Johns Creek PTSA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2017

Attendees:

Beverly Henson Ann Marie Cassidy Diane Kolosna Marcia Grimsley

Denise Abramow Jen Zubler Patty Buchanan Kim Rutledge

Lisa Shanklin Cindy Tromer Deepa Lahoti Kim McDonald

Jimmy Zoll Suzanne Warren Sandy Garrett Kathy Read

The meeting was called to order at 9:35am.

1. Principal’s Report- Dr. Zoll
2. Over the break, trees were planted in the area that PTSA was planning on doing a landscaping project. We need to find out who planted the trees and see if there is still a possibility of completing the planned project.
3. Testing season is now underway.
4. There is a little bit of hiring going on right now. So far there are not many vacancies that need to be filled for next year.
5. A question was raised about how to handle the online directory for next year. It would be very helpful if the school could provide the directory information to the PTSA rather than having the families register for the directory and enter their own information. This will be looked into to make sure there are no issues with privacy.
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Lisa Shanklin made a motion to accept the March 13, 2017 minutes. This was seconded by Deepa Lahoti. The motion carried.
8. Deepa Lahoti made a motion to accept the minutes from the general PTSA meeting that was held on February 27, 2017. This was seconded by Patty Buchanan. The motion carried.
9. Treasurer’s Report – Deepa Lahoti
10. A few changes to the budget were made after the meeting with the presidents.
11. So far $11,000 has been dispersed for minigrants.
12. We have received $1,000 in matching donations. Next year there will be a form ready to make it easier for people to get matching gifts.
13. Deepa made a request for people to try to avoid last minute check requests, especially on the larger ones that will be coming over the last few weeks of school; she would like as much notice as possible.
14. President’s Report – Beverly Henson & Denise Abramow
    1. Honors Night will be held on April 18th. At this meeting there will be an official general membership meeting and the new slate of officers will be voted on. All officer slots have been filled; only a few committee positions remain open.
    2. Update on GA PTA:
       1. The GA PTA has been sanctioned by the National PTA and is now on probation. While on probation GA PTA is not eligible for any national awards and not allowed to attend the national convention.
       2. The local units are still allowed to receive awards such as the National School of Excellence.
       3. The local units are still allowed to participate in Reflections. JCHS has a state reflections winner and her entry will still be submitted for the national competition.
    3. Denise and Beverly requested for everyone to complete the School of Excellence Survey. They let us know about actions that have been taken to help with language barrier issues.
       1. PTSA membership forms have been translated into Korean and Spanish.
       2. Signs are posted at the entrance to the school in different languages.
       3. Translators are available when needed for meetings.
       4. These items will be listed in this week’s e-blast to notify people about the changes that have been made.
    4. For the May meeting there will be a training session held in the auditorium to help with the transition of new board members. Following the training a brunch will be held. The date of the meeting will be changed from May 9th to either May 17th or 18th.
    5. Denise and Beverly requested for everyone to please send in their transition documents. These will be used to help with the transition of new board members.
    6. Grounds update: A landscaping project is in the works to help clean-up the hill at the front of the school. The landscaper came to school during spring break to begin work and there were trees planted in the area where the work was supposed to be completed. Landscaping committee is working with the school to figure out an alternate plan.
    7. The Beta club needs about 4-5 kids to help with honors night.
    8. The college and career fair is going to be held in the spring of 2018 for next school year. By holding the fair in the spring, we will be able to partner with Georgia Probe – a company that holds college and career fairs throughout the state. GA Probe will handle everything for the fair; we are simply holding it at our school.
15. Officer Reports
    1. Academic Enrichment –Patty Buchanan
       1. Honor Night will be held 4/18.
       2. Spring mini-grants were awarded. Many great applications were submitted.
    2. Administrative Support – Diane Kolosna
       1. Kim Sherman is chairing the scholarships again this year, but will not be doing it next year as she will have a senior. A new person has filled her spot.
       2. There are a couple of committee chair openings: College Visits and College and Career Center.
       3. The college and career center needs to continue to be promoted. Many ideas were discussed on what can be done to make this a more beneficial center for students.
    3. Student Activities – Kim Rutledge
       1. Carnival will be on Monday, May 22.
       2. So far there are 396 students that have either paid for or are being covered by PTSA for the carnival.
       3. About 420 yard signs will be ordered.
    4. Communications
       1. Beverly is checking to see if there will be an end of the year newsletter. It was suggested that Anna can reach out to department chairs to see if they have anything to include in a newsletter.
    5. Staff Support –Kim McDonald
       1. Teacher Appreciation week when great.
       2. Teachers loved The Flying Biscuit meal.
       3. The snack day and coffee day were both very well received.
       4. The EOY lunch will be held on Friday, May 26th and will be catered by Outback.
    6. Membership – Marcia Grimsley & Kathy Read
       1. Bricks are being installed in the courtyard this year because they are running out of room in the front of the school. Installation will be completed after school is out.
       2. The club donations have been completed.
       3. For next year a new position has been created and that person will specifically handle matching donations.
    7. Health Services – Sandy Garrett & Jen Zubler
       1. Wellness week went very well. Most activities were very successful and the students really enjoyed them.
       2. Next year they would like to spread wellness week over the whole school year so that it is thought about more than just during one week of the year.
    8. Legislation – Lisa Shanklin
       1. Voter registration will be held before the end of school.
       2. Facebook setting will be changed so that “visitor posts” are not allowed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20am.

**NEXT PTSA MEETING: May 17th or 18th at 9:30am at JCHS**

Upcoming Dates

April 12 School Governance Council meeting (media center 4:00pm)

April 18 Honors Night (invitation only) and general membership election

April 19 Senior Treats

April 19 Picnic for Peace (4:30 in courtyard)

April 22 Prom

April 24-May 4 EOC Testing

May 16 North Fulton Council transitional training for new local unit officers

(9-11:30am – The Teaching Museum North – 943 Mimosa Blvd Roswell)

May 16-19 Final Exams for Seniors

May 22-25 Final Exams