Johns Creek PTSA Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2016

Attendees:

Beverly Henson Liz Hayde

Denise Abramow Deepa Lahoti

Nicole Adams Kathy Read

Cindy Tromer Marcia Grimsley

Kim Rutledge Lisa Shanklin

Jennifer Zubler Jen Freyer

Shihka Gupta

1. Principal’s Report- Dr. Zoll

Dr. Zoll was unable to attend so there was no Principal’s Report.

1. Approval of Minutes – Nicole Adams

Kathy Meyers will email May 10 meeting minutes. Nicole will distribute minutes and will present minutes for approval at August 16 meeting.

1. Treasurer’s Report – Deepa Lahoti

Deepa presented an updated budget and requested that board members review the budget and provide feedback. She highlighted several changes:

* Changed some category names to better highlight where income comes in and is spent
* Divided major categories (ie. membership)
* Removed scholarship category from PTSA administration

Deepa noted that the beginning balance is higher than last year- approx. $35,000

Last year’s audit is complete.

Last year’s tax return is complete and available for review.

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

College and Career Fair Update:

Cindy Tromer presented information about the College and Career Fair to be held on campus September 14 during both lunch periods. This will be part of “Senior Week”. Vicky has contacted 60+ colleges and approximately 18 have agreed to attend. The general plan is for the fair to be held in the auxiliary gym, though it was suggested that it be held in the courtyard depending on weather and number of colleges participating. Set up will begin around 10:30. Each college will have a table. PTSA will provide drinks and snacks. We will need volunteers.

Suggestion was made to ask parents, teachers, etc to invite their alma mater. Please send suggestions to Vicky to maintain consistency and organization.

There is concern that students will not attend, so we are looking for ways to motivate students. The fair is for juniors and seniors but freshman and sophmores are welcome to attend.

Convention update:

Beverly attended the convention. The PTSA motto is “Every Child One Voice”. Stressed advocacy through legislation. Board is requested to become active, and suggested to opt in for emails from Georgia PTA- “Capital Watch”- legislative updates. Stressed using social media and discouraged us of gift cards.

JCHS PTSA is a 2015-2017 National PTA school of Excellence, Georgia Outstanding HS PTA, and Model PTA.

Other updates:

Dr. Zoll has put a link to JCHS PTSA on his emails.

1. Officer Reports
   1. Legislation – Jen Freyer & Lisa Shanklin

Lisa attended the convention.

Senate Bill 133 will be on the November 8 ballot. The Georgia State PTA position is to vote no.

Jen will check on the cut off date for voter registration prior to the November 8 election so that students can register in time to participate in the election.

A date needs to be chosen for the candidate forum.

* 1. Communications – Liliana Brenner (absent) & Anna Seljan (absent)

Jen Freyer spoke on behalf of Anna. Anna is doing the quarterly update and newsletter. She has requested that members take photos and hold them for quarterly update. She has also requested that information for the Wednesday email blast be submitted by Wednesday 10am.

* 1. Membership – Kathy Read & Marcia Grimsley

Marcia presented a new flyer for membership with improvements and changes and will print 1200 2 sided copies.

To encourage teachers to join, they will make teacher membership forms highlighting teacher benefits and will have forms available at the teacher breakfast.

Marcia highlighted benefits of student memberships, including scholarships for seniors and ambassadorships. Student membership is new to parents and students in high school so availability and benefits need to be advertised. Platinum level on membership forms includes student membership.

Kathy will email sign up genius for volunteering at membership table at the August 4 & 5 information days. Need 2-3 people per table.

Kathy met with Liliana Brenner about the website to streamline options including directory, bricks, etc so they don’t have to follow up. Members will choose options online and complete information.

Beverly requested that all board members attend the teachers’ welcome back breakfast on August 2 from 8-9:30. She requested that board members wear name tags. She will ask Dr. Zoll to remind teachers to join PTSA and bring money to the breakfast. Kim McDonald will have a membership table set up.

* 1. Administrative Support – Diane Kolosna (absent) & Liz Hayde

Liz and Dianne met to discuss responsibilities and updates. They will meet with Jay Mercer. They request volunteers.

* 1. Academic Enrichment –Shikha Gupta & Patty Buchanan (absent)

Shikha noted that Student Ambassadors is a new responsibility under academic enrichment. They are requesting volunteers for Honor Roll. They’ve begun working on Reflections banner for information days.

Deepta is on the board of the Johns Creek Arts Center. She is interested in forming a partnership between JCHS and the arts center. The purpose is for the arts center to support students who are interested in becoming professional artists. An example of support is helping students build a portfolio for art school admission. Deepta will have a member of the art center contact Shikha and Patty.

* 1. Student Activities – Ann Marie Cassidy (absent) & Kim Rutledge

Kim announced that the senior letter will be sent in a separate email from the summer email update. She will coordinate with Patrick Martin about announcing activities at senior night.

* 1. Health Services – Jennifer Zubler & Beth Seiden (absent)

Jen requested volunteers.

Jen and Beth are brainstorming how to effectively use funds for red ribbon and wellness weeks to engage and impact high school students.

* 1. Staff Support – Angel Franklin (absent) & Kim McDonald (absent)

Reminder to attend teacher breakfast. A sign up genius will go out for fruit and drinks.

Other Discussion:

Lisa Shanklin presented the program ‘Fight the New Drug.” Pornography has become a public health crisis. Lisa would like to begin the program at JCHS. Clay Olsen, the CEO, will be in Atlanta August 23-25. Discussed possibility of having a parent presentation August 24 and a student assembly August 25. The cost is $300 for the parent program and $750 for the student assembly. Lisa will send Denise and Beverly more information for them to present to Dr. Zoll. A suggestion was made to consider other dates since this is close to the beginning of the school year.

Several chairs requested volunteers. The online membership form enables parents to sign up to volunteer. There will also be volunteer forms at the membership tables at information days. Chairs will be sent lists/contact info of potential volunteers.

Reminder to check PTSA closet for supplies before purchasing supplies.

Volunteers are needed at the July 28 freshman survival camp.

Please wear nametags while on campus.

Need volunteers for the teacher compilation packets on August 3.

Reimbursment forms are available on the website. Please request reimbursements promptly.

Upcoming Dates:

July 28 Freshman Survival Camp at JCHC 9:30-11:30 am

August 2 PTSA Welcome Back Breakfast for teachers and staff 8:30 am

August 3 Teacher packet compilation 1-3 pm (location TBD)

August 4 Freshman info night at JCHC 6-8 pm

August 5 All student info day at JCHS 1-3 pm

August 8 Fall semester starts

August 16 PTSA meeting

September 5 Labor Day holiday

September 7 Curriculum Night 6:30-8:30 pm

September 14 JCHC College and Career Fair 11:30 am to 1:30 pm