

Mills E. Godwin High School PTSO General Meeting
September 17, 2020
Microsoft Teams Back to School night at 7pm
PTSO President message to General Membership

As would be done at a normal Back to School night, the PTSO President addressed current and future members of the PTSO. Below is a summary of President Peggy Berkeley's presentation.

Peggy indicated that there were several PTSO members tuned in to Back to School night and that she was considering this an official meeting. Peggy reminded members that if you joined the PTSO last year, you're membership is good until October 31 of this year.

Peggy indicated that the audit had been conducted and the books of the PTSO were deemed in good order. The audit is posted on the PTSO website. Members can vote on approving the audit on the PTSO Facebook page.

Peggy informed membership that the board decided to hold off on developing a budget until there is a better idea of what our fundraising is going to look like for this year.

Peggy reiterated that 100% of PTSO funds come from the sale of spirit wear, membership fees, and donations to the Eagle Fund. By this point last year, \$17,000 had been raised. So far this year only \$2,500 has been raised.

Peggy promoted the PTSO website (godwinptso.com) informing people that everything that is normally done in person can be done on the website including shopping for spirit wear.

President Berkeley said that PTSO would like to support programs they have done in the past including sponsoring programs for parents, funding scholarships, and sponsoring some capital purchases for the school, among other things, but we can't do it without your support.

Peggy mentioned that the PTSO has 4 students from each grade level serve as our boots on the ground helping us carry out our activities. Peggy also stated the following:

- Currently the PTSO is actively recruiting freshmen student representatives for our board.
- For those interested in positions, it is not a huge time commitment but something that probably looks good on a college application.
- Student representation on the PTSO Board is a leadership position but it's not a front and center job; it's more behind the scenes.
- Applications and more information are on the PTSO website.

Peggy indicated a pair of PTSO sponsored events are on Wednesday, October 28. These programs are usually presented on separate nights but since they are going to be virtual, they were combined.

The first program will be a webinar presented by a company called The College Funding Coach. This program is for the parents of all grade levels. The college funding coach is a married couple, both financial advisors, who have put a few kids through college. This program is not just a program on how to find scholarships, although they touch on that. It's more about how to

structure your own finances to better afford college. It's an outstanding program that has received rave reviews in the past so I really encourage you tune in.

The second program will be Senior Night although parents of Juniors and even younger would certainly benefit as well. Nicole Hansinger, the head of the counseling department, will review the college application process from A to Z as well as everything else you need to know about your student's senior year.

More details on these events are forthcoming.