Johns Creek PTSA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2018

Attendees:

Denise Abramow, Lisa Shanklin, Nicole Adams, Nikki Schreck, Beverly Henson, Sandy Garrett, Diane Kolosna, Liz Hayde, Kim McDonald, Issure Chen, Karen Blake, Cindy Apgar, Aparajita Maitra, Paromita Ghosh, Radhika Tulpule

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

1. Principal’s Report- no report
   1. Mr. Tesch’s term as interim principal has ended. The new principal, Chris Shearer, was announced tonight at 7 pm and will be introduced to teachers and staff tomorrow. Mr. Shearer is currently the principal at Holcombe Bridge Middle School. His start date is April 9.
2. Approval of Minutes – Nicole Adams
   1. The February 13 Board Meeting minutes were amended. Kim McDonald made a motion to accept the February 13th minutes with amendments. The motion was seconded by Karen Blake, and the motion carried.
   2. Liz Hayde made a motion to accept the February 13th General Membership Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Diane Kolosna, and the motion carried.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Nikki Schreck
   1. Met with Lisa and Denise regarding budget.
      * Changes in several budgeted areas: moving $100 from honor roll, moving $135 from Reflections, moving $100 from National Merit Breakfast, moving $750 from club donations, moving $80 from teacher stipends, moving $1000 from membership supplies
      * Will consider moving surplus in legislation
      * Discussed moving money to staff support instead of scholarships
4. Secretary’s Report- Nicole Adams
   1. Expressed concern that information about responsibilities and timelines of VP and other board member positions are not uniformly conveyed in transitions. A transition form was created last year be completed by outgoing board member and committee chairs to provide information to new member. This will be provided to the board in April for all outgoing board and committee members to complete.Lisa Shanklin distributed the form and Denise will email it to the board. VPs are requested to complete form and continually update. Board members rolling off are requested to meet with replacement. North Fulton Council e-learning site has online training for all positions. However, we need specifics to each position at our school.
   2. Lisa Shanklin set up Google Drive for non-profits which will include a calendar. Structure for email access to drive will be set up by end of spring, and Lisa will request that all documents be shared on Google drive.
5. President’s Report – Denise Abramow & Lisa Shanklin
   1. Nominating committee- Paromita Ghosh, Kim Rutledge, Nicole Adams
      * Nominating committee would like short description of purpose and responsibilities of each position to share with potential nominees.
      * Reviewed open and filled positions.
   2. Scholarship committee- Cindy Apgar
      * There are 37 scholarship applications this year, increased from 22 last year. 5 applicants did not have documentation, and 4 applicants were not PTSA members. Discussed how to convey to students that they need to be PTSA members to be considered for scholarships; a student’s parent’s membership will not qualify the student.
      * Donation of $1250 for Laurel Schmidt scholarship was given by Mr. Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt requested three scholarship recipients. Each recipient will receive $750. 13 students applied.
      * Discussion about awarding scholarships to more people with less dollar amounts. Consensus is that the number of awards should be based on how many qualify. A motion to change awards to 7 scholarships at $550 each was made by Kim McDonald. Sandy Apgar seconded the motion, and the motion carried. All-Rounder Scholarship has 13 applicants; there will be 4 awards of $550 each. The Trailblazer Scholarship has 11 applicants; there will be 3 awards each at $650. Awards will be given out on Honors Night.
   3. A Safety Summit sponsored by Fulton County Schools was held last Thursday at Centennial High School. Denise and Lisa attended. Attendees included members of the school board, police officers, mayor, concerned teachers and parents. The summit was mostly a presentation about safety and what they are currently doing. There was not much conversation about new measures regarding card readers, metal detectors, additional police. Camera systems at each school will be updated to have a facial recognition program. Partnership with community and schools counseling and mental health services was discussed. Denise recommended that we let Linda McCain know if you feel additional measures need to be taken.
      * Beverly informed of a discussion regarding possible use of ID cards with magnetic trips to identify who belongs on campus and also track attendance.
   4. Student paper agendas: Student participated in poll. 68% students say they do not use agendas; 32% use them. Do they want one next year? 45 said yes, 62 said no. Teacher feedback: students screen shot assignments or write them on paper, so agendas aren’t used much. A motion was made by Kim McDonald to not pay for student agendas next year. Nikki Schreck seconded the motion. The motion carried.
   5. Please send Denise and Lisa photos of events for reports to GaPTA.
   6. School gift: Diane Kolosna. School has requested picnic tables for the front of school. Diane will check how much tables cost as well as material types.

Money can be taken from grounds and custodial budgets. Discussion about where additional funds will come from. Lisa will email the most updated budget spreadsheet. Plan to honor Sue Mitchell who is retiring this year by placing a plaque on picnic table.

1. Officer Reports
   1. Membership – Sandy Garrett
      * 6 new memberships recorded in February due to PayPal glitch which occurred in August because PayPal showed memberships as processing instead of paid.
   2. Legislation – Karen Blake
      * PTA day at the Capital was held on March 1. Karen, Lisa and Belinda Edwards attended. Karen reports that it was very informative and interesting. Karen distributed information about the bills discussed which will be in e-blast tonight
      * No date for voter registration.
      * Karen distributed a handout about PTA day at the Capital.
   3. Communications – Anna Seljan
      * No report
   4. Administrative Support – Diane Kolosna & Liz Hayde
      * College Fair will be held in cafeteria on March 28. 90 college reps are attending through PROBE. Jason’s Deli is donating $200 in food; PTSA is contributing $300. 16 Student ambassadors will direct people. Discussed advertising through e-blast, email, and scrolling sign.
      * College commitment board has a QR code link in which students can submit their college choices.
      * Scholarship plaques will be updated after Honors Night. At Honors Night, Co-Presidents will present awards.
   5. Academic Enrichment – Kim McDonald
      * No report
   6. Student Activities – Ann Marie Cassidy
      * No report
   7. Health Services – Jennifer Zubler
      * We hosted 2 events in February:
        1. On Valentine’s day there were strawberries and Hershey Kisses given out at lunch along with a chance to add a positive affirmation about yourself to a banner (maybe still hanging on library window and another in the main stairwell.) Students from HOSA and FCA also put positive messages on lockers; this could have been organized better and we will try to work with Flood on this next year.
        2. There was also a talk on Teen dating violence, given by Alma Davis, a JCHS parent and domestic violence advocate.
      * March- this Friday we will be hosting Yoga in the Media center at lunch. PTSA ambassadors are encouraged to attend and support PTSA efforts. We also need a few ambassadors to be in cafeteria the first 10 minutes of lunch to recruit students to come up to the media center. There will be passes given out during lunch to attend. Ishuma Lahoti, an officer, has been helping with this and has emailed ambassadors. If your students are ambassadors, please encourage them to respond to the email and help recruit students on Friday during lunch.
      * April and May, we will be organizing a few lunch time “stress reduction” activities as exam weeks approach.
      * Thank you to the Nominating Committee. Please continue to look for people to be a co-VP and/or committee member for the Health Services Committee.
   8. Staff Support – Issure Chen
      * Staff appreciation week is March 26-30. Email with link to sign up genius has been sent for donations. Link will be in tonight’s e-blast. Plan for week: Monday breakfast, Tuesday snack, Wednesday coffee bar, Thursday candy, Friday lunch from Ippolito’s. Discussed using Venmo for a donation drive in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Upcoming Dates:

March 20  Linda McCain Community Meeting, ​Findley Oaks Elementary School ​9:30 am

March 24 PTA District 10 Spring Conference10am-12pm

March 26-30 Staff Appreciation Week

March 28  JCHS College Fair in partnership with PROBE 6:00–8:00 pm

April 2-6  Spring Break

April 10  PTSA Board Meeting in the Media Center 9:30–11:00 am

April 17  Honors Night (Vote on PTSA board nominations)

May 18  JCHS PTSA Student Ambassador Powder Puff Game

May 20  JCHS Baccalaureate for Seniors

May 21 Senior Class Carnival 11-2

May 24  Graduation