

CGS PTO Meeting – January 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 online via Zoom.

Members present: Michael Hart, Jennifer Grigsby, Maria Arner, Marisha Lecea, Kristen Garvie, Kathrina Urann, Tracie Short, Kerry Childers, Tammie Morris, Lynda Francis, Jennifer Crisp, Diane O’Hara, Ann Baker, Debora, Deann Fairfax, Jerry Schenemann, Lori Smith, Mary Becelia, Mary M, Matt Francis, Michelle Chaudoir, Mona Jani, Olga Janicki, Regina, Sarah Hall, Tamara Quick, Theresa Aberg, Vanessa Sekinger, WC

Senior Scholarship Report: Mary Becelia

- Top 3 essays win scholarships in the following amounts: \$1,000, \$500, and \$250.
- Mary has reached out to people interested in serving on the Committee and has it set up.
- Mrs. Grigsby can send the prompt to all seniors.
- Need to confirm that families need to be CGS PTO members by January 29, 2021.
- Winners will be announced at the Senior Recognition ceremony in May.
- Mrs. Grigsby can send a reminder to senior parents.
- Mary and Michael Hart will come up with the prompt (essay question).

Secretary’s report: Maria Arner – Theresa Aberg made a motion to approve the November 9, 2020 minutes as written. Tamara Quick seconded the motion and they were **unanimously approved**.

Treasurer’s report: Marisha Lecea

- Bank balances as of December 31, 2020:
 - Checking: \$8,045.70
 - Money Market: \$10,402.54
- A family donated \$30 to pay dues for a random family that is having financial difficulties.
- Taxes have been filed and accepted.
- The accountant did an audit on our books.
- If you’re a Teacher Appreciation chair, please spend your budgeted money.

Membership report: Denise Wallace via email

- We have 210 members as of today.

Merchandise Report: Diane O’Hara

- A lot of purchases have been made and the fundraiser has been very successful.
- We receive \$2 for every item sold.
- All merchandise has been taken to the appropriate schools.
- The duffle bag is very nice.
- The vendor is finding a lot of nice items at good costs.
- Would like to have a spring order period; possibly after new students are notified they’ve been accepted into the program.

Director’s report: Jennifer Grigsby

Application Updates

- Applications close dates:
 - Caroline – January 8th
 - Stafford – January 8th
 - KG – January 11th
 - Spotsylvania – January 22nd

Return to Learn Plan

- All schools are currently 100% virtual due to a rise in cases in the county and limitations of providing in person instruction with staff quarantines and positive cases.
- Spotsy – Virtual through January 29th; will reassess on January 26th – When hybrid, 2 days per week in-person; 2 days virtual; Wednesday is flex day.
- King George – In-person instruction postponed until further notice; will be reassess on January 25th – When in person, 4 days per week; Wednesday is flex day.
- Caroline – Begins in-person instruction on February 1st – When in person, 4 days per week; Wednesday is flex day; SB Meeting tonight to make decision.
- Stafford – Return on February 2nd – Staff return on January 19 at the high school level – When hybrid, 2 days per week in-person; 2 days virtual; Monday is flex day.
- All teachers in all counties have had an opportunity to be vaccinated.

Teacher Observations

- All teachers are in the midst of observation cycle 1. Teachers are observed and the focus is on student engagement.

CGS Evaluation

- CGS is evaluated on a 6-year cycle; this is our year!
- Evaluations are scheduled for April 12th -14th; don't know if they'll be in-person or virtual.
- If they're in person, CGS will provide dinner on April 13th and will look for support from the PTO.

Old/New Business:

- **None**

Committee and/or VP Reports:

- **SnowBall**
 - We have the Eagle's Lodge reserved. Can we get a refund?
 - Currently scheduled for February 27th. Ask to rebook on February 26, 2022.

Kudos & Good News:

- Deann Fairfax shouted out to Ashley Davis (King George teacher) for doing a great job. Also, Kudos to Diane O'Hara for doing a great job with the Merchandise.
- Shout out to Riverbend teachers; especially James Conley who is doing a great job teaching online.
- Michael Arner (senior at Colonial Forge) is being recruited by 2 colleges to run.
- Audrey Arner (2016 CGS graduate) has 2 interviews for a PhD program in Biological Anthropology.
- Fiona Gordon has been accepted to VCU, MWU, and in Engineering at Texas A&M.

Misc:

- Deann Fairfax asked what events we typically do in the spring.
 - Family Picnic to welcome new families.
 - Senior Recognition; scheduled for Sunday, May 23rd.
 - Senior Symposium has been cancelled.
- Look into the possibility of changing the PTO year from 1 July-30 June.
 - Check with Bob to find out if there are financial repercussions.
 - Would also need to change the By-laws.



- The Commonwealth Governor’s School
- Commonwealth Governor’s School PTO

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.

Next PTO meeting – February 8, 2021 at 7 p.m. – via Zoom.

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