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
* 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