Johns Creek High School PTSA Executive Board Meeting

November 14, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Anna Seljan Cindy Apgar Sandy Garrett

Nikki Schreck Suzanne Coleman Karen Blake

Marcia Grimsley Kim McDonald Liz Hayde

Beverly Hansen Issure Chen

Jimmy Zoll Lisa Shanklin

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

1. Principal’s Report- Dr. Zoll
   1. Dr. Zoll was offered a professorship at University of North Georgia which begins in January. This is the job he wanted to do post retirement. The position starts in January. He will be working with students who want to become administrators. His official last day is December 21.
   2. Cliff Jones sent letter about process for selecting new principal. Goal is for a new principal to start in March.
   3. Interim principal will be in place by January 3.
2. Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2017 meeting

A quorum was not present so there was no vote to approve minutes.

1. Treasurer’s Report- Lisa Shanklin

Lisa presented current budget vs. actuals which Cindy Tromer prepared.

1. Secretary’s Report- Nicole Adams

No report

1. Co-Presidents’ Report- Lisa Shanklin
   1. Google suite is running. It is free for non-profit but caps at 10 people. In January, we will have training for those interested.
   2. Please check mailboxes weekly.
   3. We have an official PTSA FB page. Please like and follow. If anyone is interested in being a moderator for Facebook account, please let Lisa know.
   4. Lisa is on the GaPTA legislative committee.
   5. Lisa attended the community meeting for district 2 today. A controversial play at Milton High School was discussed at the meeting. Discussion followed regarding plays at JCHS.
2. Officer Reports
   1. Academic Enrichment- Kim McDonald
      1. Spoke with Lisa Chasin to clarify counseling liaison role.
      2. Mini-grants are due to teachers on 12/15.
      3. 10/13 honor roll recognition went well. Students were given pretzels from Auntie Anne’s.
      4. Student Ambassadors- Kim spoke with representatives about responsibilities and requirements for participation. Kim received feedback from the club. Kim is concerned that Kathy Towers and Kim Lemoine are stepping down, so a replacement is needed to shadow them and take over.
   2. Administrative Support- Liz Hayde and Diane Kolosna (absent)
      1. Getting ready to pilot new Sign-up Genius process for college visits and will put it in a link on counseling site. Visits are usually done in the career center. There is no limit on number of participants.
      2. Met with new counselors. Will do updates in college and career center.
      3. Partnering to get a QR code for College Commitment Board.
      4. Scholarship committee- Cindy Apgar will work with Liliana Brenner on updating applications and will begin advertising on announcements, posters, and e-blast. Applications will be available online before winter break. Students must be PTSA members and join by December 31 to apply. Discussion about committee members to review scholarship applications, conduct interviews, and choose recipients.
   3. Communications- Anna Seljan

No report

* 1. Health Services- Jen Zubler (absent)
     1. October: Red Ribbon Week (three days) went well. Students signed banner to pledge to be drug free, received wrist bands, and were able to use the photo booth to share pictures with messages like “live drug free”. One of the days A-1 driving brought their driving while impaired goggles and set up a small basketball hoop and cones and showed students how their motor skills, reaction times, and judgement were impaired when driving under the influence.
     2. This month we had Emily Torchiano speak about cyberbullying, the resulting depression she suffered, the frequency of mental illness (1 in 5 people), and the mask people with mental illness wear. PTSA paid a portion of the speaker fees and student body covered the rest. I think it went well and students stayed after to talk with Emily after both session. Please let Jen know any feedback from your students.
     3. That was to be our event for wellness Wednesday however, the faculty are now very enthusiastic about supporting Wellness Wednesday and wanted another event for the month where they can wear green shirts and show their support for mental health and support of those who may have mental illness. So tomorrow there will be a “Show of Gratitude.” Everyone is encouraged to wear green (the color for mental health) and go to the media center at lunch and write a brief letter/card of gratitude to someone, even to themselves. Thinking about what you are grateful for is a good mental health habit- those who do it daily have less stress and a more positive attitude. The school Flood club is sponsoring the activity!
     4. December- we are hoping to have the cafeteria supply healthy snack samplings and music during lunches- details still being worked out.
     5. I was asked to talk with the school social worker Rachel Kitchen’s Cols about PTSA sponsoring families for the holidays and what has been done in the past. There are several families she knows need help. In the past PTSA she believes the PTSA has sponsored 2 families (confidentially) at about 300-400 dollars each. The counseling office has used the money to buy Kroger gift cards, gas gift cards, and a gift card to a store the students in the family would enjoy so they could purchase a gift for the holidays.
  2. Legislation- Karen Blake

GaPTA is conducting survey to develop a list of legislative priorities until Friday. Link is in e-blast.

* 1. Membership- Sandy Garrett and Marcia Grimsley
     1. 601 member families
     2. Concern about people joining multiple times and having to issue refunds.
     3. Sandy is working to gather yearbook information for personalization of free yearbooks for platinum level and above. Jostens representative needs list by 12/1.
  2. Staff Support- Issure Chen
     1. Korean lunch will be held on December 6 at 11:30. Sandy Shin is organizing. PTSA board members are asked to attend. Membership forms in Korean will be available.
     2. January back to school treat for teachers.
  3. Student Activities- Ann Marie Cassidy (absent)

Senior treat tomorrow.

1. Other business:
2. Beverly Hansen nominated Nikki Schreck for position of treasurer. Liz made a motioned to accept the nomination, and Kim McDonald seconded the motion. Motion will be voted upon at December meeting.
3. Beverly Hansen asked if there is interest in a PTSA college lunch and learn for seniors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

**Next PTSA meeting will be holiday brunch on Wednesday, December 13th at 9:30 a.m. (location – Egg Harbor Café in Johns Creek)**

Upcoming Dates

Georgia Apply to College Day November 14 9-11 a.m. Media Center

Senior Treats November 15 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Holiday November 20-24

Orchestra Concert November 30 7 pm Auditorium

Band Winter Concert December 5 7 pm Auditorium

Korean Lunch (PTSA sponsored) December 6 Auditorium Lobby