**Attendees:**

Jen Gruenewald Co-*PTO President/Chair*

Jenny Maddox Co-*PTO President/Chair*

Christi Worley *PTO Interim Treasurer*

Noel Elliott *PTO Secretary*

Joe Burgess *Principal*

Nicola Miller *Staff*

Jessica Oyster *Staff/Parent Liaison*

Adil Attari

Angie Durbin

Carey Sweet

Erika Brenneman

Janis Edwards

Jenny Carter

Kelley Steinmetz

Kristy Hill

Michele Reynolds

Paige Butler

Penney Baughman

Rachelle Falcon

Shannon Burgess

Stephanie Hart

Tonya MacKinlay

**WELCOME & PLEDGE—** Jen Gruenewald, *Co-PTO President/Chair*

* The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm and all attendees were welcomed.  Minutes were recorded by Noel Elliott (PTO Secretary). Pledge of Allegiance was led by Principal Burgess.

**MINUTES & HANDOUTS—** Noel Elliott, *Secretary*

* Last month’s minutes were sent out digitally prior to the meeting. Due to technical difficulties, Jen presented the minutes for approval. Minutes were approved by Christy Worley and seconded by Erika Brennerman.

**TREASURER’S REPORT—**Christi Worley, Treasurer

* Christi gave an update of budget expense from last month. The only expense we had in October was $13.00 for the Welcome Back event.
* A vote to confirm the 2020-2021 Budget was taken after some discussion. Tonya MacKinlay made the motion to approve the balance, Penney Baughman seconded it. The 2020-2021 Budget Balance was approved.
* There were no other volunteers to come forward for the Treasurer position. A vote was put to the board. Tonya MacKinlay made the motion to approve the appointment, and Stephanie Hart seconded it. Our new treasurer is Christi Worley.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—**Joe Burgess, *Principal*

* School is in full swing despite Covid-19.
* Congratulations to
Chile’s Boys’ golf team who won the 3A State Championship
Girls’ Swim and Dive team who won the State Championship
Boys’ Swim and Dive team who took 3rd place in the state
Shot at Boys Cross Country Team potentially taking State Championship
* Wrestling, Boys soccer, and Girls soccer have already started.
* Homecoming Court was presented and exceptional.
* FSA testing for students in DA will continue this month. Students can come after school to Chile’s to take their tests in small class setting.
* Principal Burgess met with ESE DAC. This program is beneficial in helping parents and schools to find ways to help ESE students, especially during this time when Covid-19 has caused such chaos.
* The district has Chromebooks, but Chiles does not have them. When they do get Chromebooks there will be dates set for distribution. Once everyone has a Chromebook all students will be required to be on camera.
* Last month Bus Appreciation Week for the drivers.
* We recently had two teacher preparation days. This was necessary due to the lack of time and the amount of changes that are necessary for school this year.
* Update on DAC meeting. Congratulated Rocky Hannah for his reelection. Questions about Chromebooks, Hybrid vs Digital Academy. District realizes that there are some problems with the system but have asked teachers to have leniency. Questions about Dashboard, strategic plan for district (available on website), accreditations coming up have been changed from school to district. Teachers will be getting raises.

**Parent Liaison Report –** Jessica Oyster, P*arent/School Liaison*

* Nothing to Report

**SAC UPDATE –** Penney Baughman, *SAC* *Liason*

* Exam schedule is January 13 (1st and 2nd), January 14 (3rd and 4th), January 15 (5th and 6th)
* Everyday students will start with homeroom. Digital Students will take exams online. You can still exempt out of tests.

**SGA –** Paige Butler, SGA president

* September a Gold Day for childhood cancer awareness with the Hang Tough Club
* Homecoming Court walked at half time at football game on Friday
* Pink Out week passed out pink ribbons and sold pink drinks, raising $450.00 for Joanna Francis Living Well Foundation.
* Upcoming events are in the works. They are helping Ms. Strickland get donations.

**Committee Reports**

**BUSINESS PARTNERS—** Adil Attari, *Chair*

* Continuing to reach out to partners to see how we can help each other considering restrictions from pandemic. Businesses have the right to do what is best for them and we have to see if it continues as a good fit for us or not.

**FOUNDATION**— Rachelle Falcon, *Chair*

* Nothing to Report

**FUNDRAISING—** Michele Reynolds, *Chair*

* We have been working with yearbook for the past 8-10 years. Each year there have been changes. With the pandemic there are changes everywhere. With yearbook we will be able to do fundraising by selling business ads. The yearbook will create the ad. We just sell them. There is a form on the GroupMe that gives the cost breakdown for ads by size. Full page $350/ Half page $200/ Quarter page $125/ Eighth page $75
* Funds from any booster or business that puts an ad in the yearbook will come to us. Michele will build a Google Doc to keep track of which businesses have already been contacted.

**GROUNDS AND FACILITIES**—Janis Edmonds

* Thankful for the budget given. The first thing to do is to move the flagpole. We are now waiting for the county to complete moving the flagpole. Cinderblock planter mimicking front of school will be placed in rotunda after flagpole has been moved. Sod will come in after. Benches will come after that. If we can get enough people (8-10) to help with labor to prep land for sod, it will significantly reduce the cost and allow benches to be installed earlier.

**SOCIAL MEDIA-** Amy O’Kelley, *Chair*

* Nothing to Report

**STUDENT ENCOURAGEMENT**— Erika Brenneman, *Co-Chair*

* A real team effort came together to make tomorrow’s Honor Roll Lunch happen. Cost of lunch from PTO was around $300. Kristi Hill is donating water. 625 students will receive a hot dog lunch.
* 675 Digital Academy students will be mailed donated coupons from Red Elephant, Nuberri, and Newks.
* Deerlake United Methodist Church will be donating hot dogs, buns and condiments for all 3 Honor Roll lunches.
* Dates for next lunches are January 27, 2021 and April 14, 2021

**TEACHER APPRECIATION –** Stephanie Hart, *Co-Chair*

* Monday October 26th cute little gift bags were given out to all of the teachers and staff
* Trying to get together fruit and muffins for next week for Thanksgiving
* Red Elephant will do a December lunch on December 16, for the teachers at a little more cost than before

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR –**Tonya MacKinlay, *Chair*

* Keep track of hours and let her know if anyone needs

**OLD BUSINESS–** Jen Gruenewald, *Co-PTO President/Chair*.

* Jen asked for volunteers to look at the PTO Bylaws. Christi Worley will send out copies of old bylaws and changes that were made since but not voted in.
* No dates yet for Texas Roadhouse on fundraiser
* Amazon Smile was not available to us because they needed bank account numbers which go through the school

**NEW BUSINESS**- Jen Gruenewald, *Co-PTO President/Chair*

* Everyone thanked Jessica Oyster for all of her help she freely gives to us all.
* Looking at setting something with Hanger 38 for school supply event
* Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

**ADJOURNMENT**-The meeting was adjourned at 1:41pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2020 at 12noon.