Johns Creek PTSA Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2016

Attendees:

Beverly Henson Diane Kolosna Sandy Garrett

Denise Abramow Liz Hayde Patty Buchanan

Nicole Adams Shikha Gupta Deepa Lahoti

Cindy Tromer Marcia Grimsley

Ann Marie Cassidy Jimmy Zoll

Kim Rutledge Lisa Shanklin

Jennifer Zubler Suzanne Warren

Principal’s Report- Dr. Zoll

* You are all invited tomorrow night to attend a meeting about ’The Every student Succeeds Act” which replaces No child Left Behind. This will shift control to local school districts. If you are interested, the meeting is tomorrow night from 6-8 at the North Learning Center. Information is on district website.
* 10 students were selected to be in the i-Teach program through an application/selection process. Training begins today and will take few days. A group came from Autrey Mill, and we are adding to that. I-teach provides support help for both teachers and students.
* During the month of September, we will have a device selection process. Students and governance council are involved.
* Thank you for college fair. Teachers were reminded to encourage students to eat and go.
* Digital citizenship- county blocked Vimeo, turn it in.com, you-tube, etc so teachers and students are having difficulty finding acceptable programs.
* We won the football game Friday night!

Approval of Minutes – Nicole Adams

Liz Hayde made a motion to accept the August 16th minutes. The motion was seconded by Cindy Tromer and approval vote was unanimous.

Nicole reminded board to join PTSA by Friday- we are required to have 100% participation. Please contact Kathy Read or Marcia Grimsley.

Treasurer’s Report – Deepa Lahoti

Deepa presented the updated budget.

On curriculum night, we received 574 votes to approve the budget, with 2 disapprovals.

In January we will have an option to update budget.

We had beginning balance of $35000ish. We should not have such a large beginning balance so we need to decide where to disperse the money.

Place reimbursements requests in Deepa’s box early in the week, and she will cut checks by the end of week.

Question about actuals for donated designations- Laurel Schmidt Scholarship funds, clubs, etc- Funds will be separated by October 1. Deepa will verify those numbers.

President’s Report – Beverly Henson & Denise Abramow

Beth Seiden resigned from VP of health services. Vacancy will be filled by Sandy Garrett. Jen Zubler moved to fill vacancy by nominating Sandy. Ann Marie seconded Cassidy. Unanimous vote of approval.

Housekeeping items:

* Nametags need to be worn on campus.
* Be aware of mailboxes, and please check your box.
* PTSA closet key is in the front door of the closet where Robert Cunningham sits. Remember to replace key. If you cannot replace key, please contact Denise or Beverly. Nothing can be on top of shelves- need to have an 18’ clear space below ceiling.
* We have PTSA thank you notes- use those for ay donations, etc. Denise has a letterhead. Tax ID is in your binder. Denise can provide you with receipt for tax purposed for donations, or you can create one using letterhead.
* Use blue PTSA tablecloths in the closet for events
* Communications and social media- We are first line of communication, and we are often given a heads up as a courtesy. As board members we need to quell rumors. Do not put anything on social media – we are representatives of the school. We need to be appropriate and professional.

Beverly is creating a business partner program. She is fine-tuning levels, logos on website, student directory- what they will get for their money.

Liason for CBI (community based instruction) came to board meetings last year. We want to continue to support this program.

Photos- take pictures of big event and send to Denise for end of year report to GA PTA.

Refer to Fulton County schools Community meeting flyer. We would like one board member at each meeting. Let Denise or Beverly know if you can attend a meeting.

Principal Wish list:

Every year we give back. This year there is a need for extra microphones and additional furniture for media center. Dr. Zoll received a quote of $8000 for the furniture, and asks for whatever we can contribute. Need a quote for microphones. Vote will take place at next meeting.

1. Officer Reports
   1. Membership – Kathy Read (absent) & Marcia Grimsley

Membership is down- 512 total including teachers, parents, and students. Each level is down (bronze, silver, gold, etc). We might consider new benefits for each level.

Question- how do we give free yearbook ad? Suzanne spoke to Jennifer Clark who said to just show a copy of certificate. She will figure out how to manage payment through Jostens.

Judy Ritter suggested reaching out to each senior English teacher and asking them to promote PTSA membership. There are benefits to seniors.

We will have membership tables at Freshman and sophomore nights, etc. Suggestion was made to use Paypal.

Students need to be a member by December 31 to apply for scholarships.

Senior treat day- next Monday- will be used to promote membership.

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

Voters candidate forum and registration drive is Monday- looking for an MC. Suggested asking Atkins.

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

Need consistency with e-blasts. Sunday is your deadline to get info to Anna. The goal is to get it out Tuesday.

Would like to see Counselor’s corner as a dedicated section in e-blast. Beverly will address this at meeting on Thursday.

School website is difficult to navigate.

* 1. Administrative Support – Diane Kolosna & Liz Hayde
     + College and career center- Will talk to Jay about remodeling ideas- how to make it more useful/user friendly. Team of people meeting with Mr. Mercer on Thursday about his vision for it- how to utilize- perhaps checklists by grade level.
     + Getting plaques updated for scholarships.
     + Cindy will get applications for mini grants out via email soon. Need a committee of 6-8 to judge applications to decide who will get money. Deadline for applications will be mid October. Teacher must be a PTSA member by Sept 30, or they can join with application. Committee will try to decide it at one meeting for quick turn around to distribute funds. $13000 has been budgeted to use. Remaining funds will be used in spring.
     + Please check and comment on Johns creek Guidance college profile document.
  2. Academic Enrichment –Shikha Gupta & Patty Buchanan
* Reflections forms are in media center. Deadline is October 12- they have judges. Reflections training at teaching museum- sept 14.
* Honor Roll- October 6- pretzels.
* Wall of excellence- we have new SAT ranges with changes- bronze, silver, gold. Students contact with scores. There is an online form.
* Macy’s wants to work with students via intern opportunities in IT. Suzanne suggested contacting the Girls Who Code club- Commander Shank. Beverly suggested consider working as tutors- academic tutorial program.
* Johns Creek art center would like to get involved in helping students prepare for a career in art, ie. building a portfolio. Deepa is looking for suggestions as to how to partner. Reflections? AP course? (We already have one) We need one rep to speak with them and coordinate efforts. Who should that be? Beverly said we will need to consider asking for a volunteer. Contact AMMS? Suzanne suggested contacting Mary Waters via CBI.
  1. Student Activities – Ann Marie Cassidy & Kim Rutledge

Leann Boyd is in charge of homecoming volunteers- coat check. Please take photos.

First senior treat is Kona ice during lunch hour next Monday. Kona is charging $3 per treat- Must have paid senior fee to get treat.

$21,266 -250ish students have paid senior fees. There is financial assistance for seniors who need help. Please let PTSA know if you know anyone who needs it.

They have reached out to all committee heads. Lots of senior parents are volunteering.

* 1. Health Services – Jennifer Zubler & Sandy Garrett

Red ribbon week is October 24-28. Working on messaging/promoting- social media messaging. Want to get student ambassadors involved- Kathy Towers is parent volunteer. Executive board is meeting today, and there is a general meeting Thursday afternoon. There is a pediatrician and pharmacist on committee.

Still doing themed days as well as tables in cafeteria.

Possible tables- ER physican. Driving schools, simulations, DEA reps (possible assembly), Fight the new drug (want to put info out there during week.)

Tonight recovering addict is speaking at Chatahoochee.

Fight the new drug assembly- about 50 people attended. He will be back October 25- $550 for an assembly. Challenge is using class time for assemblies.

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

Curriculum night was catered by Jasons deli. Beverly said it was very well done.

Other Discussion:

Beverly is concerned about counselors contact with parents and students. Contact with students is made through English classes. There are students who aren’t being reached especially if they are in dual enrollment.

College fair- Cindy Tromer- 60 schools/groups are participating. Event will be held in auxiliary gym during both lunches. Still need a lot of volunteers- please use sign up genius. First shift of Volunteers needed at 10:15 to help set up. shirts. Volunteers to assist in gym and in cafeteria to encourage kids to go to it. Dr. Zoll would prefer for kids to have passes but will allow them to go without passes. Dr. Zoll will ask counseling dept to assist. Volunteers should wear black.

**NEXT PTSA MEETING OCTOBER 18TH AT 9:30**

Upcoming Dates

September 14 PTSA College and Career Fair 11:30-1:30 (JCHS auxiliary gym)

September 14 School Governance Council Mtg. 4:00 (front office)

September 19 Voter registration drive 11:30-1:30 (JCHS cafeteria)

September 20 Linda McCain community mtg. 9:30 (Dolvin Elementary)

September 22 Freshman Information Night 6:30 pm

September 23 Homecoming Game

September 24 Homecoming Dance

October 5 Sophomore and Junior Night 6:30 pm

October 7-11 NO SCHOOL (holiday and professional learning days)

October 18 Linda McCain community mtg. 7:00 pm (Chattahoochee HS)

October 19 PSAT

October 24-28 Red Ribbon Week

October 25 PTSA Candidate Forum and Voter Information Night