

## **PTSO Board of Directors Meeting April 10, 2018**

Present: Nannette Henderson, Katie Buchholz, Becky Chaves, Shirley Norman-Taylor, Julie Hopkins, Barbara Cammarata, Carol Liles, Cassy Gilmore, Denise Krein, Carla Olivo, Janice Myers, Deb Arquette, Anu Patel, Priti Patel, Dr. Matt Ragone

**7:05 p.m.**      **Meeting called to order** by President Nannette Henderson. A quorum was present.

### Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2018 meeting

Motion to dispense with reading of minutes; minutes were accepted as written.

### President's Report: Nannette Henderson

- We are on the down-swing of PTSO events
- Please consider using electronic committee reports in lieu of binders
- Not returning to PTSO next year? Please try to find a replacement for your position and step in to help with transition, activities.
- May 8<sup>th</sup>: next meeting for General Membership & Board Election. Time: 6:30 p.m. to accommodate voting and those who need to attend sporting events. Movie "Race to Nowhere" will be shown after business has been conducted.
- June 13<sup>th</sup>: Transition meeting for Board/committee chairs

### Treasurer's Report: Julie Hopkins

- Finished out Craft fair
- Focus is now on ANGP, and ticket purchases
- Budget doing well overall

### Principal's Report: Dr. Ragone

- Apologies for changing date of Prom. New date in June should work out well. April date was initially chosen to have minimal interruptions to activities. (Note from Denise Krein: early Prom helps prevent conflict with sports tournaments).
- Security changes coming: door protocol will be changing. Use Door 1 ONLY. Signs and security kiosks have been ordered, and a greater security presence will be visible.
- Fire Drill scheduled for Thursday (April 12) and Lock-Down Drill early in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Staff will explain procedures to students.
- Protests: rumor of protest on 4/20. On 3/14 about 150 students protested and stood silently in the cold. April 20 is concerning due to references to history, marijuana, Columbine.
- Teacher of the Year celebration was held today (4/10). MC Mosios won for the Pyramid and the ceremony was terrific. Other nominees were announced as well.
- Big push for instructional and professional development. "FCPSOn" initiative is underway. Students will receive personal school laptop – planning year is 2018-19, and

program should start 2019-2020 school year. Computers are on loan for the school year. Chantilly HS has already started this program.

- New website: how is it working? Some attendees noted that it is difficult to navigate, but the full menu should help you access what you need. Please give further feedback.
- April 13: Purple Up day for military kids
- AP Exams: students will pre-register soon. FCPS pays for 6 exams per student. Families are responsible for number 7 and above. This cost will show up under student obligations.
- Food Services: looking into putting in grills for healthier food options.
- Question from Deb Arquette: How can we have better security presence for indoor activities such as basketball playoffs?

Membership Report: Priti Patel

219 family memberships, 84 adult memberships, 27 student memberships, 83 faculty memberships

Amazon Program: Anu Patel

- Needs better publicity
- Log-in through PTSO website to give credit to SOCO PTSO
- Amazon Associates is more beneficial than Amazon Smile program.

ANGP: Katie Buchholz

- Sign-up Genius going out this week. Everyone needs to volunteer!!
- Prize purchases, cash vault – ongoing
- Activities in place, and new things in store. Cake cutting will be at midnight.
- Junior Class POC: Priti ---- remind app is uploaded. They should send e-mails to these families re: ANGP, Prom, etc. Nannette will send out emails per class.
- ANGP will do a sneak peek again this year for underclass parents.

Baccalaureate: Becky Chaves

- St. Bernadette's on Old Keene Mill – plenty of space and parking!
- Three speakers are locked down, and email has been sent to one other speaker for diversity.
- Performing arts are lining up as well, including an art display, senior photos (from yearbook), etc.
- April 30: auditions after school
- May 1: back-up auditions during Focus
- Working on refreshments

Class Liaisons: Denise Krein

- Junior class POC issue addressed during ANGP discussions

Directory: Nannette Henderson

- Free again this coming year
- Please put the app on your phone and use it!

Craft Fair: Carla Olivo

- First Saturday in December 2018
- Late May – committee meeting should occur
- They will use electronic vendor applications for this new year
- Gym floor covering issue/discussion is ongoing with Leah Conte

Golf Tournament: Nannette Henderson for Peggy Shahin

- Joint venture with Athletic Boosters on June 14<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for \$250 table sponsors and raffle prizes

Honor Roll: Janice Myers

- Donuts are preferred, but right now we are going with cookies

Military Connections: Deb Arquette

- April is Month of the Military Child
- New purple t-shirts for the club
- May: they will have an ice cream social.

Nominating Committee: Deb Arquette

- Has been formed and will get to work.

SAT/ACT Bootcamp: Nannette Henderson for Alisa Romero

- Last one this year will be held the end of April

Scholarships: Nannette Henderson for Rob Myers

- Announced on Family Connections: 4 for \$500 each
- Payable to student instead of schools
- Must be member by January 31<sup>st</sup> to qualify

Teacher & Staff Appreciation: Carol Liles, Cassy Gilmore

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> luncheon. Invitations will be sent out at the end of April
- Budget \$1500, currently have spent \$977
- Italian theme
- Sign-up Genius is out. Please sign up to help!

Teacher of the Year: Nannette Henderson for Sage Patel

- Please start nominating now for the upcoming school year

Academic Awards: Barb Cammarata

- Almost 500 students qualify this year
- Letters are pricey (\$9 each). Are certificates better? Certificates would be cheaper, but a little more difficult logistically
- Should we raise GPA requirement to above 3.8?
- General consensus was to keep letters and GPA as they are currently

Academic Boosters: Nannette Henderson for Suhana Rai

- Many teams are currently competing and have been very successful this year!

Student Council: Nannette Henderson for Valmik Rai

- Brick painting project: art ideas have been collected. Eventually they will be converted to painted bricks.

Odyssey of the Mind: Nannette Henderson for Suhana Rai

- Funded separately and not a club.

Stallion Walk of Fame: Janice Myers

- Deadline extended for bricks
- Deb A will send out reminder

New Business:

1. Motion to treat Odyssey of the Mind as a club for the PTSO to be able to give them \$200 club allocation this year. (1<sup>st</sup> – Julie Hopkins; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Denise Krein). APPROVED
2. Motion to give Military Connections \$200 club allocation to help cover cost of t-shirts. (1<sup>st</sup> – Carla Olivo; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Denise Krein). APPROVED
3. Carla Olivo: interested in setting up a meet and greet for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents before this school year ends. Set up like Stampede. Idea still in the works.

Next Meeting:

May 8<sup>th</sup> --- elections, "Race to Nowhere"

**8:46 p.m. Meeting adjourned**

Minutes prepared:

Julie Hopkins (for Tracy Frye)

5/7/18