PTSO Community Meeting

9/26/2023

The meeting was held virtually and at its maximum included 59 Participants.

* PTSO President, Sheree Price, provide a review of the [Agenda](http://capitolhillmontessorischool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/PTSO-CAPITOL-HILL-MONTESSORI_COMMUNITY-AGENDA_9.26.2023.pdf)
* Board Introduction
  + Sheree Price, PTSO President,
  + Maria Hernandez, Vice President
  + Renee Bryant, Treasurer
  + Hope Thomas, At-Large-Member 1
  + Alpha Lillstrom Cheng, Chair of Garden, Health, & Wellness Committee
  + Theresa Westover, Communication
  + Andy Turner Chair of STEAM committee
  + Danica Petroshios Middle School Committee Co-Chair
  + Shelley Brown Middle School Committee Co-Chair
  + Jasmine Faulkner, Junior Treasurer
  + Amanda Clarke, At-Large-Member 2
  + Haider Haider, Secretary
  + Kim Adutwum, Principal
* Additional Introductions
  + Simone Anderson, Assistant Principal
  + Tommie Jones, LSAT Chair

* Upcoming Events Noted:
  + Movie Night, September 30th
  + [Walk and Roll to School](https://capitolhillmontessorischool.org/walk-to-school-day-and-bike-to-school-day/)
* PTSO Vice presented overview of [PTSO responsibilities and activities](http://capitolhillmontessorischool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/PTSOPP.pdf)
* PTSO Treasurer provided an overview of the [budget and current obligations for one quarter](http://capitolhillmontessorischool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/CHML-SY23-24-DRAFT-Budget.pdf) (July, August, September)
  + Total expenses amount to approximately $8,587.62; these expenses represent the minimum needed to ensure basic obligations are met
  + This amount is substantially less than past years that we included the ability to pay for additional amenities for the school community
  + Past reserves have been depleted necessitating significant fundraising efforts to be able to return to the level of support by the PTSO that was traditionally provided in the past
* Treasurer put forth a MOTION: to approve the Q1 PTSO budget
  + Vote Results:
    - 30 of 54 for Yes
    - None Opposed
* Q2 budget will be proposed by next community meeting
* Fundraising efforts presented by PTSO Communications
  + Noted the need for a new chair and solicited interest from the group in becoming the new fundraising chair;
  + fundraising goal of $80,000 based on previous year’s fundraising activities;
  + Reviewed upcoming fundraising activities (gear sales, flower sales, coffee café on Monday mornings,
    - <https://capitolhillmontessorischool.org/ptso/fundraising/>
    - <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/capitol-hill-ptso-fall-gear-sale>
  + Passive fundraiser through
    - Harris Teeter (<https://tie.harristeeter.com/together-in-education#/app/cms>) and
    - Mabels Labels (forthcoming)
    - Boxtops <https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/>
  + PTSO is seeking volunteers that can assist with Grant Writing – Contact Theresa Westover
  + PTSO is seeking Corporate Donors – Contact Theresa Westover
  + Other fundraising ideas can be sent to At-Large-Member 2, Amanda Clarke at: [AtLarge2@capitolhillmontessorischool.org](mailto:AtLarge2@capitolhillmontessorischool.org)
* At-Large-Member 1, Hope Thomas Fielded Q&A Session
  + Parents can donate directly to their child’s teacher through the PTSO
  + The PTSO is not negative in accounting; it has approximately $9k in its main account and $2k in reserves
  + Social media outlets noted:
    - Twitter: <https://x.com/chmldc?s=20>
    - Instagram: capitolhillmontessoridc
  + The actuals from last year discussed were not discussed during the meeting. The PTSO is still waiting to get the final actuals up onto the website soon.
  + Sports updates:
    - Interest has been shown for cheerleading and volleyball
    - Basketball coming up at CHML as well as indoor and outdoor track
    - Cross country is not offered this year
    - Mr. Walker will be getting information out to families
  + Any additional questions to be sent to: [AtLarge1@CapitolHillMontessoriSchool.org](mailto:AtLarge1@CapitolHillMontessoriSchool.org)