Group. Mr. Hennessy wants to bring the group back, realizing it will need to be built from scratch. He needs help rebooting it, and all interested parents please email acmapto@gmail.com if interested and we will connect you with Mr. Hennessy. The idea is that concessions will still be managed via the PTO with the Theatre Parent Group assisting with costumes, sets, etc.

Upcoming dates for Theatre:

- October 8 is Instafest an improv theatre festival from 10am-4pm
- Students can create and perform improv pieces
- \$12-\$14 to participate, open to all students (not only theatre students)
- ACMA is host school and will welcome other schools for this event

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- Volunteer opportunities: could use bagels and coffee or some sort of breakfast/coffee for theatre teacher meeting during the event. Email acmapto@gmail.com if you can help.

Dance Parent Group Reboot

Parents interested in bringing back the Dance Parent Group can email acmapto@gmail.com

Volunteering

- PTO volunteer coordinator Carley Spangler can walk people through the sign up process - email acmaptovolunteers@gmail.com for more.
- Vaccination is still required - it's easiest to take a photo of your vaccine card and upload it from your photo library rather than taking a photo using the district system.

Meeting Adjorned at 8:15pm