



Clarkston High School PTO Meeting Minutes 9/9/2019

Attendance: Katy Sutcliffe, Hilary Keubler, Mary Herzensteil, Cale Herzensteil, Theresa Fabrizio, Sophia Fabrizio, Jessica Jankowski, Janice Hubl, Gary Kaul, Amy Metz, Meg Pardee, Kim Hardtke, Andrea Rozman

Treasures Report. Andrea presented the proposed budget for 2019/20. Andrea pointed out that several line items had been removed as we no longer had to pay PTA fees following transition to PTO. Meg explained that the PBIS line item had been added this year as this had been a consistent ways and means request for the last several years. PBIS is a positive behavior initiative. Meg noted that the difference maker line item had been removed as it was felt that the \$500 previously allocated could be better utilized.

Andrea stated that we had collected \$1110 in membership dues. \$4122 in donations and a Kroger check of \$2540.25. Income in the time from CHS registration to date is \$7722.25. Current checking account balance is \$10,736.54.

Janice made a motion to approve and adopt the proposed budget. Kim seconded it. All present voted in favor. The budget was approved and adopted.

Ways and Means. Kim explained that usually ways and means requests were considered by the ways and means committee and then recommendations were made to the board. As there is currently no committee the two ways and means requests received were reviewed by members of the committee from last year. Kim reported that the ways and means committee had recommended that both requests are approved.

First request is for \$1015.00 for the Wolves Will Program a positive behavior recognition program at CHS. \$450 for t shirts and \$565 for gift cards. Theresa asked how many students receive awards, Gary said 10-15 each month. Vote was taken to approve request for \$1015. All in favor. Request approved

Second request for \$250-\$375 for Stock Market Survivor. Gary clarified that this is an after-school club open to all students, typically has 10-15 students involved. Vote was taken to approve request, \$375. All in favor. Request approved.

Kim asked for volunteers to form the Ways and Means committee: Janice, Katy, Jessica and Andrea volunteered.

Membership; currently 117 members, including 22 staff. Amy reminded meeting that all executive board members had to be PTO members with a minimum \$10 payment. Janis and Amy are to look at a different form for Renaissance parents. Gray to speak at open house and encourage PTO membership.

Volunteers: Theresa stated that she had collected 19 volunteer sheets. Kim pointed out that we only need a limited number of volunteers. Theresa to use sign up genius to recruit volunteers for specific event. Meg said that the sign up genius link should be sent to Theresa Brown for distribution.

Website: should be updated with all new forms. Kim asked if we could ensure that the link/tab said PTO not PTSA? Meg to follow up with Mary Ellen Rowe. Theresa asked if a printable map could be included on website? Was felt by several present that this may present a security risk. Gary stated that hard copies of the map were available in the office/on campus. Gary explained that in past years incoming sophomores had been given a more structured approach to finding their way around but that it had been shown that students acclimated much quicker if they were left to find their own way around, no tardy marks were given during the first week.

Advocacy: Mary explained that there had been no PAT/PAC meeting yet this school year. She encouraged people to let others know about the special education PAC, especially parents of elementary students who may not have heard of it. Mary requested that any ideas of how to increase parental/community involvement be sent to her.

Mary provided a check list of permissible activities for 501© organizations as we move towards an election year.

Mary told the meeting that the Governor had issued an executive order banning flavored e cigarettes initially for 6 months, it is hoped that during this time the legislature will develop a law. Gary clarified that it is illegal to sell or distribute e cigarettes to minors.

Janis suggested a speaker that has a lot of experience in this area, Mary stated that we could suggest the name to Clarkston coalition who are providing education for the community.

The 3rd grade reading retention law comes into effect this year. Gary stated that this could possible have an impact on at risk funding allocation within the district. Amy asked about the funding for Saturday school and tutoring programs, Gary said that this was part of the at-risk funding that had been cut this year. Amy to meet with Gary to investigate if there is a way that PTO could support these programs?

Mary explained that the Governor had delayed road funding do that the budget could be completed, as of now school funding has not been approved, still waiting to see what funding CHS will receive.

Beautification: No chair at present. Gary stated that the general custodian Liam has landscaping experience and is doing a great job. Meg asked if we wanted pots with flowers outside the entrance. Gary said yes. Cale Herzenstiel to collect 4 pots from Bordines.

Kroger Rewards: It was asked if we wanted to flyer cars during the open house? Group decided no, eblast will be sent with link.

Health and Wellness: Amy stated that the Real talk event will take place in October 17/18th. This is the 3rd year of the event. A second two dates will be held in March. Amy said that they are always looking for ways to reach out to a ore diverse group of students. Janice asked if Renaissance students could come? Gary said he didn't see why not, although Renaissance do a lot of activities like this already.

Student representatives: Sophia suggested that the numbers of rooms that each stairwell led to could be added to each stairwell. She also wondered if flags could be used outside the teacher's room as they do at SMS? To help identify teachers' rooms. Gary stated that this was a fire hazard and that there are plaques outside the teacher's rooms for identification.

Principals Report:

Homecoming week September 30th-October 5th. La Fiesta theme.

Seniors are ordering caps and gowns.

ALICE online training is being completed by staff.

Break room, the break room provides a safe space for students to take a break when needed. Is staffed by social workers/psychologist. Currently looking for one more staff member part time. Has been a great success.

Janice asked about the placement of the band at CHS football games. Gary stated that many other schools placed their band on the field rather than in the stands, he felt it would better showcase the band. Janice and Amy stated that some band members felt isolated and even saw it as a punishment. Gary stated that it was certainly not a punishment and that the decision had been taken as staff believed it would provide a better opportunity for people to see and hear the band. Gary was asked about the use of powder at the football game, she stated that there had been some pockets of isolated incidents that had been addressed.

Gary informed the meeting that the school were trying to organize a talk by Eric Hipple on suicide awareness. Would be two assemblies and a parent talk.

New student breakfast had about 60 students attend, was successful.

Bond work is ongoing, will be much work during this year and into next year including a new athletic field, a new road, an addition on the back of the school for band/orchestra and visual/performing arts, parking lot resurfacing.

Changes to advanced placement test registration are not governed by the school students now need to register in September and October.

Paying for college night is September 11th ^.30/

CHS open house is Thursday September 12th 5.30-8

New Business

Career Day. Andrea is chair for career day this year, she is suggesting a change in format so students can see a wider range of speakers and investigate more than one career path. Possibly having students move between speakers. Theresa wondered if it could be run more like SMS? Restrictions on this format are the time available, students only have one hour and location, unlike SMS there is not a block of empty classrooms that can be used as students in the other grades still have class. Further discussion and work to be done to look at the logistics but all in favor of trying to broaden experiences of students.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next Meeting 10/8/2019