**Carnegie Vanguard High School**

**General PTO Meeting Minutes Saturday, 10/15/2020**

Meeting started at 5:45 p.m.

**Principal’s Report**

* Modelled the official Rhino Mask. They are available from the PTO. You can buy them via the PTO Website on Vanguardian.org. Click on CVHS Spirit Gear which takes you to the swag store so you can buy gear to show off school spirit.
* About 10% of the population is returning to in person school on Monday which would be 90 students out of 930. 28 out of 38 teachers will be on campus. The district is providing free breakfast and sack lunches. They are required to wear a mask. The district will provide a mask if the student doesn’t have one. You can wear a face shield. Desk will be spaced six feet apart in classrooms. There is transportation with phone calls with specifics.
* There will be maps for Freshman and a few new Sophomore students.
* There are several documents on Carnegie Vanguard.com with the plan to keep employees and students safe. All the plans were detailed in the virtual open house.
* On Oct. 27th, SAT will be administered for students. Arrival should be before 8:30 am. PSAT for Juniors on Thursday, October 29th.
* On Wed, October 21st, there will be a student holiday. On Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, it is a student holiday due to the election. Wed, Feb. 24th will no longer be a holiday and will be a regular school day.
* All information will be on school website and social media platforms.

**Susan Hawes – President’s Report**

* Ed has been working on corporate fundraising.
* Introduction to the PTO, purpose of the PTO, who are the Officers, instructions on how to join the PTO.
* Magnet tours - Most of the questions are about the Magnet process.
* The district has lowered is Covid level from red to orange.
* There is T-shirt pickup on Oct. 26th, mask, yard signs, etc. at 4:10 pm when school is out.

**Helen Ghozali – Treasurer’s Report**

* We need to approve the proposed budget which was shared on vanguarian.org under documents and forms. 2020-2021 budget has been posted.
* If you do not want to approve the budget, please raise your hand. If you do approve the budget you don’t need to do anything.
* The proposed budget has been approved by a unanimous vote.
* The Friends and Family has already had 63% contributed. You can still contribute to the school by going to Vanguardian.org and clicking the Friends and Family button and then Donate today. It tells you how the PTO money was spent last year.

**Georgi Silverman VP Volunteer’s Report**

* We want volunteering to be small, manageable and spread out. Carpool, school store, fundraising are some examples.

**Maria Castro Calzada VP Communications**

* Everyone prefers email communication. The newsletter goes out through email.
* Every newsletter should have a subscribe. We are on twitter, Instagram, YouTube.
* If anyone has a particular talent in this area, please volunteer.

**Financial Aid Meeting, Mr. Darnell Edwards**

* Nia M Rector from University of Houston gives presentation about FAFSA.
* Where does financial aid come from – Federal Government, States, Colleges and Private Sources
* What are the different types of financial aid. – Apply for a FSA ID, it will submit the information to the social security administration, and they will verify that information. Then you can complete your application.
* Send to the first 10 schools and then input the next 10
* All free money is given on a first come, first serve basis.
* Iris J Alexjandro from Rice University gives presentation about CSS Profile.
* Use a Net Price Calculator to estimate how much it would cost to go to that particular college’s website.

The next PTO meeting will be Nov. 19th.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Christine Beaudreau, PTO Secretary.