

CHMS PTO General Meeting

September 12, 2019

1. Welcome & Call to Order (Jill Conley)
2. Introduction
 - a. Introduce 2019-2020 Board
 - i. WELCOME OUR 2019 – 2020 Executive Board
CHMS Presidents: Jill Conley and Kathie Cihlar
CHMS Co-Vice Presidents: Jennifer Driscoll and Michele Schubkegel
Treasurer: Stephanie Stern
Assistant Treasurer: Jennifer Buffardi
Communications Chair: Jennifer Coffey
Secretary: Courtney Stach
 - b. Approve Minutes from May meeting 2019. Jill Conley made the motion to have the minute from the May 2019 meeting approved. Motion Approved.
3. Long Range Planning (Jill Conley and Kathie Cihar)
 - a. Last year we used the money to update the first floor workroom, added flexible seating to several classrooms, purchased high top tables/chairs and bike racks
 - i. Ideas for 2019-2020 are as follows:
 1. Guest Speakers
 - a. The Board is exploring speakers for assemblies like Matt Wilhelm who's speaking in October about making the right choices; kindness and resilience. These speakers are motivational, educational and helpful learning experiences for our students.
 2. Exercise equipment for PE Class: the Board is reviewing different types of gym equipment; such as, stretch bands and aerodine stationery wind bikes that can be moved and used around the gym area.
 3. Quotes/motivational sayings from students and teachers (Fatheads):
 - a. Motivational quotes will be selected by Levi and the staff and will be placed on walls to best encourage and support the students. This quotes will be in the form of a fathead sticker and easy to adhere to the wall, adjust and change☺
 4. Student artwork framed and displayed
 - a. The goal is to share our students art work and to warm up the walls during passing periods and so the

Board is working on buying frames and teaming with Mr. Bale. We are hoping to buy a professional mat cutter, for \$375.00 and then buy frames of similar size and style.

5. Sound absorbing panels for cafeteria:
 - a. Kids are sensitive to sound and especially in our cafeteria situation. We are all working very hard to investigate the best price and number of panels needed for best results for: lunches, presentations, plays and every day living in the cafeteria.
6. Mrs. McCredy's student presentation
 - a. Mrs. McCredy's class presented their request to the Executive Board last year via a persuasive video on why flexible seating is good for learning and then when they received the amazing additions to their classroom; they created a video thanking the Executive Board which was presented in the September, All Presidents' Meeting!
4. Principal's Update (Dr. Levi Brown)
 - a. LEAP - South African Teachers visiting our schools to learn more about our curriculum and teach alongside our staff. They are splitting time between HMS and CHMS.
 - b. FAMP (Family Allergy Management Plan) - This is a serious safety plan implemented by the district to help with children and allergies.
 - c. MAP Testing - Reading was Wednesday 9/11/19 and Math was 9/12/19. Scores are used for movement and placement of students. Eighth grade MAP helps with placement for high school.
 - d. D181's key topics for the year - Safety, Curriculum, Finance and SELAS - Examples: Programs like LEAP, to see the world from a more international perspective, Gift of the Season, to care about others locally who are in need, Cradles to Crayons, again, a giving program to give to those in need in the Chicagoland area. Speakers like Matt Wilhelm will visit and give the kids good insight on kindness and decision making. SELAS piece is a big part of a child's development.
 - e. Matt Wilhelm - October 29 - assembly to students - kindness/resilience
<https://www.mattwilhelm.com/>
5. Fundraising, Activities & Miscellaneous (Kathie Cihar)
 - a. 20th Anniversary of CHMS
 - i. We are celebrating the eight staff members her since the doors opened (Vivian Beach, Mario Castillo, Carol Dronzek, Jamie

Guerin, Mike Keane, Frank Rossi, Jen Scheuerman, Theresa Doering).

- b. Turnabout - month of October. Donations can be made electronically and fundraising opens the 2nd week in October!
 - c. Eagle Cafe Spirit Lunch starting in October. October 11th is yummy, Brama!
 - d. Directory Update: Theresa Gannon is in the process of securing the printer quotes and will start confirming family information by the end of the month. The target date is for the directory is the beginning of October 2019.
 - e. Clubs and Activities Fair
 - i. September 26 from 8:15-8:50 in the cafeteria! This will function similar to what Hinsdale Central does and the focus will be on the clubs and activities and not just the popcorn! The kids will have a chance to come and see everything during regular advisory.
 - f. Rotary Run - Sunday October 6th, 2019! Eagle Mascot is participating! The run begins at 8:30am and the school mascots run a race for the first 50-yards.
 - g. Cradles for Crayons (Spring Charity Event March 2020) - This is our districtwide (D181) charitable event. There will be a collection push plan for the first week of March 2020. The push will be to collect new and lightly used items school supplies/items families need. The motto is to give with integrity. This allows our students to collect items and donate and help sort the items for children in need. The district wide sorting event will possibly take place at CHMS, but decisions are not yet final.
 - h. Amy Phillips and Anne Prasse agreed to chair School Supplies Kit committee. Thank you, Amy and Anne!
 - i. Open Committee Chair(s) - Graduation Video: still seeking volunteers.
6. Treasurer's Report (Stephanie Stern) - Budget attached to the minutes.
- We are two months into the fiscal year.
 - We've received \$30K of the \$58K budgeted revenue.
 - PTO dues equate to \$17,500 w/ 90% of the families registered.
 - School Kits are just over \$5000 and on budget.
 - PTO donations are at \$2000.00 and are unbudgeted.
 - We've spent \$6K of the \$58K of budgeted expenses.
 - Teachers each received a \$100 classroom stipend for the supplies they want or need.

7. VP Communications Update (Jen Coffey) - Newsletter and Text Messaging. The text platform is changing so there will be a new application to download to receive text messages. The newsletter has been going out regularly. The deadline is Wednesdays at 5pm and the emails have to come in separate subject headers for separate news posts to Jennifer Coffey. Thank you!
8. Endless Summer Appreciation (Jill Conley)
 - a. Back-To-School Day: Thank you to our Committee Chairs, Lana Ferren and Lauren Inabnit, our School Supply Chair, Julie Boruff and the many volunteers that helped make the day a huge success.
 - b. Staff Welcome Lunch: Thank you to Laura Morris and Marcie Purcell and the Staff Appreciation Committee, who provided lunch for the teachers and staff.
 - c. VP Communications & Webmaster: Thank you to Jen Coffey and Julie Boruff for all of you hard work to provide our weekly e-newsletter and updated PTO website for our families.
9. Speaker: CHMS Principal, Dr. Levi Brown: Middle School 101. The complete presentation is attached to the minutes.

KIDS' DAY AT CHMS

The overall presentation went over the grey area of schools; the social, emotional and physical development portion.

- Before School and the Morning Bell
 - Announcements
 - Advisory
 - 9 Periods in the Day
 - Lunch
 - After School

Curriculum Overview

Advisory, Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, World Languages and Exploratories/Encores.

-Homework Websites

-Skyward (Grades, Payments and Lunch Money)

-chmspto.org

-www.d181.org/chms

TESTING

NWEA – MAP – www.nwea.org

IAR www.isbe.net.iar

ISA <https://www.isbe.net/isa>

High School Transition Preparation

Internet

Cell Phones

School Policies

Parent Apps

METHODS for SUCCESS

- Kids purposefully see the same instructor twice a day.
- 3 minute passing periods with music.
- P.E. is for movement, no P.E. in the middle of the day due to lunches
- Lunch can be their favorite or the worst and the kids navigate the social landscape here.
- Kids common struggles are: test-taking, change, and organizational skills.
- Decisions on what to do after school: help with a teacher, Friday after school and clubs/sports.
- Parents must allow their student to rest; busy days and lots of processing going on with new environment and responsibilities.

10. Adjournment (Kathie Cihlar)

- a. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14 at 9 - HCHS Parent Panel