CAMS PTSO 1st General Membership Meeting

Venue: Room 3005 double room, CAMS campus

Date: Aug 26, 2015  Time started: 6:33pm


Board Members Absent: Yanping Ma, Bess Walden, Laurel Perry, Deanne Ervin

Cookies as refreshment were served.

Minutes:

1. **Robert Rules** by Audrey Jones – started the meeting by stating the rules (info was seen through screen). She requested everyone to hold the questions after the rules are stated.

2. **Welcome info** by Miriam Nebres
   a. She introduced the CAMS PTSO - purpose and what we do for the school.
   b. Mentioned that parking at the lots is free until Aug 30th.
   c. Showed the list of contributions of CAMS PTSO to school for the year 2014-2015 (over $40,000)
   d. Introduced the members of the PTSO board/committee, their functions, and their children at CAMS

3. May 13, 2015 Minutes – Charles Coleman has correction to mention and will email Margaret/Judy for the info. Approval of Minutes is thus tabled for next meeting.

4. **Membership**
   a. New fee for multiple year memberships (2, 3 and 4 years)
   b. As of 8/26, there are 326 total members with 8 faculty/staff and 7 board members;
   c. For class of 2016, there are 49 members; 2017 class has 55 members; 2018 class has 71 and 2019 class has 134 members.
   d. Mentioned that there is an incentive of $250 for any class that reached 50% paid membership of its class.

5. **Financial**
   a. Carryover of $17,000 from last year; hard copies of budget available at the meeting
   b. Current Income: $1800 from Camswear, $3700 from membership, $1200 from Summer camp
   c. Tonight, approval of the CAMS PTSO Budget is needed.

6. Index Cards on the table are available for the attendees to write their burning questions. Answers may be given at the end of the meeting or by next meeting.

7. **Principal’s Report**
   a. Ramp/Step at the front – poured concrete last 8/21/15 using a new contractor. It will be finished within 2 weeks.
   b. Mentioned that a lot of activities in school are not funded by the Long Beach Unified School District.
   c. Coffee with the Principal – 4 dates were given. Venue will depend on attendance. There will be no formal agenda and no RSVP required to attend.
   d. Question asked;
      i. School ID – will be issued next week

8. **Parent Handbook** – planned to be digitized as a pdf file and will be uploaded to the PTSO page on School Loop.
   a. Miriam briefly showed the contents of this Parent Handbook
b. Most information were taken directly from the CAMS School Loop.

c. Search for volunteers to reword the CAMS PTSO mission statement.

9. **Nutrition services survey form** from the mail – everyone was encouraged to submit regardless if the family qualifies or not.
   - i. Based on history, 30% of CAMS families fill the form; 60% of the CAMS family could qualify.
   - ii. If the family qualifies, the submission of the Nutrition survey will assist the school funding.
   - iii. Question asked: When is the deadline? Principal will verify.

10. **Fundraiser Items**
   a. Judy Daley mentioned the SAT Review Workshop, College Workshop, SAT Boot Camp and the discount availability to CAMS PTSO members.
   b. Claire Hall – discussed the Red Apple Fundraiser, it’s 50/50 share of profit with the class. Due date is Sept 25th and the delivery in November will be directly to the family’s home.
   c. Dine-Out will be on Sept 4th at Ono’s
   d. Anne Brache discussed the Pechanga Fundraiser. Details discussed include the free bus, the fun things on the bus, 40 people minimum for attendance. Nov 21st was asked from the group to see interest.
   e. Taste of CAMS was discussed by Cathy Arakaki, CAMS Foundation president.
      - i. Volunteer sign-up sheet went around.
      - ii. 1000 people typically show up at the event.
      - iii. The 4 groups of food will be divided among the grade levels to coordinate. Therefore, parent class reps were needed to handle this coordination.
      - iv. More discussion will be handled in the Sept general meeting.

11. **CAMS PTSO BYLAWS** – finalized format will be presented on Sept 9th for review.
   a. Goal of ratifying the bylaws is to submit application for 501C of CAMS PTSO.

12. **PTSO Calendar** – color codes were discussed.

13. **CAMS WEAR** – some products were shown for visuals.
   a. Ms Biscocho won the Black printed Logo shirt because of her birthday.

14. **Hospitality** – Malaea presented her sign-up sheets for all the monthly teacher breakfast dates informing that 3 parents are needed for each date.
   a. Seema Sadhawani, parent of a Class of 2019 student will chair the May 6th Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

15. **Community Reward** – various passive fundraisers were shown on the screen.
   a. School Cents gave $354 to CAMS PTSO; unfortunately, this program was discontinued this school year.
   b. Miriam mentioned that there are companies that match individual donations to CAMS PTSO.

16. **CARPOOL/Membership List**
   a. Francisco has the roster going around and encouraged the members to make corrections of their info from the roster.

17. **NEWSLETTER**
   a. There will be a Sept issue featuring Ms Ballesteros who is retiring at the end of Sept.
   b. A Retirement party at the Reef on Oct 2nd for Ms Ballesteros was mentioned. Deadline for payment is Sept 11th.

18. **CAMS ALUMNI** – the 1st graduating class will celebrate its 25th year in the next 3 years.

19. **FUNDING REQUEST** – finalized format will be available at the Sept meeting.
   a. Question asked:
      - i. Privacy act on mentioning student name in the Funding Request Application
1. The principal said that publishing student name with class/grade or student ID info are considered illegal under Privacy Act but not when asking for PTSO funds.

20. SIGN UP SHEETS going around
   a. REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS to shadow current Board officers and be part of the different committees
   b. Student/Parent Class Representatives are needed for Classes of 2019, 2018, and 2017.

21. STUDENT LEADERS Portion
   a. Lani Matsumura of Class of 2016 – representing ASB as president
      i. More lunch performances will be launched.
      ii. Electric Feel – a dance fundraiser at Mr Gold’s room. $4 fee at the door.
      iii. Skating Fundraiser on Sept 25th.
      iv. Question Asked: What are the criteria to become a 9th grader ASB?
         Answer: The application was given out to 9th graders with details included.
   b. Artis Anderson represented Class of 2018— informed everyone that they will sell lanyards as one of their fundraisers.

22. Budget Discussion for MOTION
   a. Question asked: Were the Teacher’s Breakfast on Aug. 17th and Teacher’s $100x25 grant included in the budget?
      i. Answer was yes.
   b. Gabriel motioned to accept the budget as planned. Second by Mr. Chris Brown. One abstain. Motion Carried.

23. Others:
   a. Mr. Baker, the school counselor – possible speaker for Sept meeting.
   b. By show of hands, number of attendees per class were called; among the school staff (other than Mr. Brown), Mr. Almeida was also recognized for being in attendance at the PTSO meeting
   c. Raven Rodriguez and Jessica McGuire received CAMSwear as gifts for being the early comers of the meeting and helping out with preparation and set-up.
   d. Isis Ruiz – received CAMSwear decal for having the nearest birthdate before the Aug. 26th meeting date.

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.