

Chinook Trail Middle School PTSA Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023 - 6:00PM

CTMS Curiosity Center

6:00pm - 6:10pm	Welcome and Introductions - Erin Stevens Meeting call to order: 6:03 PM
6:10pm - 6:15pm	Treasurer's Report - Monica Henry <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members were provided a copy of the 2023-2024 Budget• The financial reports for May-August were also provided to the members and reviewed.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ In May there was income of \$1,940.19 from other fundraising (King Soopers and American Furniture Warehouse fundraising; \$794.48 from spirit wear sales; and \$5 from donations.◦ May expenses included: \$1,246.30 for staff appreciation; \$798.67 in Owl Grants; and \$321.44 in operation expenses for PTA training.◦ In June there was income of \$18.00 from donations and \$2,977.69 in spirit wear sales.◦ June expenses included: \$675.80 for staff appreciation and \$1,991.89 for the 8th grade continuation ceremony◦ In July there was only an expense of \$146.95 for payment of the CO quarterly sales tax.◦ In August there was income of \$9.00 from donations and \$58.91 in spirit wear sales.◦ August Expenses included: \$1,573.60 for ordering spirit wear.• In August there were \$930. in uncleared deposits and \$3,494.18 in the PayPal account which will be dispersed in September.
6:15pm - 6:20pm	Membership Report- Alyssa Drew <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We currently have 51 members that have been captured by PayPal and physical paperwork• A test email will go out to all members next week, once all members are entered into the system. If you think you are a member and don't receive an email, please contact Alyssa.

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6:20pm - 6:25pm	<p>Fundraising Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Wear: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Jim Wittwer mocked up some new designs for a crew neck sweatshirt from Be Branded which he presented to the members. Any shade of blue or green would be available. ◦ It was proposed to not have a fundraiser this year. However, it was mentioned that if we wanted to have new spirit wear to sell, we would need to have a fundraiser in order to have the funds available for the new spirit wear order. This would mean that we will have to do Taking Flight again this year. ◦ Members asked if it would be possible to have multiple different spirit wear options. Erin proposed that the members think about the two options proposed at the meeting and be ready to discuss at the next meeting; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Option one: Go with an online distributor so there is more variety for spirit wear options. However, the prices would be higher and the PTSA would not get any income from the sales. ▪ Option two: Go with the local company and offer one new spirit wear option. We would have to order in bulk, but the price would be lower and the PTSA would get a portion of the sales. ◦ Ideas were thrown out like: surveying students to see what they want for spirit wear. Tying the survey into fundraising was also suggested—for example: if you donate you get an opportunity to vote on the new spirit wear. <p>Ways You Can Support CTMS PTSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King Soopers • American Furniture Warehouse
6:25pm - 6:30pm	<p>Upcoming Events & Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTMS PTSA General Membership Meeting - October 16, 2023 @ 6:00PM
6:30pm - 6:35pm	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Mural: Tom Andrew and Tracy Schneider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Tom and Tracy approached the PTSA about the possibility of helping fund a mural in the school library. ◦ The two met with muralist Molly McClure and discussed what they are looking for in a design. Mockups of possible designs would be

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made available if we decide to proceed with the mural. However, members were provided with past examples of her work at the meeting. She has looked at the possible location for the mural and provided a quote of \$10,000. However, she did mention that she would be willing to lower the price since we are a 501(c) organization.

- The project would take about 2-3 weeks once started, but she could not start until November or December.
- Tracy has about \$2,000 to \$2,500 in book fair funds she could use towards the project and the PTSA has \$6,000 in funds carried over from previous years we could use towards the project. We discussed approaching Ms. McClure with the possibility of creating the mural for the funds we currently have available for the project.
- The members asked if there was a possibility for creating student involvement in the mural process. Some examples thrown out included: involving the art classes, involving the art club, letting kids vote on the different mock ups.
- Alyssa Drew made a motion for Erin to have further discussions with the artist and provide us with mock ups for possible designs. Heather Salas seconded the motion. There was no opposition.
- The PTSA hopes to have possible designs available at the next meeting.
- October Speaker: Becky Allan – Mill Levy Override, Measure 4A
 - Becky Allan, the district CFO, can present information at our PTSA meeting on the upcoming MLO measure.
 - The PTSA can vote to support the MLO so the question was asked whether the members supported having Ms. Allan speak at our next meeting. Members supported the idea of having Ms. Allan speak.
 - Please spread the word that Ms. Allan will be speaking at the October meeting concerning the upcoming MLO.
 - The district will have its own Mill Levy Override information session on Oct. 11th
- Sarah Begley from her own HVAC company
 - Sarah Begley is a D20 parent and owner of her own HVAC company. She is offering a discounted diagnostic check for \$99 for fellow CTMS families. The company will give the PTSA \$50 for every call they receive from October 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023 for the diagnostic check.
 - Those interested will need to mention that they are from CTMS when they schedule the appointment in order for the PTSA to receive money from this special.
- Bark Social Media
 - Bark Social Media is a company that helps parents monitor children's use of phones and apps. The company currently has 6.8 million kids covered by the Bark monitoring system.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The company reached out to CTMS because of our new recognition as a School of Excellence and would like to know if we want to partnership with them. ◦ Bark has released a new phone that comes installed with the Bark monitoring software. The company is offering 20% off the monthly fee for CTMS parents and \$100 to the CTMS PTSA for every phone sold to CTMS families. ◦ The company is also offering to host a free social media course for CTMS families. ◦ Many members were in favor of obtaining more information from the company and having a more in-depth discussion with Bark concerning a possible partnership. ● Nominating Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ We are looking for volunteers for this year’s nominating committee. ◦ The PTSA will be losing several members this year. ● Members Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Members were asked for their suggestions/input on what they want the PTSA to look like this year. No one had any suggestions at that time. ● Membership: Military Discount <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ An idea was mentioned for future consideration on whether the PTSA would like to provide a military discount for CTMS PTSA membership in the future since there is such a large military presence within CTMS. ● PTSA Bylaws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Amendments to our bylaws is due this year. ◦ Our bylaws are posted on our website for everyone to see. ◦ We will have a meeting later in the school year to discuss possible changes to the bylaws. ● Veterans Day Event: Dylan McGill and Tom Andrew <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Posed the idea of the PTSA funding a Veterans Day event at the school. ◦ The PTSA showed interest and asked them to submit a request for an OWL grant.
6:35pm - 6:40pm	<p>Finished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ We will vote to approve the minutes at the next meeting since we were unable to email the minutes to members prior to the meeting. ● Stock the Lounge – Samantha Carter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Thank you to all the families that helped stock the teachers’ lounge ◦ The teacher appreciation event went well and the teachers were provided many great treats and a small gift from the PTSA as well.

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6:40pm - 6:45pm	<p>Misc. Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dining Out – Kellie McSparren <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Kellie was not able to attend the meeting. ◦ It was mentioned that the PTSA is aiming to go bigger and better, but fewer this year in regards to dining out nights. The plan is to limit the CTMS dining out nights to two this year due to there being so much competition for dining out nights with all the area organizations. • Reflections – Adri Murdock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Presented the Reflections poster for this school year to the members ◦ The theme for the 2023-2024 program year is “I am Hopeful Because....” ◦ Students may submit works of art in one or all of the categories: dance choreography, film, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. ◦ Due date is November 10th ◦ More information will be posted around the school • Special Education – Jim Wittwer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Our CTMS PTSA SPED representative is Jim Wittwer • YAC- Youth Activation Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Special Olympics Colorado’s Youth Activation Committee is a group of youth made up of members with and without intellectual disabilities. ◦ There is an upcoming youth summit on November 3 at the Broncos Training Center. ◦ The PTSA will put out more information about the event as more information becomes available. • CTMS PTSA will host a student led forum for the upcoming board election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The event will be fully led by the students. Everyone is welcome to attend the event. The date is still TBD. We will post more information once it becomes available. ◦ If you have a student that is interested in government and the election process this would be a perfect opportunity to get involved.
6:45pm-6:50pm	<p>Parent Sounding Board Report: Barbara Dawson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last Parent Sounding Board Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The new Superintendent, Jinger Haberer, gave a presentation about herself and her expectations. ◦ The CMAS scores were discussed. The district earned accreditation with distinction for the 15th consecutive year. ◦ There was a presentation by Becky Allan about the upcoming MLO measure.
6:50pm-6:55pm	<p>Principal’s Report - Tom Andrew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been a great start to the school year.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CTMS currently has 1,075 students enrolled and 110 staff members (including 16 new staff members)• The school added another literacy specialist to the staff• The school has finished with MAP testing and has reviewed scores with the accountability committee<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ CTMS showed great success in ELA and Math scores• The school is focusing on 3 priorities: executive functioning, OWL time, and literacy<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ OWL time was increased to 30 minutes this year. The extra time will be used to provide students with extra support and time with teachers as needed.◦ The school is using the results from the MAP testing to see where OWL time can be used to close any gaps they may find.• School clubs are starting! Posters can be found around the school.• We are wrapping up the Fall sports season.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ The cross-country championship is this Wednesday at Ute Valley Park◦ The volleyball tournament is this Friday at Rampart High School◦ The final football game of the year is also coming up soon• Thank you for all the gifts and stocking the teachers' lounge. It means a lot to be recognized! All the donations were very much appreciated!
6:55pm-7:00pm	Meeting Adjourned: 7:08

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