Johns Creek PTSA Board Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2017

Attendees:

Beverly Henson Liliana Brenner Diane Kolosna

Denise Abramow Liz Hayde Patty Buchanan

Lisa Shanklin Cindy Tromer Deepa Lahoti

Jimmy Zoll Suzanne Warren Sandy Garrett

Kim Rutledge Kim McDonald

1. Principal’s Report- Dr. Zoll
2. The old Milton High School will be renovated to become a STEM school in 2020. It will be open to all students interested in STEM careers. In addition, it will offer certifications and preparations that will allow a student to get a job straight out of high school. Dr. Zoll is looking for a parent to join himself, Dr. Sweigert and a student to help program and design this new STEM high school.
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Liz Hayde made a motion to accept the February 14, 2017 minutes. The motion carried.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Deepa Lahoti
6. Budget changes noted on current budget:
   * + $500 to Honor Roll Recognition
   * - $2000 from Supplies
   * - $6000 from Grounds
   * +$6000 to Mini Grants
   * + $500 to Teacher Stipends
   * +$1000 to Membership Supplies
7. A budget meeting will be held after this meeting. VP’s should communicate any necessary changes.
   * Heather Smith meeting with landscaper to get quote for hill on corner of the high school near Pikes.
8. Deepa needs VP signatures to process checks. VP’s to sign after the meeting.
9. President’s Report – Beverly Henson & Denise Abramow
   1. PTSA Nominating Committee – Kim McDonald
      1. 2017/2018 Roster was reviewed. There are still openings for some VP positions and committee chairs. Kim will use the list of volunteers plus the emails she has received to fill the gaps. Please send any additional names to Kim McDonald. Note: Pam Borgshulte should be serving as chair of College Commitment Board, not College Visit Volunteers. That position is open.
      2. Lisa Shanklin is interested in becoming co-president with Denise.
      3. Kim McDonald made a motion to amend the Agenda to vote on the 2017-2018 board. The motion carried. Liliana Brenner made a motion to approve the board members listed on 2017-2018 Roster. The motion carried.
10. Beverly, Denise and Angel attended the GA PTA District 10 meeting.
    * Elections were held. Priscilla Borders is the new District 10 Director.
    * A resolution passed for local unit governance.
    * A recommendation for an amendment to the GA PTA bylaws was approved to be submitted to CLT. Annual background checks would be conducted to prevent a member from serving on the board with a felony conviction on their record.
    * The GA PTA Bylaws chair, Sandra Perrino, was in attendance at District 10 meeting. She responded to our unit’s repeated requests for the reasoning behind the bylaws changes in an email (4 months after first request). Said that in hindsight, she should have asked for local unit input but thought she was following the process correctly.
11. Angel Franklin resigned from the board due to changing work responsibilities leaving a gap in Teacher Support. Board members will help Kim McDonald with Teacher Support tasks for the rest of the year.
12. Denise sent out forms for all VP’s and Chairs to complete regarding the duties of their positions. Books containing this information will be passed on to future volunteers.
13. Officer Reports
    1. Legislation – Lisa Shanklin
       1. Senate Bill 30 passed which was supported by the PTA.
       2. Lisa will be testifying on HR447, a resolution recognizing that pornography is creating a public health crisis.
    2. Health Services –Sandy Garrett
       1. Wellness week is March 20-24. Rachel Kitchens Cole helped organize events which are coloring day, tea & orchestra, Tibetan bowls performance, Dance/Yoga, and Mindfulness. Sandy will contact Robin Cunningham to add the parent night on 3/23 to the marquis. Drugs will be the topic. Volunteers from Beta Club and Student Ambassadors are available to help.
    3. Administrative Support – Diane Kolosna & Liz Hayde
       1. College Commitment Board – We have been collecting college commitments at Senior Treats. We have the templates for what was done last year. Pam will be updating over the next couple weeks. There is also a link on the PTSA webpage to enter that info. This will be communicated in the next PTSA newsletter. Liliana can provide a report of those that post their commitments online.
       2. Liz Hayde is working on updating the recognition plaques in the entry hall. Formats will be sent to Denise and Bev for approval. Plaques are ready to order. Will meet with Denise on placement.
       3. Waiting on feedback from Mr. Mercer for bulletin boards in the CCC. Ms. Kim will ask her student to make signs.
       4. Bev has contacted Georgia Probe regarding next year’s college and career fair. Deepa Lahoti said she can help Bev with the fair. Bev wants to add more career options to the fair.
    4. Staff Support –Kim McDonald
       1. Teachers are thankful for the PTSA support.
       2. Since Angel Franklin has resigned, Kim will need the board’s help with Teacher Appreciation Week and the end of year lunch from Outback.
       3. Teacher Appreciation Week is March 27-31. Monday – Candy and schedule. Tuesday – Finger food and coffee provided by a dentist. Wednesday – Snack day in the mail room. Thursday – Coffee bar and cookies (will see if Starbucks will provide coffee for free and check on Bagel Boys who delivers). Friday – Flying Biscuit lunch provided at a good price. Brad is good contact.
    5. Communications – Liliana Brenner
       1. Removed Angel Franklin and added Sandy Garrett to the PTSA roster on the website.
    6. Student Activities – Kim Rutledge
       1. Carnival will be on Monday, May 22. Dr. Zoll reminded parents that seniors must attend school that day even though their finals are over.
       2. Graduation lunch will be provided by Moe’s at JCHS on Wednesday, May 24 before rehearsal.
       3. Baccalaureate will be Sunday, May 21. Invitations will be sent April 24.
    7. Membership – No report
    8. Academic Enrichment –Patty Buchanan
       1. Honor Roll recognition is today.
       2. Amie Xu is the state winner in Visual Arts for Reflections.
       3. Beta Club and Student Ambassadors could provide volunteers for Honors Night on April 18.
       4. Mini-grants meeting will be held by Cindy Tromer.

**NEXT PTSA MEETING: April 11 at 9:30-11:30 at JCHS**

Upcoming Dates

March 13-17 School Board Appreciation Week

March 16-18 Cinderella at JCHS

March 20-24 Wellness Week

March 22 International Night

March 23 Drug Awareness Parent Night

March 27-31 Teacher Appreciation Week

April 1 – 9 Spring Break!!

April 11 Next PTSA Board meeting

May 9 Last PTSA Board meeting