

## January PTI Agenda

Date: 1/10/19 Time: 3:30 p.m.

- Call to Order – Marsha Barton
- Prayer – Royce Teague
- Financial Report – Amy Parker
  - Current Balance: \$3390.29
  - Amount to be Deposited: \$340.00
  - Payments outstanding: \$415.57
  - **Total Current Balance: \$3314.72**
  - *Outstanding PTI dues as of 1/10: \$350*
- Motion and Approval – Jon Travers; Becky Riffe
  
- **Old Business**
  - Sponsorships for AC fund – still needing new sponsors!
  - All lights have been purchased for the school; Installation is in process.
  - Request to schedule a parent/student workday in spring (students can earn volunteer hours) – on hold until spring.
  
- **New Business**
  - Regular Season Concession Income as of 1/9/19, reflected in “total current balance” = **\$1887.00**
  
  - Keyboarding class this semester -- they need 9-10 USB keyboards to be able to utilize the “covers” we have to teach keyboarding without them looking at the letters. Amazon has these available cheaper than any other place for \$10.99/each shipped. Would PTI be willing to purchase keyboards for our computer lab/keyboarding class (estimate \$100-\$110)? A small printer is also needed for the class, if anyone has a spare they’d like to donate. ***Becky Riffe made a motion that PTI provide these; Todd Evans seconded. A printer will be donated.***
  
  - City Saver Coupon Book Fundraiser - \$25/book. 50% profit. Online viewing and purchase (with debit/credit card) available at [bit.ly/ccs-basketball](http://bit.ly/ccs-basketball) – if you’d like to sell any or purchase any, you can see me after the meeting or at the office anytime.
  
  - TN Basketball Tournaments next Thursday-Saturday for Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls. Fundraisers have been (or are being) done to help with the lodging and entrance fees. PTI may be asked to help with lodging, but we will wait until we see what the fundraiser does. We currently show 14 varsity boys, 13 varsity girls, 3 coaches, and 1 chaperone (totaling estimate of 31 people).
  
  - Cougar-Thon Plans/Ideas/Discussion: Cougar-thon discussed at length. March 15 will be the date. We are considering a color run and doing activities throughout the morning to encourage participation.

## COUGAR-THON Plans (March 15<sup>th</sup> / Half Day leading into Spring Break)

### Overview of Cougarthon:

Basically, Cougarthon is our largest school fundraiser each year, started 20+ years ago, to help with maintenance or other projects needing attention around the school. Students are asked to mail out a minimum of 18 petition letters to family, friends, doctors, etc., that know them, and ask them to sponsor them for the upcoming “Cougarthon” event (where the kids run/jog/walk a specific time or length). There have been various incentives over the years for the kids to participate in this event, including but not limited to cash prizes, special privileges at school, free shirts, trophies/medallions, and more. This has been known to bring in \$10,000+ for our school in previous years, but has recently fallen much lower. We want to brainstorm and think of not only how we can increase participation and excitement for this year, but also, what we may need/want to do differently in years to come.

### Identifying Problems from the past:

- We are not only needing to get the kids excited in participation, but we also have to convince the parents that THEY need to participate (by helping to send out the mailers on time and to people who know their kids). They must see the needs of the school, so how do we connect that with the need for them to participate?
- Least amount out but not so much so that it isn't exciting/engaging, etc., so we aren't taking away from money that comes in.
- Participation vs. Competition (as far as awards go)
- Possibly confusing packet for new families? Is there an easier way??

### Ideas for this year:

- Color run with marked race area in field (not woods)
- Concessions outside for drinks/snacks/possibly lunch afterwards
- Stay the entire event, instead of leaving after your child's 20 minute run
- Invite all families/friends to come out and bring lawn chairs to cheer on the students
- Possibly allow non-student participation in race for an entry fee (in school dress code).
- Simple front only white t-shirts with simple color run style design (to allow for more “color” to show through during event. Free to those who turn in minimum letters by deadline. Pre-order for others who want shirts (preferably no extras).
- Business sponsorships for “color tables” and water station for runners if possible to keep cost off of the Cougarthon.

### Needs:

- “blow-off” station (leaf blower, etc. to allow chalk to come off before getting in vehicles) – just a courtesy thing.
- Goal amount and maybe specific need for the year...or even items that previous years helped to cover?
- Awards/incentives for participants
- Simplified mail-out (maybe tri-fold with cut off back flap)
- Emailable with online giving option? – would need to be able to specify “Cougarthon”

### Concerns:

- RAIN. Messy in rain...could possibly do “confetti run” in gym or around halls? Ideas?
- Weekday – during work hours, so crowd won't be as big, but good “start” to determine if a change to a Saturday event would go over better.
- Need more hands to help outside of school staff!! (Specifically for “color stations”, concessions, etc.)

### Last Year Awards Given:

- 1) Early Bird (letters done by a certain date): dessert / extra recess
- 2) Letters by deadline: free Cougarthon shirt
- 3) Achiever Award: Highest # of letters = \$25 prize (tie, divide among winners)
- 4) Class Award: 75% participation + highest average turned in = pizza party
- 5) High Award: 2 students with top \$ received by May 1<sup>st</sup> minimum \$400 (announced at final year awards) = \$100 award / \$50 award

### New Award Ideas:

- 1) No extra recess – didn't work well or go over well with students/teachers
- 2) special dessert treat
- 3) "Pie a Teacher" on the end of the Cougarthon day (for class or achiever awards?)

How can we best utilize the event without stretching ourselves thin?

- Concessions?
- Lunch offered from 11-12? (Pre-order? Grill? Donation (like Cougar Classic)?

### Student Roster:

K – 5

1-2<sup>nd</sup> – 10

3-4<sup>th</sup> – 9

5<sup>th</sup> – 4

6<sup>th</sup> – 9

7<sup>th</sup> – 7

8<sup>th</sup> – 11

9<sup>th</sup> – 9

10<sup>th</sup> – 8

11<sup>th</sup> – 8

12<sup>th</sup> - 5

- **Important Dates:**
  - January 17-19: Middle TN Classic Tournament (Varsity Girls/Boys)
  - January 21<sup>st</sup> – NO SCHOOL/HOLIDAY
  - January 31-February 1: ACEA Academic & Sr. High Art Competition
  - February 6<sup>th</sup>: Half Day/Staff Mtg.
  - February 8-9<sup>th</sup>: JH Boys & Varsity Girls State Tournaments – Oxford
  - February 15-16<sup>th</sup>: Varsity Boys State Tournaments – Oxford
  - February 18<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL/HOLIDAY
  - February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 1<sup>st</sup>: ACEA High School Fine Arts Competition (Mt. View)
  
- **Future Expenditures expected for this school year: \$2-3000 (highest estimate)**
  - Elem/HS Fine Arts – March - \$700-750
  - National Fine Arts (possible, but not guaranteed) – April \$800-1000
  - Awards Banquet – May - \$700
  
- **CLOSING**
  - Next PTI Meeting will be in February, **tentatively February 21st**
  - Closing Prayer
  - Adjournment

**Future School Needs/Improvement Idea List:**

- New Router for teacher wi-fi access in classrooms
- Cafeteria upgrades: large fryer, heat lamp (ours died), deep freeze (our door is broken)
- Replace Fans in bathrooms (possibly with Fan/Light combo over stalls)
- Dictionaries for English/Lit classrooms
- Blinds for high school side classrooms
- Finish the gym walls (wood for upper half to match lower half)
- New basketballs and basketball stand for girls/elementary balls separate from boys
- Elementary PE/Recess organizer and games
- Volleyball Uniforms (will need to size and purchase before this school year ends)
- Organizing/Cleaning Teacher work-room and side office storage room
  - Repair the hanging system in side office storage room
  - Better storage solution for paints, etc.
  - Organized supplies for teachers to utilize in the workroom as needed
- Clean out upstairs/under bleacher storage areas and discard unusable desks/chairs/computers/etc.
- Bathroom remodel – new stalls, encouraging décor, etc.
- Replace the curtain and school banner in the gym
- Overhead projectors/carts for teachers who don't have them but have asked for them
- New COUGAR mascot outfit
- Science Balance – Mr. Tinkle's Room
- Card Table for puzzles – Mrs. Robert's Room
- Treasure Box items – Mrs. Hendrix's Room
- Replacement ceiling tiles as needed
- Roof repair