Johns Creek PTSA Board Meeting Agenda

August 25th, 2015

Attendees:

Kathy Meyers Karen Anderson Alissa Glatter Mona Krug

Patti Schultz Ann Marie Cassidy Liliana Brenner Mary Margaret Sipling

Patty Buchanan Shikha Gupta Robin Spiegel Kimberly McDonald

Leslie Fox Beverly Henson Cindy Tromer Stephanie Mitra

Lisa Shanklin Suzanne Warren Dr. Zoll Madhu Iyer (guest)

1. Principal’s Report by Dr. Zoll

* E School problems due to county upgrade caused multiple issues with student schedules.
* Letter sent about class rank met with mostly positive comments.
* Feeder schools have off days coming but JCHS does not. These are extra professional learning days approved through charter school process.
* Parking still an issue; all Seniors got spaces and Juniors were put in lottery. Parking committee was short term and is not currently meeting. Number of Seniors exceed available parking spaces.

1. Approval of Minutes – Karen Anderson

* Motion to accept the May 12th minutes made by Leslie Fox. Patti Schultz seconded. Motion approved.
* Motion to accept the July 7th minutes made by Alissa Glatter. Mona Krug seconded. Motion approved.

1. President’s Report – Cindy Tromer & Beverly Henson

* Cindy asked for everyone to introduce themselves.
  + Awards

National PTA School of Excellence awarded

Outstanding Local Unit (1st place) at State convention

* + Meeting Dates

Meeting dates changed to second Tuesdays except for today.

* + Meeting Format

Beverly asked for input regarding consolidated update. Everyone was happy with new format. Kathy Meyers suggested we note items for agenda.

* + JCNN

Praise for Student Ambassadors segment on JCNN.

1. Officer Reports
   1. Legislation – Shikha Gupta & Patty Buchanan

* Voter Registration

Date is September 11 – will be placed in newsletter, do not need helpers at this time. Will also be advertised in daily announcements. Ann Marie Cassidy confirmed that this should be done on [jchsannouncements@gmail.com](mailto:jchsannouncements@gmail.com). Flyers will also be placed around the school.

We will try to register using online rather than paper applications. Must use paper if they don’t have drivers license with them.

* Candidate Forum

Elections November 4th for 4 city council posts. Other candidate forums have already been scheduled by other groups Oct. 20 and Oct. 27. Patty & Shikha asked if we should promote other forums rather than plan another one. Beverly suggested we find out if they have a place – could offer to have here instead. Leslie pointed out we can only be involved if sponsors are neutral. It was pointed out that sponsoring the candidate forum provides significant points for Outstanding Unit evaluation at year end. Patty & Shikha will check with other groups and see if we can work together. Also need to check the calendar here to make sure facilities are available.

* 1. Communications – Jen Freyer (absent) & Liliana Brenner
     + Newsletter Deadline

Now going out on Tuesday, updates are due to Jen Freyer on Mondays at noon.

* + - Student and Teacher profiles needed for “Inside the Coloseum”
      * Jason Holcombe was suggested for teacher profile.
      * Robin Spiegel will check with Student Ambassadors for a student profile. (suggestions included GHP attendee, baseball player, swimmer)
    - Website pages

For Reflections, will leave as is for now. Wall of Excellence – last year’s data will be deleted. Asked for information about or a link to Student Ambassadors’ activities. Leslie asked to have scholarship information removed for the time being. Liliana will leave general information but will remove links for scholarships. Liliana confirmed that Michele will get report of Wall of Excellence entries to take student pictures.

* + - Directory Access availability
      * 837 families have confirmed their information; 756 have not confirmed. Families have been given numerous chances to confirm their information. Access will be given to members at $75 level and above as this is the only incentive for $75 PTSA membership level. Autrey Mill, gives access to $10 level so there may be some questions. Access will be given September 1st.
  1. Membership – Ann Marie Cassidy & Mary Margaret Sipling
* Awards
* Membership Numbers

Mary Margaret reviewed numbers. Teacher numbers are down – will be sending out candies, reminders, and description of incentives. Expect more students will join as Student Ambassadors gear up and scholarships come closer.

Reasons for students joining – can join Student Ambassador, field trip, scholarships, supports school. Beverly suggested having membership forms at PowderPuff tables.

* Membership Cards

Cards are now available in front office.

* 1. Administrative Support – Mona Krug & Patti Schultz
* Volunteer Spreadsheet Status

Mona picked up forms today and will get them entered in the next couple of days. Liliana can print report of volunteers. Mona will enter print forms into that system and Liliana can print report of all volunteers.

* College and Career Center Status

Will check with Vicky Levine to see if things being ordered are in. College updates are kept in a binder in the center. Patti asked if the updates could be put online so parents could have access to them. Liliana will look at it and see how it can be done. Madhu Iyer suggested a link between Guidance office website and PTSA website.

Stephanie Mitra asked about ½ College Coach position. Dr. Zoll is looking for someone but said it is hard to find someone because it’s only a one year position. It is a full time position with flexible hours but is only funded for one year. Beverly suggested we look for someone trained in college consulting rather than a teacher, perhaps someone from Applerouth. Dr. Zoll is still working on it.

* 1. Academic Enrichment – Alissa Glatter & Anna Seijan (absent)
* Reflections coming up soon. Deadline is 10/14.
* Minigrant applications are ready and deadline is 9/30.
* Student Ambassador Powder Puff Game

Have started fresh with membership this year. Robin will send a list of current year members to AnnMarie to make sure they are PTSA members. Powder Puff Game has been approved and schedule is set. This event is not a fundraiser but is just to build school spirit. Robin is working with the students to set up committees and promote delegation. There may be limited concessions. Full concessions stand unlikely due to conflicts with other school events. Dana Wade is contact for scheduling Concessions. There was a suggestion for a Varsity Food Truck. Robin pointed out that event is 1 ½ hour so there may not be enough time.

Student Ambassadors made $110 from car wash in May.

* 1. Student Activities – Leslie Fox & Denise Abramow (absent)
* Senior parent night September 16th
* Senior Celebration update by Leslie Fox

Trying for schedule for the 2nd to last week of school on a Wednesday. Mr. Martin sent out letter regarding fees using input by Leslie and Denise to clarify the difference between Senior Fees and Senior Activities Fee. Took Senior lunch off the form as it goes to everyone anyway. Kathy Meyers is keeping spreadsheet for those who make Senior Activities payment. Senior treats start in September. The list and distribution points will be broken down alphabetically to help the process go faster. Options will be available for students with food allergies.

Changes will be made to Senior activity day to address problems and streamline. Leslie and Suzanne Warren will talk offline about teacher involvement. Stephanie suggested shade tent. Looking into possibility of rides.

Homecoming is October 17th

Senior fees $85 paid in September. $100 paid any time after that with no proration.

* 1. Health Services – Lisa Shanklin & Beth Seiden (absent)
* Rachel Kitchens-Cole – looking for help (2)
* Parent University refreshments
* Helping Hands – has emergency families from time to time and wants to look for ways we can help.

Lisa Shanklin brought up a number of areas she is interested in addressing this year:

* Wants to help with social media, digital citizenship, the HUB (from wellness task force).
* Wants to address those who can’t effectively use technology (eg. Directory)
* Texting and driving campaign. Need to show video clips on announcements. (3)
* Emotional health, substance abuse, bullying prevention.
* Common Sense Media & Digital Citizenship meeting
* Connecting Families from PTSA website
* Fight the New Drug (4)
* Red Ribbon Week – start in October (1st)
* Suzanne brought up concept of helicopter parent, lawn mower parent – need to develop
* Beverly suggested getting committee helpers. Also talk to Mr. Zoll about including Fight the New Drug in class meetings.

Her top priorities are: 1) Red Ribbon Week in October, 2) Assisting Rachel Kitchens-Cole, 3) Texting and driving campaign, and 4) Fight the New Drug Campaign.

* 1. Staff Support – Robin Spiegel & Kim McDonald
* Curriculum Night – sandwiches will be provided for teachers
* Pick Up and Go Breakfast undetermined date in October

Jason’s Deli would like to be business partner – offered to have tasting for board.

Chik-fil-A will do half price food.

1. Treasurer’s Report – Stephanie Mitra

Stephanie talked about forms and importance of filling them out.

Budget will need to be approved at curriculum night.

Beverly pointed out addition of International Families Workshop for Korean parents. Liliana wants to get with the parent liaison for help with Korean families on directory. Sandy Shin is liaison.

Discussion regarding Merchant Partners line item. This refers to passive fundraising, mostly Publix and Accident Avoidance workshops.

Grounds budget number input by Stephanie – cited need to replace washed out sod.

Jennifer Clark is new yearbook contact.

Leslie suggested finding an alternative for brick incentive as the bricks are expensive and there may be a cheaper alternative.

PTSA donated $500 towards Gladiator costume. Mr. Smith is having contest to name it and for the Gladiator “wearer”.

Suzanne brought up issue about flags – have not been kept up. Suggested replacing damaged flags.

1. Business Partner Update – Leslie Fox

Leslie Fox met with Mr. Martin and talked about coordinating the school and PTSA partners. PTSA will be an add-on to school form ($250 fee). The school negotiates separately with each business. Will decide together whether they are appropriate partner. Will have it worked out in the next couple of weeks.

Upcoming Dates:

September 1 Online Directory Available

September 8 Next Board Meeting

September 9 Curriculum Night

September 11 Voter Registration Day

September 16 Senior Parent Night (6:00 p.m.)

September 23 9th Grade Parent Night (6:00 p.m.)

September 30 10th Grade Parent Night (6:00 p.m.)

September 30 Minigrant Deadline

October 7 11th Grade Parent Night (6:30 p.m.)

October 14 Reflections Deadline

October 17 Homecoming