Johns Creek PTSA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2017

Attendees:

Beverly Henson Liliana Brenner Diane Kolosna

Denise Abramow Sandy Garrett Patty Buchanan

Nicole Adams Kathy Read Jimmy Zoll

Ann Marie Cassidy Marcia Grimsley

Jennifer Zubler Suzanne Warren

1. Principal’s Report- Dr. Zoll

Outdoor classroom is done but they are still ordering furniture.

Parent survey email came out. We get rated based on survey- 75% of students and faculty need to complete. No parent percentage minimum, but please participate and complete.

New seed fund for next year for professional development to incorporate devices into instruction. New budget for new year- new hires. Dodd is leaving for a head coach position in new school.

1. Approval of Minutes – Nicole Adams

* We did not have a quorum. We will vote on December minutes at February meeting.
* Roster is printed and was sent digitally in December. Let me know as changes occur and I can resend digitally.

1. Treasurer’s Report – Deepa Lahoti (absent)

Denise presented report.

* If you need money please let Deepa know. Next month we will revise budget.
* We would like to move some funds from grounds to PTSA scholarship fund ($1000) since school now has landscapers.

Dr. Zoll said that landscaper maintains grounds but doesn’t do new landscaping, so he has asked that we keep some funds allotted for grounds. Area in front of stadium needs to be landscaped. Will also get quotes for steps on path and mirror for left turn.

1. President’s Report – Beverly Henson & Denise Abramow

Need a nominating committee for new members and a chair for this committee-

3 members and an alternate.

We need to fine tune positions in the next 2-3 weeks.

If your term ends, you are welcome to continue or change positions- please let Beverly and Denise know.

New GA PTA rules limit VP positions from 16 to 11 and no co –VPS. Need to decide which VP positions will become a standing chair position.

Suggested Lee Ann Boyd, Julia Moiabec, Kim Rutledge, and Jen Freyer to be head of nominating committee.

Concern that GA PTA made by law changes without input from local schools.

We can consider changing to a PTO. Advantages: PTO is self-governing and there are no dues, runs like a corporation.

PTA offers a lot of programs and training, and are part of a national organization.

There is a dissolution process which involves general membership to leave PTA.

They will pull information about pros and cons with the idea of possibly presenting idea to general membership this spring.

PTA rewards- National School of Excellence- March 10 deadline to submit reports. Will pull reports from last year and will send sections to VPs to update.

Interested in Collect with Council Award.

District 10 spring conference is on March 4 at Vickory Creek- we need atleast 4 people to attend.

GA PTA has online training. Please take course and screenshot.

Committee chairs have a seat and vote on board. Encourage chairs to attend next board meeting on February 14.

Need people to attend Linda McCain meeting.

1. Officer Reports
   1. Membership – Kathy Read & Marcia Grimsley

* Three new memberships prior to deadline- seniors.
* There was a drawing for a yearbook ad. Marcia will review what is happening with that
  1. Legislation – Jen Freyer & Lisa Shanklin

PTA day at Capitol on February 16.

* 1. Communications – Liliana Brenner & Anna Seljan
* Minutes are on website. Liliana serves on the North Fulton Council; she was asked to take minutes down- should we have them up? We are not required to post but they are supposed to be available. Need to research answer.
* Directory- only 395 have registered but we have 2000+ students. Possible changes for next year:
  + - 1. Have an opt-out option instead of an opt-in as well as ability to change info but will still be private unless you register.
      2. Laptops for registration at membership desks.
      3. If we have people to join online instead of paper, they will

automatically be registered.

\*In July need to get list of students/student info from Dr. Zoll for directory for 2017-2018 school year.

* 1. Administrative Support – Diane Kolosna & Liz Hayde
* Rolling out a college visit process for colleges to select when they want to come to school. Trial this month, if it goes well, will implement late spring.
* Need a volunteer to spearhead college and career fair next year- someone who was heavily involved this year. Beverly volunteered to chair or co-chair.
* Information about PTSA scholarship applications for seniors is in cafeteria. Scholarship application/information is also available at JCPTSA.com
  1. Academic Enrichment –Shikha Gupta & Patty Buchanan

Working on Student ambassador program- the program is January to January- elections will be in March. Front office calendar has been updated with volunteers for rest of year.

* 1. Student Activities – Ann Marie Cassidy & Kim Rutledge
* To date there are 378 seniors (6 have received scholarships) who have paid- $31,850; 497 students total
* Senior treats this month are Auntie Anne’s pretzels. Will meet to determine remainder of treats
* Baby photo deadline is next Friday.
* Carnival is going well. Still handling contracts.
* Getting a good deal on yard signs. Only students who have paid get to purchase yard signs.
* Letters could be sent to parents of students who haven’t paid distribute in first period class.
  1. Health Services – Jennifer Zubler & Sandy Garrett
* One parent university last semester- provided refreshments
* Wellness week is coming up March 21-25.
* Sharon Becker from the school clinic wants to partner with PTSA to present parent info. about drugs- so parents can actually see drugs. She has a contact with police department. Wants this done before spring break and prom.
  1. Staff Support – Angel Franklin & Kim McDonald
* Pick up and go yesterday for teachers 1/9.
* Mardi Gras lunch in February. Angel is sending goody bags home to teachers.

Other Discussion:

* Concern about 141 not being a school zone and students using that road to leave school.
* School partners- Sandy Garrett: Lisa Chassin is helping. Great Harvest will give donations but not money. There will be a re-fall sign up- pay for next year to get advertising now. Would like a committee to help.
* Seniors were told that AMMS isn’t doing rising freshman field trip tour- Is this true and why?
* Beverly Hansen- rising 9th night January 23- PTSA would like to provide helpful information to parents of rising 9th graders. We could possibly add blurb to Lions Roar.

Kathy Read motioned to adjorn. Diane Kolosna seconded motion.

Upcoming Dates:

January 17: Linda McCain meeting at Wilson Creek Elementary

January18: 6 pm Dual Enrollment/Move On When Ready Information Night

January 24: 9-11 am North Fulton School of Information at Johns Creek Environmental Campus, 8100 Holcomb Bridge Road

February 16: 8:30-2:30 PTA day at the Capitol- Sloppy Floyd Building, 200 Piedmont Avenue