**Lawton Chiles High School PTO**

**PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 7, 2022**

**Attendees:**

Christy Worley

Johnna Wilcox

Kristi Hill

Melinda Lanigan

Kimberly Revell

Erin Pomeroy

Joe Burgess

Amy O’Kelley

Angie Durbin

Payton Worley

Sabah Bissainthe

Lillie Thomas

Jessica Oyster

**Welcome and Pledge**

12:03 p.m. meeting called to order by Christy Worley

**SGA Update – Payton Worley**

* Nothing event-wise until Dec. or Jan.
* Thank you for Boo Bash and help with Homecoming sales. Sold about 1,200 tickets. About 200 from eFunds.

**Minutes & Handout – Melinda Lanigan**

* Minutes from previous meeting approved. Motion made by Angie to approve; Melinda seconded; minutes approved.

**Treasurer’s Report - Angie Durbin**

* $195 revenue for the brick fundraiser.
* Thank you for the donations. Doesn’t come out of the budget when people donate.
* Kim motioned to approve the report; Melinda seconded; Treasurer’s report approved.

**Principal’s Report – Joe Burgess**

* Nicky out today.
* Keeping an eye on the news for weather system updates on Hurricane Nicole.
* CHS is an evacuation shelter.
* Thank you for all the groups that do military appreciation and first responders’ recognition. It’s a good reminder to the kids, the things you have can’t be here without their sacrifice.
* Senior and freshmen parent nights have been held. Junior and sophomore presentations later this week. Ms. Robinson’s presentation, Dec. 17, 6 p.m. in the auditorium.
* Performing arts, sports team starting and ending. Mr. Burgess encouraged parents to find a game and come to one to support the athletes.
* Best and brightest awards information was sent out for nominations, 15 categories - this is for seniors only.
* Shout out to SGA for the pep rally and Homecoming. Working to get kids out on time for lunch. Timing works better for students.
* Holocaust Remembrance Dinner- attended by teachers, staff, and students. Funding covered by the school.
* Honor roll celebration — thank you from Mr. Burgess. Best one yet. It’s all about student encouragement. Pizza is economical and seems to be a hit.
* Exam schedule: not nailed down yet. Working things out with the district. Deciding if the district will dictate or if it’s left to the school. Exam exemptions are in question as well.
* Christmas Luncheon Wednesday Dec. 14th: Looking to see what he can come up with. Tour of Italy restaurant? Brickyard? Possibility of two waves for lunch? Logistics need to be worked out.
* Kristi Hill asked Joe about the ASVAB scores. Jessica called Bridget Robinson (guidance) and she noted that the scores would be in late Nov and she would give them to the student. They would need to go online to learn more about what the scores mean.
* PSAT scores coming. Not sure when yet.

**SAC Update - Lillie Thomas**

* Approved for teachers to have the bonuses from the A+ funds equally distributed. No time specified yet; information from DOE and district to come. Taxes, etc. for each person have to be calculated. Even if they no longer work here, must make sure information is correct to send them their checks.
* No meeting for SAC November and December
* Course progression for each department; ask questions in a general framework for these meetings. Helps stay on track with time.

**Committee Reports**

**Business Partners – Pradeep Mogha (Christy gave update)**

* Had to take all existing sponsors off the site and manually put in new ones. If any business/sponsor is missing, let them know. Software was down during training. We can add and send the businesses a link. All sponsors are in there from the PTO list.

**PTO Support Coordinator – Olivia Starling**

* Going to work on getting the booster program up and running.
* Consolidating all information of ideas submitted for fundraising.
* Decided to put a hold on things and work out ideas in a focus group.

**Grounds & Facilities – Janis Edwards (Christy gave update)**

* Janis getting degree to do counseling and is very busy, so that’s why she can’t attend meetings as much.
* Trying to get all weeds out of the rotunda and lay new mulch. Weeds growing through sod. Want to get a workday done before Christmas. Writeup for volunteer opportunity for students.

**Social Media - Amy O’Kelley (Christy gave update)**

* Know anyone who wants to do social media after this year? Let PTO know for recruiting for next year.

**Student Encouragement - Kristi Hill**

* Honor Roll Lunch was a success. Purchased 60 pizzas $597, only 1 or 2 left. Deer Lake United Methodist donated all sodas and cookies (value of about $800). Jessica has ideas for other sponsors, emailing other churches to help with the next one and hope to have one lined up before Christmas break.
* Tickets worked well with Mr. Burgess as bouncer. Education needed for students on who is eligible; people with a C can qualify if they have all other A’s and B’s.
* Boo Bash candy and soda from SGA in PTO room now.

**Teacher Appreciation - Johnna Wilcox and Erin Pomeroy**

* Off the week of Thanksgiving.
* Wednesday, Nov. 16. Breakfast in lounge. Signup Genius to be sent out for signups. Sending it out on Group Me for people to donate Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
* Will finalize the list of things needed today.
* Three people needed to help.
* Grab & go, coffee, juice, fruit, muffins.
* Calling Tour of Italy to get a quote on the Christmas lunch.
* $10 gift cards needed for Christmas lunch. Ask for gift cards after Thanksgiving.
* Rally a few days before if they’re short. Send to Amy to push it on social media. Mr. Burgess is in her email group, so she’ll be aware of things happening that she can post.

**Volunteer Coordinator - Kim Revell**

* Received an email from Kelly Walker for nominations for volunteers: youth, adult, and senior citizen
* Volunteer program for district: hosting at Chiles this year.
  + Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m., through Kelly Walker’s office. Nominations due Dec. 14 by 5:00 p.m.
* Email usually goes out; teachers or group organizations will put in nominations; highlighting those who help out.
* Jessica helps out collecting.
* Went out on listserv, all organizations can nominate; Kim will get some as well.

**New Business**

* Booster fundraiser: Want to be on the committee? Let Christy know. Goal is to leave the PTO in good financial shape for next year.
* Kate Strickland was nominated for Teacher of the Year.
* Alumni Defenders program (previous Chiles High School students who serve in the military). Raised $1,150.50 for the program, and all of those who serve got a box.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 12:54 p.m.