

## CGS PTO Meeting – April 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 online via Zoom.

**Members present:** Michael Hart, Jennifer Grigsby, Maria Arner, Marisha Lecea, Denise Wallace, Lynda Francis, Kerry Childers, Christina Meredith, Theresa Aberg, John O'Brien, Kathrina Urann, Kristen Garvie, Melissa Rice, Vanessa Sekinger, Rachel Dunlap, Bridgette Farrell-Kuzma, Regina Clayton-Roane, Mary Ailis, Carol Schaller, Mary Becelia. Official Zoom list is in Secretary's binder.

**Secretary's report: Maria Arner** – Jack O'Brien made a motion to approve the March 8, 2021 minutes as written. They were **unanimously approved**.

### **Treasurer's report: Marisha Lecea**

- Bank balances as of March 31, 2021
  - Checking: \$8,767.96
  - Money Market: \$10,402.80
- Monthly square deposits: \$670.17 for 1 membership; remainder is donations to scholarship.
- Mobile deposit on 3/24 for \$130: 1 family membership, \$50 to scholarship, and \$50 Network for Good donation.
- Jessie Wang wants \$25 check donated to senior gifts.
- One check for \$12.50, from 6/8/20, for Math Award still has not been cashed.

### **Membership report: Denise Wallace**

- We have 240 members as of today.

### **Director's report: Jennifer Grigsby**

#### **Return to Learn Plan**

- **Caroline** – in-person instruction 4 days per week started on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **King George** – in-person instruction 4 days per week started on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Spotsylvania** – hybrid instruction 2 days per week restarted on February 22<sup>nd</sup>; in-person instruction 4 days per week started today, April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Stafford** – hybrid instruction 2 days per week started on February 9<sup>th</sup> for grade 9 and February 16<sup>th</sup> for grades 10-12; in-person instruction 4 days per week will start on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Return to Learn Plan was updated, posted on the website, and resubmitted to the VDOE and approved by Michael Bolling, VDOE Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Innovation on April 5<sup>th</sup> (third resubmission).

#### **VDOE Evaluation**

- CGS completed day 1 of their three-day evaluation by the Virginia Department of Education today. The evaluation window is April 12-14. The evaluation team observes teachers and interviews various stakeholders (students, teachers, regional office staff, parents, PTO board members, alumni, gifted liaisons, central office staff, superintendents, and Governing Board members).
- Thank you to the parents and PTO board members who participated in this evening's interviews.

## Upcoming Events

- **Senior Recognition Ceremony**
  - May 23 from 3-6pm.
  - Capacity is currently 180 people (due to Executive Order 72 and the Fredericksburg Expo Center's 30% maximum).
  - Plan is to split the event into groups of two sites at one time with each student being able to bring 2 guests.
  - All costs will be covered by the PTO.
  - Gifts/budget need to be discussed further in order to be sure all items arrive prior to the event.
- **CGS Picnic**
  - Probably unable to occur.
  - Executive order 72 still has a limitation of 100 people for an outdoor gathering.

## Old Business:

- **Senior Scholarships – Mary Becelia**
  - There were 20 applications.
  - Need at least 3 judges.
    - Kristen Garvie and Christina Meredith stepped up.
  - Applications will be sent electronically this year for reviews.
  - Mary needs to check with Denise Wallace to verify applicants' membership status.
- **Senior Celebration**
  - Can we hire a photographer to take group photos from each site?
  - After a bit of discussion, Vanessa Sekinger made a motion to have students sign picture frames, which will be given to each student after class pictures are put in. Maria Arner seconded the motion and it **passed unanimously**. The Senior Celebration group will work out all of the details.
  - Maria Arner motioned to increase the Senior Celebration budget by \$2,500 to cover the costs of the frames and pictures. Marisha Lecea seconded the motion and it **passed unanimously**.

## New Business:

- Rachel Dunlap, from the North Stafford site, requested CGS PTO funds so that the teachers can host a picnic for students. After discussion, Theresa Aberg made a motion to provide every site \$5/student for the teachers to recognize the students this year. Marisha Lecea seconded the motion and it **passed unanimously**.
- Elections for next year's PTO Board's Elected Officers will be held at the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Anyone interested in serving on the Board, or as a Committee chairperson, should contact Michael Hart.

## **Kudos & Good News:**

- From the North Stafford site:
  - Rami Ghaleb: was selected for Boys State
  - Shannon Harell: Girls State alternate, Forensics state champion (in comedy?)
  - Simon Alam: Boys State alternate, 4th place in Super Regionals in debate
  - Michael Dunlap: Boys state alternate, 4th place in Super Regionals in debate
- Aren Wallace, from the Stafford site, received the received the Dingledine scholarship for JMU.
- Michael Arner from the Colonial Forge site will be running in the Regional Cross Country meet.
- Audrey Arner, Colonial Forge 2016 graduate, will be starting a PhD program in Biology at Vanderbilt in the fall.



- The Commonwealth Governor's School
- Commonwealth Governor's School PTO

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31.

Next PTO meeting – May 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. – via Zoom.

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