



**Minutes – PTSA Meeting
December 14, 2021 6:30pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83996852003>

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

Rosalind Murchiri called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

I. Minutes Approval 8 Voting Members

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

II. Requested Agenda Topics

- o Additional membership recruitment suggestions? Anne Sellers

Anne would like to make this topic a standing agenda item. Would like to discuss ways to increase parent memberships in particular. See Membership Update for current specifics. Significant increase in staff joining thanks to efforts of Cindy Dillon. Thanks to Renee for getting the word out to students. Rosalind reminded everyone that we are still in the midst of a pandemic, so comparing membership numbers to pre-pandemic may not be reasonable. Ting will post message about joining PTSA on Facebook. Cindy added link on website to Facebook page.

- o Use of membership email list Anne Sellers

III. President's Report Rosalind Muchiri

Rosalind commended the executive board and committee leaders for their diligence and support for the PTSA work. She appreciates the executive board meetings occurring to support alignment. She attended a county-wide After Prom meeting; feels better that we are not behind in our planning but CHS prom is one of the earliest proms (April). Working with other high schools to negotiate deal with venue. Next meeting is in January. Repository has been created to share vendor info and other ideas.

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

Student Directory chair volunteer needed. Please spread the word. Marriotts Ridge HS interested in working with us to arrange a mental health speaker

V. 2nd VP (Membership) Report Anne Sellers

Update provided – see attachment

VI. Treasurer's Report Yali Mao

Information sent prior to the meeting. Highlights are (1) Fund raising revenue is below budget; (2) Membership revenues above budget; and (3) Clothing to cash revenue growing slowly

VII. Recording Secretary Alisa Brandes

No specific updates

VIII. PTACHC Report – Melissa excused Melissa Major

IX. Principal's Report Cynthia Dillon

Midterm exam schedule published. Kids will not be allowed to take exams early and with the timing of report cards, kids that are absent may see a 0 on their report card until they are able to make up the test. Several events have been canceled this evening given spike in covid cases. CHS is doing ok compared to other high schools. Graduation window sent. Staff very appreciative of Diwali event and Cindy believes there is a direct correlation with that event and the staff membership increase.

X. SGA Representative Report Renee Wu

Update provided – see attachment

Reminder that Spirit Week is coming up Dec 20-22nd.

XI. 2019-2020 Standing Committee Reports:

A. Communications

Susan Su

Update provided – see attachment

Susan reminded us of the process to follow for posting requests. See process included in update. She will add Facebook lead (Ting) and Instagram lead (Renee) so they can be notified as well

B. Parent Advocacy-

Mike Fang

- CAC

Jenny Qian, Maria Zhang, Selena H Choo

Planning annual Dumpling Day in February

- IAPC

Rashmi Wagle/Beena Bakshi

Update provided – see attachment

C. Staff Appreciation

Rosemary, Eileen, Lorri

Update provided – see attachment

XII. Special Committee Reports:

D. After Prom

Beena Bakshi

Would like to finalize dates with Rosalind for a meeting with Michelle. Rosalind to connect with Beena on Wednesday (tomorrow)

E. Clothing to Cash

Lihua Liang

Update provided – see attachment

F. HC Drug Free

Ming Pang

Update provided – see attachment.

Susan to add to PTSA website

I. Upcoming Meetings

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday January 11, 2022 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

XIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm made by Ting and seconded by Alisa.

Minutes submitted by recording secretary, Alisa Brandes.

Attendees: Alisa Brandes, Rosalind Muchiri, Ting-Yi Huang, Yali Mao, Anne Sellers, Cindy Dillon, Renee Wu, Shenghui Su, Rashmi Wagle, Beena Bakshi

CHS PTA Updates – as of 12/14/21 3:00 pm

Membership

In November, 22 new members joined PTSA (6 adults, 1 student, and 15 teachers). As you can see from these numbers, the efforts by Principal Dillon and school staff to encourage teachers to join resulted in a significant change with respect to teacher/staff membership. A reminder to join the PTSA was also added to the front electronic sign.

This brings our total membership to:

- **239 total members**
 - o **153 parents/adults;**
 - o **69 students;**
 - o **17 staff**

In November, 6 new donations were made, totaling \$130. This brings the total since the beginning of the year to 45 donations and \$2140.

Membership is still low compared to pre-pandemic years.

SGA Representative

- Updates and information on the three areas of community outreach (PTSA, HCASC, BoE) was posted on SGA's Instagram
- For PTSA: advertised for students to join the organization and advertised for parent volunteers in preparation for Prom and After Prom
- Centennial is participating in the Howard County MLK Jr. Holiday Commission Food Drive - Drop off canned/non-perishable food items donations at the front door from Dec 6th-Jan 7th

Communications - Website

The URL of Community Allies of Rainbow Youth (CARY) has been added under Community Partners (the last button on the left side of homepage).

Process to request a posting:

1. Visit our CHS PTSA website (www.chs-ptsa.org)
2. Select the **Posting Request** button appeared on the **upper left**.
3. Fill in the online form and hit "**Submit**".
4. Check your email for confirmation.

IAPC

IAPC successfully hosted the Nov 19th Diwali Luncheon. This being our very 1st event we feel encouraged since, we received good feedback from the CHS staff and the teachers. Thank you!

Staff Appreciation

- Staff gifts of hot chocolate was assembled by students and delivered to mailboxes.
- Staff appreciation lunch in November went very well.
- Cookies are being collected for distribution to staff and bus drivers for 12/13/2021.

Clothing to Cash

Centennial High School PTS collected 614lbs of clothing and shoes in November. A check of 61.40 has been issued and scheduled to arrive before 12/9/21.

HC Drug Free

FREE Virtual Driver Safety Program, Monday, December 20th at 5:30 p.m.

Parents: If your student is driving, **riding with other youth**, or dreaming about the day they will drive, then this program is for them and you!!! HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council (TAC) is pleased to invite all Howard County high school teens and their parents/guardians to a FREE virtual event focusing on safe driving behaviors as we work toward MD's goal of reaching zero deaths. This presentation will be held in partnership with the MD Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration's Highway Safety Office, the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, and others. Topics to be addressed: Parental influence, alcohol and impaired driving, MD's Graduated Driver's License, pedestrian safety, the 6 rules for the road, and more. For more information, go to www.hcdrugfree.org or email Admin@hcdrugfree.org. Howard County youth and their parents/guardians must register to receive the event link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/Teens12-20-21