CHS PTSA

Meeting Minutes September 12, 2016

1. Call to order – LeAnn Saarem, 5:34 p.m.

Attendees – Tasha Fuson, Wendy Tims, Tracy Morgan, LeAnn Saarem

2. **Minutes & Correspondence** – Tracy Morgan presented the August Officer's Meeting minutes. Mrs. Fuson moved to approve, Wendy seconded, and the motion passed. LeAnn will have the May minutes at the next meeting.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Wendy Tims

- a. Proposed PTSA Budget 2016-17 Bonding/insurance was changed to \$205.00 from \$210.00. All else stayed as is. Mrs. Fuson moved to approve with change, Tracy seconded, the motion passed.
- b. Treasurer's Reports Wendy presented the April updated, May, June, July, and August treasurer reports. Mrs. Fuson moved to approve all, Tracy seconded, the motion passed.
- c. Audit for 2015-16 was completed by Jane Keller and Valentina Midboe. Wendy will bring LeAnn copies to submit to Nevada PTA.

4. **Membership Report** – LeAnn Saarem, 62 current members

- a. Need a person to work with LeAnn and upkeep the membership database. Still looking for a person to help with this. This person could also help send out needed membership emails. Wendy moved to create a new CHS PTSA email account (free from gmail or the like) to be maintained by the PTSA officers and the membership liaison. Mrs. Fuson seconded, and it was approved.
- 5. **Principal's Report** Tasha Fuson. Tasha reported that CHS was awarded three full-time and two part-time Safe Schools professionals. They are year-to-year employees that are grant funded. They will be working on social/emotional issues that involve students in crisis and their families. They will assist students that are not being successful in school. They will be providing wrap around services. A plan will be put together to implement this program. Amy Freismidl would like to come and address the PTSA re: this.

The attendance dean would also like to come in and address the PTSA. Sharon Hallinan will be with us for the year. She is looking for ideas from parents to assist her in improving attendance.

6. Unfinished Business

a. CHS Inspirational Mural – Bridget Gordon-Johnson. We are waiting for more information from Bridget. They will be making posters that promote student respect as well. We will contact Amy Freismidl to see if this can be tied in to Safe Schools. The students in the after school program will also help with the actual painting.

b. Amazon Smile fundraiser – All advertisement for this fundraiser must be sent electronically. A link will be put on the Carson High's webpage under the PTSA tab. LeAnn will sit with Kim Arnold to have this information added online. The organization to link accounts to is "PTA Nevada Congress Carson High School."

7. New Business

- a. Reflections Program Need Chairperson and Facebook Coordinator. An email will be sent to parents asking for help.
- b. College Interview Panel (Jan.) Need Chairperson. We need a person to shadow LeAnn so that she can turn this over to someone else after this year. Karen Salm will be asked by LeAnn if she is interested, but she is a parent of a senior and won't be here next year.
- c. Support for CHS academic departments. It was discussed that the PTSA would like to offer "mini" grants to help teachers/staff support learning at CHS. Tracy Morgan will draft an application so that these grants can be judged and awarded. It will be emailed to the other board members and Mrs. Fuson for any possible changes. These grants will be awarded to PTSA members only. Grant recipients must provide receipts for the monies awarded.
- d. Other ideas for PTSA programs or events none at this time.
- e. Update our Bylaws due April 2017. Nevada PTA will provide us with a template to aid in doing this. Tracy and LeAnn will work on this.
- f. Craft Fair volunteers for PTSA (November). A request for volunteers will be sent out to members via email.
- g. Attend a CHS Staff meeting to promote PTSA This will be done at the October 11th or the November 8th meeting. We would like to have the grant application process ready for this presentation.

8. Announcements

- a. CHS PTSA meetings will be scheduled for the 2nd Monday of each month in the CHS Library at 5:30 p.m. **Next meeting- October 10th
- b. CHS Open House Wednesday, September 21, 6-8 p.m.
- c. Senior Parent Night Tuesday, October 4th, 6-7:30 p.m., CHS Library
- d. Junior Parent Night Wednesday, October 5th, 6-7:30 p.m., CHS Library
- e. ASVAB: Wednesday, October 19, sign up in the counseling office
- f. College Fair, Sunday, Nov. 6, noon 4 p.m. at Joe Crowley Student Union UNR
- g. LeAnn is looking for volunteers to help with the CCSD Strategic Plan Refresh. Meetings will be held on Sept. 15, Sept. 29, Oct. 20, and Nov. 17 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the CMS cafeteria.

9. Adjourn: 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Tracy Morgan, October 10, 2016

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