

**Lawton Chiles High School PTO
PTO December Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 7, 2020 @ 12pm**

Attendees:

Jen Gruenewald	<i>Co-PTO President/Chair</i>
Jenny Maddox	<i>Co-PTO President/Chair</i>
Christi Worley	<i>PTO Treasurer</i>
Noel Elliott	<i>PTO Secretary</i>
Joe Burgess	<i>Principal</i>
Nicola Miller	<i>Staff</i>
Jessica Oyster	<i>Staff/Parent Liaison</i>

Adil Attari
Angie Durbin
Amanda Wiggins
Amy O'Kelly
Calli Pickens
Deborah Lacombe
Dorothy (G-Mom)
Ginger Yates
Jake
Janis Edwards
Kelley Steinmetz
Paige Butler
Penney Baughman
Rachelle Falcon
Tai Nunez
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. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jen Gruenewald.

MINUTES & HANDOUTS— Noel Elliott, *Secretary*

- Last month's minutes were sent out digitally prior to the meeting. Jen presented the minutes for approval. Minutes were approved by Christi Worley and seconded by Tanya MacKinlay.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Christi Worley, *Treasurer*

- Christi gave an update of budget expense from last month. The only new line item in November for t-shirts for yearbook partnership. More items will be seen closer to the end of December.
- A question was raised as to when the money budgeted for Principal Burgess budget would be pulled out. It is already budgeted for and is available.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT—Cali Pickens for *Principal Joe Burgess*

- Looking forward to Winter Break. Exams will be after break, which is a little different this year.
- The rotunda is looking fabulous. Excited about the what the finished project will look like.
- Waiting on update from districts to determine AP exams.
- Right now, the intent is for students to get the Chromebook. At some point the camera and microphone will always need to be on. Everything is subject to change. Chromebooks that have been issued out will remain with the student until they graduate or leave the school.
- Waiting to find out if the quarantine period will be changed to follow the new CDC guidelines.

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

- Several charitable events are happening and if you can support any of the following it would be greatly appreciated.
- First and biggest is the Angel Tree. There is one family that needs 4 \$25 gift certificates each.
- Tomorrow at the end of the school day is the last day for Toys for Tots collection. This is the first year we are acting as a collection spot. New unwrapped toys are appreciated.
- Friday at the end of the school day is the last day for the Salvation Army drive. They are collecting travel or sample size of personal hygiene products, canned goods, breakfast bars, cereal, plastic jars of peanut butter and jelly.
- Thank you to everyone for the amazing generosity you always show.

SAC UPDATE – Penney Baughman, *SAC Liaison*

- SAC is looking for someone to take over the secretary position.
- The next meeting is January 26th

SGA – Paige Butler, SGA president

- Several Fundraisers were held in November.
- Alzheimer's Awareness on November 20th
- Blaze Fundraiser on November 19th
- Launched a new CHS social media, The CHS Spotlight to highlight people outside of the SGA

Committee Reports

BUSINESS PARTNERS— Adil Attari, *Chair*

- Reminder to everyone to forward all partners donations by email to be included in report to the county. Continuing to update to get correct information.

FOUNDATION— Rachelle Falcon, *Chair*

- Next meeting will be held January 20th at 6:30pm. Location is TBD
- Still looking for new board members

FUNDRAISING— Jen Gruenewald for Michele Reynolds, *Chair*

- Texas Roadhouse Roll Fundraiser is still on hold. We are trying to work out some details, one of which is how to keep the rolls fresh. If this cannot be worked out, we will pass this year.
- Funds from any booster or business that puts an ad in the yearbook are trickling in. Please contact Michele to find out if your contact has already been approached.

GROUND AND FACILITIES—Janis Edwards

- Waiting on Heinz to come out and place sod. The brick area will be sodded until time for bricks to be placed. Mulch will be placed after. Omar will do the center planter for his Eagle Scout project. At this point he is waiting for the approval of the Eagle Scout Committee. It looks like it will happen late summer or early fall 2021.
- Jen Gruenewald and Janis Edwards will be attending a meeting with the Foundation to expedite the brick fundraiser to start with this year's graduating students.

SOCIAL MEDIA- Amy O'Kelley, *Chair*

- Will be updating the charity events and Chromebook information today in social media

STUDENT ENCOURAGEMENT— Tonya MacKinlay for Erika Brenneman, *Co-Chair*

- The Honor Roll Lunch was a success. There was an abundance of food and students were able to receive more than one hot dog.
- There is still an abundance of donated coupons from McDonald's and Newks.
- Principal Burgess will ask the chamber to provide the drinks for the next Honor Roll Lunch.

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- Costs for this luncheon were right around \$300.00
- Dates for next lunches are January 27, 2021 and April 14, 2021

TEACHER APPRECIATION – Stephanie Hart, *Co-Chair*

- Red Elephant will do a December lunch on December 16, for the teachers at a little more cost than before. They will have three different choices.
- Red Elephant has been amazing with us. They are one we should look at for Business Partner of the Year.
- Request for homemade goodies and gift cards.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR –Tonya MacKinlay, *Chair*

- Keep track of hours and let her know if anyone needs volunteers

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

- The PTO Bylaws will be looked at by a volunteer committee from the PTO.
- Waiting to talk to Hangar 38 about school supply drive in February.

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

- Closing out the year in about 4-5 months. We will be having officer nominations in March. Last PTO meeting for 2020-2021 year will be May 3rd. Please consider and encourage parents coming up or currently in school to be a part of the PTO.

ADJOURNMENT-The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021 at 12noon.