Johns Creek PTSA Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016

Attendees:

Beverly Henson Liliana Brenner Diane Kolosna

Denise Abramow Liz Hayde Patty Buchanan

Kathy Read Shikha Gupta Lisa Shanklin

Cindy Tromer Marcia Grimsley Suzanne Warren

Ann Marie Cassidy Jimmy Zoll Kathy Ortwerth Towers

Kim Rutledge Kim McDonald

Jennifer Zubler Angel Franklin

Sandy Garrett Deepa Lahoti

1. Principal’s Report- Dr. Zoll
2. Roll out of personalized learning approved. Committee will evaluate iPad 2, Surface 3, and 2 other Dell products then make recommendation by 11/16. Distribution of devices is best case next school year.
3. Great professional learning day shared with AMMS.
4. Dr. Zoll explained the reason why 900 TAG students were not seeing the gifted participation listed on their transcripts is because the Fulton county deadline is January 15. Since transcripts are going to colleges now, they are working on getting this completed sooner.
5. Approval of Minutes – Kim Rutledge
6. Liz Hayde made a motion to accept the September 13, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Kim McDonald and was approved.
7. Treasurer’s Report – Deepa Lahoti
8. Membership is down from last year.
9. Nicole Adams to provide an updated roster for the PTSA committees.
10. President’s Report – Beverly Henson & Denise Abramow
11. Beverly thanked the board for all of our contributions.
12. The Autrey Mill Middle School PTA provided breakfast for the JCHS teachers on their professional learning day. If you see AMMS PTA board members, please thank them.
13. The GAA is advertising the PTSA in their newsletters and we are doing the same for GAA to boost membership in both organizations.
14. A former PTSA president applied for JCHS to be recognized as a National PTA School of Excellence for 2017-2018. Part of that evaluation includes a survey that will be distributed in the fall and spring.
15. Wish list
    * The candidate forum will need microphones. It is being investigated whether to purchase additional equipment which would also require maintenance or to hire a company to provide it.
    * Additional furniture is needed in the Media Center.
    * The Guidance department has requested a mini-grant for 4 bulletin boards and a TV for the College and Career Center.
16. Officer Reports
    1. Academic Enrichment –Shikha Gupta & Patty Buchanan

Kathy Ortwerth Towers reported on Student Ambassadors. The Powder Puff game is on 10/19 from 6-8. Admission is free. More participants and parent helpers are needed. Recommend next year to schedule Powder Puff during a dead week when there is no other football game. Ideas to promote the game were to pass out free tickets at lunch, have football players walk around the café with signs, and to engage the Gladiator Army. Expect low turnout for practice due to PSAT. There will be a fun announcer and the high school police will be hired for the game.

Student Ambassadors have 72 members and meet the first Thursday of the month in the chorus room. It is intended for the Student Ambassadors to be a school spirit organization. Think of opportunities to let the Student Ambassadors help at our functions. Next week they will be helping in the café with Red Ribbon Week.

Patty Buchanan reported that there were 22 entries for Reflections. The Mini-Grant selection committee will meet on 10/20 and they have $13,000 to distribute. The Honor Roll Celebration was held and the kids enjoyed Auntie Annie’s Pretzels. The Wall of Excellence SAT numbers have been updated. Photos will be taken one Friday per month.

* 1. Legislation – Jen Freyer (Absent) & Lisa Shanklin

Voter Information Night & Candidate Forum will be held on 10/25 6:30-9:30. Mayor Mike Bodker dropped out but attending will be Senator Butch Miller, the author and sponsor of the Opportunity School District Bill, Senator John Albers, Rep. Brad Raffensberger, Senate candidate Allen Buckley, and Will Wade, President of the GA School Boards Association.

Lisa attended the Advocacy Day at the Capital. The Georgia PTA is recommending to vote NO on Amendment 1. There is a Powerpoint on the GA PTA website.

* 1. Health Services – Jennifer Zubler & Sandy Garrett

Red Ribbon Week is next week starting Saturday with Prescription Drug Take Back at Target on 10/22. Activities during the week include signing a banner pledging to be drug free, A1 to demo DUI goggles, raffles at lunch, and guest speakers including a CHOA ER physician, a recovering father/son, and an assembly on opioid use.

* 1. Membership – Kathy Read & Marcia Grimsley

The winners of the senior yearbook ad, graduation seats, and a parking space to be announced in the PTSA newsletter this week. Diane Kolosna will investigate the process for brick personalization. Installation will be handled by Heather Smith.

We are down on PTSA members and joining levels this year. Dr. Zoll will send one more request to parents and the application will be translated to Korean in an effort to boost membership. Marcia and Kathy will assemble a report showing last year’s numbers vs. this year’s.

The online directory is incomplete because parents are not entering the info. This is a concern because parents were promised by joining at a certain level, they would get a student directory. We are not able to provide that this year but this needs to be revisited in the spring for next year. The only way to get complete info is to get it from the school and print a directory but some parents’ request for privacy delays the publication.

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

So far for Senior Activities, $30K has been collected from 367 students. Fees are now at $100. Ideas for upcoming events are a candy bar, a donut bar, and a hot chocolate bar. Baby picture contest is next. Sr. carnival ideas are needed to keep students until the end. A hypnotist was suggested.

There was difficulty getting volunteers for coat check during the Homecoming Dance. After discussion, it was deemed a valuable service but will need to reach more volunteers next year and put a deadline on signing them up.

* 1. Staff Support – Angel Franklin & Kim McDonald

In November, there will be a Korean lunch for the teachers. PTSA was asked to provide additional funds over the $1500 that was already provided but denied the request. Help was requested for teacher appreciation. Angel Franklin has lists of parents who may be able to help. In January, teachers will be able to pick up a grab bag.

* 1. Administrative Support – Diane Kolosna & Liz Hayde

We need more volunteers to take notes during the college visits. PTSA board members and additional volunteers will be provided to Pam.

Diane will email Heather Smith regarding the landscape contract to address the weeds.

Liz, Diane and Vicki will meet on 10/19 to identify the most useful information to communicate on the new bulletin boards in the College and Career Center. Jay Wiley has a list of expectations for every year. Also, information gathered by Jenny Poulos is on the PTSA website under the CCC tab.

College Commitment Board - A suggestion to get the names of schools that students have committed to is to ask during the senior treats and when they pick up yard signs. Kim Rutledge volunteered to get info during senior treats.

Liz Hayde is working on updating the recognition plaques in the entry hall. Trail Blazer, All-Around, and Laurel Schmidt will be updated with names found in the Treasurer records.

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

Anna is preparing the Inside the Colliseum newsletter. If you have pictures and articles, please submit them now.

Liliana will update the PTSA newsletter and website with our donors.

**NEXT PTSA MEETING: NOVEMBER 15 at 9:30-11:30**

Upcoming Dates:

October 24-28 Red Ribbon Week

October 25 Senior Treat Day

October 25 PTSA Candidate Forum and Voter Information Night 6:30-9:30

November 6 Senior Yearbook Ads due

December 18 GA PTA / Atlanta Falcons Family Day (order tickets by 11/25)