

CTA Freedom PTO Minutes August 31, 2021 4pm

- Welcome/approval of minutes- minutes approved
- Introduction of PTO Board Members
- PTO General Meeting dates/event dates announced
- Overview of PTO's previous contributions
- Additional ways to support CTA Freedom
- Current Financials presented by Treasurer
- PTO Budget 2021-2022 presented and approved
- Principal's Message

I want to begin by expressing a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PTO for all that you've done and all that you plan to do. We know you have dedicated a lot of time and energy into planning these events and acts of service. On behalf of everyone at CTA Freedom we want you to know that we feel your presence and appreciate that thought and effort that goes into helping us maintain a caring school community. From the birthday gifts, to the snack stash, to decorating the lounge, please know that you are making a difference. In terms of the state of the school, we are in the full swing of things. Our students are well into their routines, kindergarteners can find their way around campus, strong relational bonds are being built and our teachers and staff are doing what they do best- educating and supporting our students. We are learning just as much from our students, as they are learning from us. We thank you for entrusting us with them. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or feedback, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

PTO would like to extend a thank you to all of our CTA Freedom family that donated their time and money toward the Check-A-Thon! The total amount raised is \$20,169. This money will be used to fund SO many things for our school. Remember, it's never too late to donate and receive a tax credit. Contact the PTO at CTAFreedomPTO@yahoo.com to donate or inquire. If you're interested in reviewing the entire budget, please see the PTO website for more information. Here is a quick overview of just a few expenses that PTO will pay for using Check-A-Thon funds.

\$7,200	Accelerated Readers Program (AR)
\$2,210	Discovery Education
\$11,500	Teacher Grants
\$1,662	Art Masterpiece
\$6,000	Yearbook

This year we will bring back community events like Fall Festival, Daughter Dance and Son Game Night. As we navigate ever-changing mitigation protocols we expect these events to be different than previous years, but hopefully just as fun!

We appreciate everyone's participation in our first General PTO Meeting of the year. If you attended and left your student's name and teacher in the message box, we will arrange for them to receive their homework pass soon.