



Minutes – PTSA Meeting November 9, 2021 6:30 pm

I. Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Establishment of Quorum 8 Voting Members

Anne Sellers called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Motion to approve the agenda by Alisa Brandes and 2nd by Cindy Dillon.

II. Minutes Approval 8 Voting Members

Motion to approve the minutes by Alisa Brandes and 2nd by Ting-Yi Huang.

III. Requested Agenda Topics

- Plan for bylaws review and submission Anne Sellers

Executive Board members to review bylaws and report plan for review to general Board via email. Process to do this should be spelled out in bylaws themselves, but we will need to allow time for everyone to review them and provide feedback. Will need to provide a way to do this via a paper copy as well as electronic.

- Community Allies of Rainbow Youth (link to website) Ying Matties/Eileen Singleton

Ying provided an overview of CARY and requested that our PTSA website has a link to CARY. Motion to approve by Melissa Major and 2nd by Alisa Brandes. Motion passed.

IV. President's Report Rosalind Muchiri

Rosalind commended the executive board and committee leaders for their diligence and support for the PTSA work. To streamline communication and awareness, Rosalind introduced a reporting template for the various committees. The current board has also established a repository, shared drive, to encourage information sharing, communication and archiving for continuity.

Discussed need for additional parental involvement in planning After Prom this year. Rosalind attended the first After Prom introduction meeting with the other high school representatives. Rosalind to send out a communication soliciting help; Ting to post on facebook. Ting to reach out to former After Prom chair, Michelle Berry for insight and hopefully a After Prom binder. Cindy mentioned that we need to secure a venue ASAP. Prom will be on April 23rd from 7-10 pm and typically After Prom is from 10:30 – 2:30 am.

V. 1st VP (Programs) Report Ting-Yi Huang

Have been communicating with all chairs. Created CHS PTSA facebook page

VI. 2nd VP (Membership) Report Anne Sellers

Update provided – see attachment

Awareness is an issue; discussed opportunities to increase membership. Use bright colored paper for teachers in mailboxes; turn in form to qualify for raffle. Have student competition between grade levels with a pizza party for the winner

VII. Treasurer's Report Yali Mao

1	By Sep 30 2021:	
	Income:	\$94.11 from Amazon
		\$718.30 from Clothing to Cash
		\$12.16 from Benevity Cause donations
	Expenses	\$6 bank fee, \$2 monthly
2	By Oct 31 2021	
	Income:	Clothing to Cash increased to \$1074.10
		Membership Donation: \$325 (not including PayPal)
		Membership Dues: \$505 (not including PayPal)
		Benevity Cause donations increased to \$16.68
	Expenses	DrugFree Program \$300
		HC PTA Scholarship \$200
		StaffAppreciation&Hospitality (from last year) \$1105.86
		PTSA Dues to HC \$170
		PTSA Dues to State&National \$858.5 (202 members, including PayPal)
		Operating Expense \$61.17

VIII. Recording Secretary

Alisa Brandes

Thanks to the 5 people who submitted an update ahead of time!

IX. PTACHC Report

Melissa Major

Update provided – see attachment

X. Principal's Report

Cynthia Dillon

Cindy fielded questions on a variety of subjects (1) busing. Only had one bus that didn't run this week during bus strike. Will be implementing the tardy desk again because of the large number of students that are being dropped off by parents late (2) Covid. Doing better than predicted (3) Mid-terms and finals. Only count for 5% this post pandemic year rather than 10% (4) Number of students this year 1387. 2018 was 1623, goal is to get to 1200 via boundary adjustments (5) Vaccination requirements for parents. Need to present proof of vaccination once and it will be saved in the system. Required if parent comes into school and plans to interact with students. (6) Membership. Must be sensitive to impacts of pandemic.

XI. SGA Representative Report

Renee Wu

Update provided – see attachment

Renee will help to get the word about the need for more parents to get involved in the After Prom committee

XII. 2019-2020 Standing Committee Reports:

A. Communications – No update

Susan Su

B. Fundraising

Rita Wang

Rita proposed fundraiser prior to Christmas of Japanese sweet potatoes and fuji apples. Will need to follow up with email communication since we ran out of time to discuss fully.

C. Parent Advocacy-

Mike Fang

- IAPC

Rashmi Wagle/Beena Bakshi

Planning a Diwali Staff Luncheon on Nov 19 for the school. Will coordinate with Eileen for paper goods. Requested help creating a flyer (Maria Guerrero is a graphic designer)

D. Staff Appreciation

Rosemary, Eileen, Lorri

Update provided – see attachment

E. SAT/ACT Prep – no updates

Krystal Wu

XIII. Special Committee Reports:

F. HC Drug Free

Ming Pang

Update provided – see attachment

XIV. Upcoming Meetings

Next Board Meeting – December 14, 2021 Tue 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - CHS Guidance Center

XV. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm.

Minutes submitted by recording secretary, Alisa Brandes.

Attendees: Alisa Brandes, Melissa Major, Cindy Dillon, Eileen Singleton, Ying Matties (CARY guest), Rita Yang, Yali Mao, Anne Sellers, Rashmi Wagle, Beena Bakshi, Deborah Kariuki, Tingyi Huang, Renee Wu, Rosalind Muchiri

CHS PTA Updates – as of 11/8/21 12:40 pm

Membership

In October, 66 new members joined PTSA (46 parents, 20 students, and 0 teachers). This brings our total membership to:

- **216 total members**
 - o **147 parents;**
 - o **67 students;**
 - o **2 staff**

In October, 18 new donations were made, totaling \$720. This brings the total since the beginning of the year to 45 donations and \$1300.

In October, the PTSA-Membership hosted a table (in coordination with the CHS Friends of Music) at the 3 music events (band concert, orchestra concert, and choir concert). In coordination with the Staff Appreciation committee, key chains were provided to raise awareness among staff about joining the PTSA.

PTACHC

-Lots of policy updates happening - More volunteers are needed to help advocate, reach out to PTACHC if interested. We still have a CHS PTSA PTACHC rep open position too.

-Nov 2 BOE Meeting - 2022-2024 Proposed Academic Calendar was discussed as well as some policy updates.

-Legislative update and importance of participation in the process: Brent Loveless. This took up the majority of the meeting time. Specifics: Legislative Report and PowerPoint Presentation. Attention grabbing items were

1. Tax on commercial development to pay for school deferred maintenance
2. Every single school has been submitted to be reviewed and to see if they should be renamed.

Voting:

-PTACHC should take a side in supporting or not supporting the change of “Burden of Proof”. HOCO 2-22-Burden of Proof. TABLED until next month

-PTACHC will express support for HCPSS to make vaccines available to students ages 5-11 in school as soon as practical. PASSED

Redistricting:

-PTACHC voted last month to push to bring better data to the redistricting process.

-LR744 – HOWARD COUNTY SCHOOL REDISTRICTING PROGRAM - This is a PTACHC originated bill sponsored by Senator Hester to fund a pilot program to bring analytical review and tools to HCPSS from Maryland State academia. This will include comparative analysis and reporting of past, present, and future trends. This bill is actively being updated and is currently not listed on the Delegation Site.

-HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING - Once a decade the council boundaries are changed based on latest census results. This now influences not only who represents you at a council level, but also influences residency requirements and boundaries of elected BOE members. Council districts do not align with DPZ planning regions or HCPSS planning regions.

Free State PTA:

-Many open positions at the State PTA Level <https://www.fspta.org/> There is a call out to volunteer at the State level PTA, The Committee Letter of Interest

-PTAs need to make sure they are up to date at the county level

-Still waiting for the 501c3 tax status and the group extension

-Memberhub: All local ptas were updated in memberhub. The FSPTA is negotiating with memberhub to transition from old PTA to New. Still send dues to the National PTA. I would still mail a check. The State PTA rep said we could send electronically but really I think the word should have been used rather than will so I would still pay with a check and mail it to the National PTA.

SGA Representative

- SGA recently collected feedback from the student body regarding Homecoming Week

- Preparation for the upcoming CHS SGA Board of Education presentation
- SGA is planning to send out a general summary to students regarding what's been going in all three areas of community outreach (PTSA, HCASC, BoE)

Staff Appreciation

- Staff gifts were assembled and delivered by Mrs. Engle's students. The gifts included Halloween fruit chews and key chains with a note to encourage PTSA membership for the teachers.
- November's gift will be hot chocolate with a note.
- Budget for gifts (and supplies such as labels and bags) so far has been \$69.63.

HC Drug Free

HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council Special Event

HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council (TAC) will be showing *HAZE*, a documentary special event on Monday, November 15th from 5:30-7pm on Zoom. *HAZE* tells the story of Gordie, a college student who died of an alcohol overdose during a hazing event. Gordie's death was preventable, and the documentary aims to educate others so that his story does not have to be repeated. TAC is open to all Howard County high school students, and is a great way to earn community service hours. Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TAC-11-15-21> to register and the Zoom link will be emailed prior to the meeting.

HC DrugFree's Free Parenting Classes

Raising tweens and teens is tough. Wouldn't it be great if adults could take a class that taught us how to help our kids avoid risky behaviors, all while learning how to say NO to drugs and alcohol? There is! HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office in partnership with the Howard County Public School System and the Health Department will once again provide FREE evidence-based classes for Howard County families to gain skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs. Parents, guardians, and grandparents of children ages 9 – 14 are invited to this 4-class series which will be held on Zoom from 6:30 – 8:00pm on Tuesdays, November 9, 16, and December 7, 14. If your child is slightly younger or older, complete the registration form and we will review the information and get back to you. Child or adult must live in Howard County. To register or to learn more visit: <https://buff.ly/3fbHx1y>