

CHMS GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES from 10/29/2020

PTO Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, October 29, 2020, 7pm

In Attendance:

Co-Presidents - Jenny Driscoll and Michele Schubkegel
Co-Vice Presidents - Anastasia Nystedt and Becky Rush
Treasurer & Assistant-Treasurer - Jennifer Buffardi & Margie Jeffords
VP Communications - Michelle Crowe
Web Master and Remote Learning Liaison - Geegee Khan
Principal - Levi Brown
Teacher Liaison - Lisa Albano
Secretary - Courtney Stach

- I. Good Evening CHMS Parents! Welcome Message from Presidents: Jenny Driscoll and Michele Schubkegel
- II. Introduction to the 2020-2021 Board
 - A. Co-Presidents: Jenny Driscoll and Michele Schubkegel
 - B. Co-Vice Presidents: Anastasia Nystedt and Becky Rush
 - C. Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer: Jennifer Buffardi and Margie Jeffords
 - D. VP of Communications: Michelle Crowe
 - E. Web Master and Remote Learning Liaison: Geegee Khan
 - F. Teacher Liaison: Lisa Albano
 - G. Secretary - Courtney Stach
- III. Motion to Approve the Minutes from the February 2020 Board Meeting Featuring Local Mom/Business Person/Motivational Speaker: Christine Trainer of the Red Initiative of Physical and Mental Health for Our Kids, was the Guest Speaker
 - A. Motion to Approve; seconded and motion approved.
 - B. There was no May General Meeting due to the pandemic and Covid restrictions. There was a May 7th PTO meeting.
- IV. Updates from Dr. Brown
 - A. Dr. Brown has sent out introductory emails.
 - B. The Mask-erade turn about event has been posted on our PTO website and links for donations have been offered in the PTO Sunday newsletter too!
 - C. Families are invited to participate and help support our PTO board and initiatives.
- V. Financial Update
 - A. PTO Registrations exceeded our budget for dues collected by \$4000
 - B. School kit sales exceed their projection by \$900
 - C. Graduation fees are down by \$550; off-set by donations collected.
 - D. Teachers were given their \$100 stipends at the beginning of the year for school supplies
 - E. Masker-erade is happening now!
- VI. 2020 Highlights! Yes There are Some Great Things We Have Done!
 - A. Back to School Day and Other Events/Clubs and School Initiatives Reinvented with Covid Standards
 1. We hosted a socially distanced Welcome Back to School for the 6th graders!
 2. With ingenuity, and elbow grease we distributed over 500 school supply kits to our students even though the 7th and 8th graders didn't participate.
 3. We have retooled clubs to these new pandemic standards such as: a Singing Club with 50 members, Running Challenge (Turkey Trot), and Yearbook has invented new ways to collect photos in school and remotely for our students.
 4. We've designed a Covid-safe and friendly operation to allow for School Pictures.
 5. Thank you wonderful Chairs and Volunteers for making this happen!
- VII. Welcome Back Lunch
 - A. We treated teachers and staff to the traditional 'Welcome Back Lunch'.
 - B. It was pandemic safe, yummy and individually boxed and received outside for our teachers to enjoy and come back from summer.
 - C. It was a big thank you for all they've done and did to prepare for this new year of school and challenges!
 - D. Thank you Chairs and for the people that made this happen for the CHMS Teachers, Faculty and Staff!

- E. New Family Welcome
 - 1. We could not host our newcomer party due to the Covid restrictions so we got creative and did send a PTO special delivery to our new families.
 - 2. Jen Driscoll and Michele Schubkegel designed cute little Eagle stuffies with Welcome Messages and delivered them to our new families homes.
 - 3. We encourage our CHMS parents and students to reach out to the new families and make them feel more welcome.
 - F. CHMS Spirit Wear
 - 1. Our all on-line spirit wear store sold more than twice what was expected!
 - 2. If you want to show your spirit and commitment to keeping our commitment safe, check the new CHMS masks for sale on PTO website.
 - 3. Thank you to our Spirit Wear Chairs for making a safe Fall sale happen!
 - G. Stock the Lounge
 - 1. Throughout the year, the PTO asks parents to help us 'stock the lounge' for our teachers and staff
 - 2. Watch for more opportunities and donate: snacks, sweets, and other treats in our weekly newsletter.
- VIII. Remote Liaison -
- A. Geegee Khan our Remote Learning Liaison and Webmaster has engineered a special space on our PTO website; see the new button "Remote Learning " This was designed to help stay in tune and connected to the fully remote families.
 - B. Please take time to explore our PTO Website's new features and informational offerings for our Remote Learners.
 - C. Remote Learner Lunch for the 6th Graders was a huge success and really helped to connect the fully remote learning families. We plan to host more and help keep the school connected.
- IX. CHMS Online Directory
- A. The CHMS online directories are currently up and running through Membership tool kit.
 - B. Be sure to enable notification so you don't miss out on important information and reminders.
 - C. Printed directories will be coming soon!
 - D. Thank you to our Directory Chair and PTO Co-Vice President!
- X. Styluses
- A. The PTO is purchasing styluses for all 6th, 7th, 8th grade students
 - B. These pens work on all touch screen services and enable pin point accuracy.
 - C. It is a great tool for our kids as they work through their digital assignments.
- XI. The 2020 Mask-erade
- A. CHMS's unique fundraising non-event; no indoor celebrations, no large gatherings, no problem!
 - B. Simply help our children and PTO by donating online.
 - C. Our goal is to exceed the PTO's operating budget of \$20,000
 - D. Your past donations have purchased bike racks, flexible seating, sound panels, for the cafeteria, exercise equipment for the gym and much more!
- XII. We Need Your Help More than Ever!
- A. Traditional Fundraisers have been canceled or repurposed to meet the requirements for Covid.
 - 1. Eagle Eats, Pizza Wars, and the Vending Machines will look different this year
 - B. The PTO budget supports the following:
 - i. MRC
 - ii. Guest Speakers for Our School
 - iii. Staff Appreciation and Faculty Support
 - iv. Classroom needs and e-learning tools
 - C. The PTO's budget requires:
 - i. Insurance
 - ii. Accounting
 - iii. Technology Support
 - iv. Other Operating Expenses
 - D. We want to continue supporting our school the way we have in the past! Please consider donating to our Masker-erade fundraiser today!!

INTRODUCING OFFICER JEFF BEAN- GUEST SPEAKER

Founder, SafeSchools4All (THIS PRESENTATION IS LOCATED UNDER RESOURCES TAB on PTO Website)

- A. Suburban Officer Jeff Bean is a Suburban Police Officer
 - B. Junior High School Resource Center
 - C. Created teaches my own curriculum in a school district with 3,000 students called GRIT
 - D. Certified Juvenile Officer for over 20 years
 - E. Speaks nationally on topics of school, security, social media, cyberbullying and internet safety
- I. App Breakdown
- A. SnapChat - most popular, allows creativity, better privacy features, hard to monitor, cyberbullying, be sure to set location setting as OFF
 - B. Instagram - typical application for your younger kids, similar to Facebook (they own it)
 - C. Issues with Instagram can be: screenshots are anonymous and cyberbullying
 - D. TIK TOK - This app's popularity is skyrocketing; as it allows users to create short, fun and videos. Allows users to lip sync to songs, add filters to the video
 - E. Cyberbullying, inappropriate content, questionable lyrics, addition to chasing LIKES.
- II. Pew Study
- A. The focus is on children ages: 13-17
 - B. 95% have smart phones
 - C. 45% admit to being online constantly
 - D. Cyberbullying.org 2020 (primarily the ages 9-12)
 - E. 90% use social media and online gaming apps, most have more than one
 - F. 66% tried to help when witnessing cyberbullying, dramatically higher than 10 years ago. This is good news!
 - G. Kids are learning!
- III. Online Activity
- A. Why are kids online?
 - 1. Communication is #1.
 - 2. Want to be a part of something Fear of Missing Out. FOMO
 - 3. Boredom
 - 4. It offers them a chance to be creative among their peers, and interact
- IV. Pros and Cons
- A. Staying Connected, Entertaining and Fun, Kids Get to be Creative and Competitive.
 - B. Learning new things about Technology
 - C. Cons include: Sharing too much information, interacting with strangers, cyberbullying and drama, inappropriate photos/images and cancel culture.
- V. What Can Parents Do?
- A. Is your child ready for social media? Have the conversation
 - B. Research the Applications and learn the basics so you are prepared
 - C. Look at your child's phone and device and monitor their activity regularly
 - D. Talk with them; listen to your kids
 - E. Show an interest in what interests THEM
 - F. Be their parent, not their friend
- VI. What Can Kids Do?
- A. Use real ages
 - B. Set Pages to Private
 - C. Don't Share too Much Info
 - D. Turn Location Setting to OFF
 - E. Plan for cyberbullying and inappropriate content. What will you do if?
 - F. Have realistic expectations
- VII. Monitoring Software
- A. Bark
 - B. Phone Sheriff
 - C. Net Nanny
 - D. FamiGuard

- E. Highster
- VIII. Informative Websites
 - A. www.common sense media.org
 - B. www.net smartz.org
 - C. www.i keepsafe.org
 - D. www.u knowkids.com
 - E. www.cyberbullying.org
- IX. Feel Free to Contact Officer Bean with Questions
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Meeting Adjourned 8pm