

General PTO Meeting September 30, 2016

In Attendance: Rachel Feitlinger, Natalie Kearns, Nichole Stine, Ali Johnson, Rachel Washburn, Michelle Caldwell, Kim Morander, Ann Newman, Michelle Miller, Jacqueline Karam, Emmie Cardella, Michelle Trca, Kathleen Baldus

Introductions / Welcome – Rachel Feitlinger

- Board Introductions & Responsibilities
 - Welcomed PTO Board members, CTS staff, parents and guests.
 - Introduced herself and the Board.
 - Click [HERE](#) [HERE](#) for a list of current PTO Executive Board members.
 - Thanked Board members for all their hard work and acknowledged her success as President is attributed to a hard working Board.
 - Thanked all the volunteers and committee chairs that contribute their time and effort to the PTO's various committees. PTO could not do what we do without volunteers!

Welcome – Principal Stombres

- Welcomed parents, PTO and guests.
- Thanked the PTO and its volunteers for all they do.
- Announced today is Johnny Appleseed Day for 1st grade.
- Introduced two special guests from SUSD:
 - Terry Worchester, Architect & Planning Design Director for SUSD
 - Daniel O'Brien, SUSD Chief Financial Officer
 - In attendance to review preliminary work on the SUSD Bond and Capital Override on the ballot for November's election.
 - Both were invited to relay any SUSD thoughts or projections if the Bond and Capital Override pass and what would that happen on Cheyenne's campus.

Bond and Capital Override – Daniel O'Brien, SUSD Chief Financial Officer

- Reaching out to Cheyenne to review what District is thinking if the Bond passes:
 - Gymnasium
 - Science Building (i.e. labs)
- Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Worchester can only give facts about the Bond and Capital override, not opinions or speculations.
- No timeline set by SUSD Governing Board for any of the Bond projects, should the Bond pass.
 - Bond projects include anything related to the buildings on school campuses.
 - For example, school re-builds; new builds (i.e. Cheyenne's gymnasium and science building); etc.
 - If Bond passes, SUSD Governing Board makes final decisions/set timelines in November.
 - Presently, "filters" are being set up to screen proposed building projects.
 - For example, location of building; health and safety factors; etc.
 - Mr. O'Brien will go through these filters first for proposed projects and when completed, present projects to SUSD Governing Board.

- SUSD Governing Board will use this information to decide projects and associated timelines after the election, pending the Bond passing.

Campus Improvements – Terry Worcester, Architect & Planning Design Director for SUSD

- Leading the Bond program for SUSD, in relationship to the architecture.
 - Working up “over the shoulder” looks and budgets for the Bond projects.
 - Sketch Up software being used to draft “over the shoulder” reviews.
 - Software provides 3D sketching.
 - Provided an overview of the gymnasium for Cheyenne, currently in the proposing stage.
 - Displayed still shots of the proposed site plans for the gymnasium and science building at Cheyenne.
 - Science Building Proposal
 - Between cafeteria and the portable.
 - Include 2-3 labs minimum.
 - Need more information vetted out:
 - How to use?
 - What will go in it?
 - How many?
 - Etc.
 - On Cheyenne property/physical boundary of school.
 - Could get science building up quickly. (under a year)
 - Gymnasium Proposal
 - Looking at 1200 to 1500 square feet and at least 40 feet tall.
 - Still shot rendering used in proposed site plans.
 - This model would work for Cheyenne.
 - This model been used for other SUSD schools.
 - Option 1 Location:
 - Northeast side of campus, up by park.
 - Would be on City of Scottsdale property.
 - Does not block view to the West (neighborhood)
 - Could become a shared-use facility with City.
 - If shared-use, City could help pay for gym.
 - Would need to see what their needs are.
 - CTS needs lockers, gym, etc. Fully functional gym.
 - Audience member requested a FULL size gym for Cheyenne middle school sports as well as the sizable PE classes.
 - Property lines converge on the parcel property lines (park parcel; school parcel; etc.).
 - Would have to work with City of Scottsdale to build on shared property lines.
 - Would ultimately need to work on changing property lines to keep Cheyenne campus secured. (Part of budget for Bond is to keep campus secure.)
 - Option 2 Location:

- Southwest corner, down by the field and bus cul de sac.
 - Less desirable location.
 - Need parking for gym and currently, there are not good for parking options for this location.
 - Would need to walk from parking lot to get to gym.
 - Parking could be part of Bond project.
- Mr. Worcester asked PTO to form a Facility Committee:
 - Include 4-5 people.
 - Help with gymnasium proposal and details to vet out gym project.
 - For example, size of gym; number bleachers; etc.

Follow-up Bond and Capital Override Questions – Daniel O’Brien, SUSD Chief Financial Officer

Q: When would construction start for the gym?

A: As per above, there is no timeline set for this project. A specific timeline would not be set until after the Bond is passed and SUSD Governing Board approves the gymnasium project. On average, it takes about 12 months to complete a gymnasium project.

Q: Would children be displaced during gym construction?

A: No, student flow, fencing, etc. would be organized and taken into account.

Q: Have there been any talks with the City of Scottsdale yet for Option 1 gymnasium proposal?

A: No, SUSD has not begun talking to the City, since the Bond hasn’t passed yet. SUSD will start discussion after the Bond passes.

Q: Is there a priority list set for the Bond projects?

A: No, but there is a general list of projects for the Bond if it passes. Please refer to the hard copy brochure made available at today’s meeting or check online at the SUSD website.

Q: If parents want to advocate for the gymnasium at Cheyenne, who do they talk to?

A: The SUSD Governing Board, Dr. Birdwell and Daniel O’Brien.

Q: How do parents get more information about the Bond and Capital Override and how the funding would be proposed for use in SUSD?

A: Please attend (one of several) community forum meeting that SUSD is hosting. The first one is:

Wednesday, October 5 @ 6:00 pm
Desert Mountain Learning Community
Room 5121, Desert Mountain High School
12575 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale

• How PTO Dollars are Being Spent – Rachel Feitlinger

- Last year PTO raised over \$200,000!
- We put all back into our school.
- \$100,000 spent this year (so far this year, spent on)
 - Curriculum Materials
 - Student Planners, Scholastic Weekly Readers...(check more on website)
 - Student Programs: Odyssey of the Mind; etc.

- School Events: Talent Show, Harvest Fest, Evening Under the Stars
- Teacher/Administrative Support: grade level funding, teacher training, hired Spalding Consultant, lunch aid, nurse's aid
- Campus Projects: 5 Chrome Carts (laptops), digital marquee, additional walkways, security cameras, water fountains, safety gates.
- Please check our PTO website {<http://www.cheyennetraditionalpto.org/>} for more details and information!

PTO Membership Updates – Ann Newman & Michelle Miller

- Classroom Contests / School-Wide Reward
 - 5 classes reached 90% so far!
 - Announcing winner for silly stringing Principal Stombres and Mr. Ahkbari on Tuesday!
 - The winning class plus the four others will get an ice cream treat!
- Join the PTO “LAST DAY”
 - Need \$10,000 more to reach our \$70,000 goal!
 - Kids get jeans and untucked shirt day if we do!
- Corporate Charitable Donations Matching Gift Programs
 - Talk to your work about matching donations!
- TODAY is the LAST DAY of the membership drive! Join now!
- Thanks to all that have donated!
- Thanks to Ann and Michelle for all their hard work!

Your PTO Member Account – Jacqueline Karam

- PTO Online Membership Account – NEW this year!
 - Everything you need to see or do will be online in your PTO membership account.
 - Use the pull-down menu, “What would you like to do?”.
 - All your purchases, sign-ups, activity will be tracked.
 - You can easily access all your transactions to review.
 - Link to login to your account is on the PTO website.
 - Upper right-hand corner, called “Account Login”
- If you don't have an account, you can create one and donate to PTO!
- Your contact information:
 - Please keep up to date online.
 - Using data from online account for the PTO Directory App next week.
 - You select what you want to share for contact information.
 - Click what option works for you.
 - Your preferences will also be pushed into the app, so PLEASE check your preferences so the app is accurate to your preferred contact information and what contact information of your is displayed.
 - Online contact information data will also be used to email newsletter, so please keep your email address up to date!
- All event registrations will now be done directly through your account online.
- Questions? Email to admin@cheyennetraditionalpto.org.
 - Jacqueline will reply generally within 24 hours!

Harvest Festival – Jane Trapp & Christina Nutter

The PTO Website, Check it Often!

www.cheyennetraditionalpto.org

- Harvest Fest is Friday, November 4th from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Ticket Prices – **purchase online** via your online PTO membership management account
 - Wristbands \$20, tickets 25/\$10 or 50/\$20 until **Sunday, 10/23 midnight**
 - Wristbands \$25, tickets 25/\$10 or 50/\$20 until **Friday, 11/4 (morning)**
 - Wristbands \$30, tickets 20/\$10 or 50/\$25 until **at the door**
 - Wristband = all activities, all rides
 - Tickets = rides, Albertson’s food, Teacher’s Corner

The PTO wants to encourage families to purchase tickets ONLINE so we can track the data from tickets and wristbands purchased. The more data we can track, the better we can plan, organize, fund and project for future events and needs!

- Volunteers
 - Need volunteers for a variety of things, including chairing!
 - Contact the Harvest Fest chairs if you can donate your time in any capacity!
- Sponsorships – Family Booths and Corporate Booths
 - Family Sponsored Booth
 - YOUR name is on the booth!
 - \$150 for booth.
 - Corporate Sponsored Booth
 - Corporate name is on the booth.
 - Other details involved for corporate sponsors.
 - Looking for corporate sponsors, so please help spread the word!

Site Council Updates – Principal Grace Stombres

- What is Site Council?
 - Committee that supports District Mission.
 - Develop and monitor Site Improvement Plan for Cheyenne.
 - Safety
 - Instruction
 - Gives input to administration.
 - Coordinate committee decisions and activities.
 - Provides recommendations regarding Uniform Standard of Dress policy.
 - Approve appropriate use of non-designated tax credit money.
 - GENERAL fund designated money.
- Site Council Members for the next two years are:
 - Grace Stombres
 - Robert Ahkbari
 - Christen Anderson
 - Colleen Murphey
 - Regina Morgan
 - Kathleen Baldus
 - Michael Norton
 - Sheila Donovan Voightmann
 - Gina Morgan
- Concerns or interests for the Site Council?
 - Share with a representative and get on the agenda.
 - Contact Principal Stombres.

- Site Council makes decisions based on CTS mission.
- Cheyenne’s Current School Improvement Plan
 - Technology Improvement and Integration
 - Develop technology plan.
 - Focus on keyboarding skills for grades 3-8).
 - School Safety and Student Support
 - NJHS tutoring.
 - Anti-bullying campaign.
 - PBIS, Cheyenne Creed, Scottsdale Prevention Institute.
 - Presentation Skills – all grades.
 - High Standards and Accountability
 - Informative Reading – multiple answers; highlighted text.
 - Measurement, Data, Geometry.

Yes to Children – Shelia Donovan

- Yes to Children
 - “Volunteer organization singularly dedicated to garnering community support for Scottsdale Unified School District to pass overrides, a critical component of basic school funding.”
 - Comprised of parents advocating for school funding.
 - Arizona is “terrible” legislatively for what is funded for education.
 - However, we are allowed this opportunity to vote for and pass these District specific Bonds and Overrides, so let’s do it!
- SUSD Bond and Capital Override on upcoming election ballot = NEED YES VOTES FOR BOTH!
 - Goal is to get a gymnasium and Science Building.
 - Other building projects as well could be approved.
 - Need YES votes on both the Bond and Override, so they pass!
 - SUSD Bond
 - For necessary and overdue improvements for **buildings**.
 - For example, the gym and science building.
 - Tax neutral; no tax increase.
 - SUSD Capital Override
 - For items that go **inside** school buildings.
 - Tax increase; 20 cents a day for taxpayer.
 - Very minimal!
- What can you do to help?
 - See the Yes to Children website for specifics: www.yestochildren.org.
 - Sign up for a walk!
 - Attend the Desert Mountain walk on 10/15!
 - Conduct a phone call party!
 - Make a contribution to help fund Yes to Children!
 - Put a magnet on your car!
 - Put a sign in your yard!
 - Attend an educational meeting!

Up Coming Events

10/3 No School

10/5 Early Release (pick up at 12:20 pm)

10/6 Used Uniform Sale – afternoon

10/7 Used Uniform Sale – morning

10/7 1st Quarter ends

10/10 - 10/14 Fall Break

10/20 6th Grade Honors Ceremony

10/21 7th/8th Honors Ceremonies

10/24 thru 10/28 Scholastic Book Fair

10/25 Picture Retakes

10/27 Room Parent Meeting

(8 – 9:30 am in the cafe)

10/28 Welcome Committee Coffee

(8 – 9:30 am at AJ's)

10/31 Kindergarten Parade (8 am)

11/2 Early Release (pick up at 12:20 pm)

11/4 Harvest Festival (5 – 9 pm)

11/9 School Tours #1