

Chinook Trail Middle School PTSA Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2023 - 6:00PM

CTMS Curiosity Center

6:00pm – 6:10pm	Welcome - Erin Stevens Meeting call to order: 6:04 PM
6:10pm – 6:15pm	Treasurer's Reports - Monica Henry <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ October Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ In October there was income of \$185.84 from membership dues; \$7 from donations; and \$19.11 from spirit wear sales.▪ October expenses included: \$700.63 for Staff Appreciation (Pies and Grinders); \$4,250 for mural project; \$172.77 for PTA supplies (reusable fundraising signs); \$327.00 for Colorado PTA membership dues; and \$204.00 Website expense.◦ November Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ In November there was income of \$91.11 from membership dues; \$242.16 from the Taking Flight Fundraiser; \$8.00 from PayPal Giving Fund; and \$19.11 from spirit wear sales.▪ There were no expenses for the month of November.▪ It was noted that we will have money transferring to our account soon from PayPal: \$4,107.93 from PayPal and \$93.00 from the PayPal Giving Fund.
6:15pm – 6:20pm	Membership Report- Alyssa Drew <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ We currently have 57 members◦ We are currently working on getting all the teachers signed up for memberships.
6:20pm – 6:25pm	Fundraising Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Spirit Wear<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Larissa has agreed to make signs for our online spirit wear store. We want signs for incoming students at Night at the Nest and to remind current parents and students of our online store.▪ People are buying from the store. We are starting to see people wearing the gear around the school.◦ Taking Flight: We raised just over \$4,000.◦ King Soopers: We just received a check today from King Soopers Community Rewards for over \$970.

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6:25pm - 6:30pm	<p>Upcoming Events & Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ CTMS PTSA General Membership Meeting – January 22, 2024 @ 6:00PM
6:30pm – 6:35pm	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Nominating Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We need to establish a committee for the next meeting. ▪ We have had a few people state that they are interested in being on the committee; however, we still need a couple more people. ▪ Please let us know if you are interested or know someone who is interested. ◦ 2024-2025 Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you would like to be on the board next year, please let us know. ▪ It was mentioned that we should look at the local elementary school PTSA's for possible interest next year. ▪ We will be losing most of our current board at the end of this year. Erin mentioned that if people are hesitant to join the board due to this fact, she is willing to stay and work with the new board next year. ◦ Bylaw Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The bylaw review is coming up and is another opportunity to help if you are interested. Our bylaws are on our website. Everyone is welcome to check them out and offer revisions at our next meeting. ▪ We will start the review process after the first of the year. ◦ Owl Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heather Smith - Brain Bowl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Smith has requested an OWL grant of \$375 for Brain Bowl regional competition registration fees. Registration is \$75 per team and the school has 5 teams. This request impacts approximately 30 kids. ▪ Heather Smith – Art supplies for 6th grade TAG exploratory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Smith has requested an OWL grant of \$100 for art supplies for a legacy project for her 6th grade TAG exploratory class. This request impacts about 40 kids. This will be for a photo mosaic of Ozzie the Owl that her class will be making for display at the school. • <i>Kellie McSparren motioned to approve both the Brain Bowl and art supplies grants. Alyssa Drew seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voting members were in favor and the motion passed.</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Holiday Teacher Gift <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have decided to host a Hot Cocoa Bar for the teachers and staff on Monday December 11th. ▪ The SignUp Genius link for donations is in our newsletter and on our social media pages. There have been quite a few people who have already signed up to donate items! ▪ We have had a few people offer to help set up the bar at 7:00 AM on Monday December 11th. If anyone else is interested in helping to set up, please let us know. ◦ Vision and Hearing Screening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The hearing and vision screening is coming up on January 23rd and 24th. We will need 2-3 volunteers each day to help walk the kids to and from classes. ▪ If you are interested, please let Erin know.
6:35pm – 6:40pm	<p>Finished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PTSA Trout Unlimited Project: The fish have hatched from their eggs! Check out the adorable baby fish in the Curiosity Center. ◦ October Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Just as a reminder, our minutes are on our website for ease and transparency. ▪ <i>Alyssa Drew motioned to accept the minutes for October. Kellie McSparren seconded the motion. All voting members were in favor. There was no further discussion.</i> ◦ Library Mural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our mural is complete and is beautiful! Mollie McClure, the artist, has put a time lapsed video online so that you can watch her painting process. ▪ The PTSA still needs to finish paying her now that the mural is completed and will also be giving her a donation. ◦ Reflections: We have 3 students going on to the next stage of the Reflections competition.
	<p>Misc. Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Dining Out – Kellie McSparren <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shake Shack and Dave and Busters were offered as suggestions as possible fundraisers as they are new and people would probably be

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	<p>more inclined to want to check them out. We will need to see if these places offer fundraising opportunities for our PTSA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was mentioned that Pies and Grinders has been successful in the past and that Chuy's offered our PTSA a good fundraising opportunity last year. However, no one attended the dining out. ◦ Special Education Liaison- Jim Wittwer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jim was not in attendance. However, it was discussed that the Polar Plunge will probably be happening again this year. They are currently working with the Olympic Museum to possibly do something in conjunction with the event.
<p>6:45pm- 6:50pm</p>	<p>Parent Sounding Board Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The liaisons were not in attendance and there was no November meeting to report.
<p>6:50pm- 6:55pm</p>	<p>Principal's Report - Tom Andrew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Tanner Jones is our new choir teacher. He has built an awesome choir program. ◦ We had 4 kids accepted into All State Choir. ◦ We had 16 kids accepted into Honor Band. We had more kids accepted into Honor Band than all other D20 middle schools, with the exception of TCA. ◦ Donuts for Vets was well received. Susan O'Leary our military and family life counselor and her kids helped with the event. ◦ We had the Once Upon a High School theater performance last weekend. The kids crushed it! The kids ran everything – lights, sound, etc. ◦ We had 3 students get first place in their category in the Reflections competition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The board discussed the apparent lower participation numbers this year. Members were concerned that the recent changes to the school newsletter have made it more difficult for the PTSA to reach members of the CTMS community. The board asked Mr. Andrew if it was possible to sit down and strategize different ways for our PTSA information to be more visible to our community. ◦ Thank you for the library mural! We are super happy and proud of it. ◦ Winter MAP testing is coming up on January 17th and 18th. ◦ Harvest Love Food Drive was a success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We collected over \$9,000 in monetary donations and 20 big boxes of food donations.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ We don't know how we did in comparison to the other schools as of yet.◦ Our CTMS softball team was the league tournament champions again this year.◦ Basketball is currently underway.◦ We are looking forward to the next two weeks!
6:55pm- 7:00pm	Meeting Adjourned: 6:39

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