

Enloe PTSA Membership Meeting

November 29, 2016

Attendees: Janine Steel Zane, Grace Jackson, Amy Lin, Deborah Kaufman, Lisa Zito, Aarti Desai, Laurie Lin, Anne Cooper, Young Yu, Anna Giuli, Vish Tharwveandri, Suresh Pothireddy, Ann Overton, Jennifer Carroll, Beverly Robinson, Rodger Koopman, William Chavis, Coleen Yopp, Virginia Johnson, Heather Koons, Jessica Schmitt, Jay Schmitt, Maria K. Vaughn, Dana Vaughn, Wenli Tao, Nianci Gian

Call to order: 7 pm

Welcome – Rodger Koopman, PTSA President

PTSA President Rodger Koopman welcomed Enloe PTSA members and Enloe families. Roger raised a motion to approve the September 27, 2016 Enloe PTSA Membership meeting minutes. By a show of hands the Enloe PTSA membership approved the motion. Minutes approved.

Rodger also gave an update on the current PTSA membership and Phantom Fundraiser donations received to date, prepared by Membership Co-Chairs Virginia Johnson and Sharon S. Hope. There are 524 paid members as of November 22, 2016. There were 516 last year at this time, so the PTSA is slightly ahead membership wise. The PTSA has received \$4,010 gross membership revenue, and of that approximately half goes to the NCPTA for state and national dues, minus PayPal fees.

The PTSA has received \$12,841 in donations.

Budget Report – Debbie Webb-Ogundele, PTSA Treasurer

PTSA Treasurer Debbie Webb-Ogundele reported that, as of October 31, 2016, the PTSA has a balance of \$20,870.21 in checking, and a reserve of \$22,078.86. The 2016-2017 PTSA budget, previously voted on and passed by the Enloe PTSA Membership, is \$37,308.

Grants Report – Anne Cooper, PTSA Grants Chair and VP School Support

Grants Chair Anne Cooper was pleased to report on and distribute the list of Enloe PTSA teacher and staff grants awarded for 2016-2017. Grants awarded included books for creative writing classes, a camera for the yearbook, screen printing equipment, auditorium mics, document cameras, celebration supplies for the intervention team, travel expenses to present at a professional conference, supplementary books for the English department, registration fee support for student competitions, sashes for marshals, risers for the drama classroom, Latin books, Japanese books, drums, a puppet theater and puppets for German, materials to create a memorial courtyard bench for a beloved Enloe student, software for math programs, supplies for the science department, IB Sports, Exercise and

Health Science course teacher training, printers and ink, DJI Ronin M Gimbal camera stabilizer, non-expiring licenses for statistical software, guest teachers for the dance department, a buzzer system for the Quiz Bowl team, calculators for math class, recognition awards for Honor Roll and High Five programs, bamboo and stylus to create graphic organizers for Flipped classroom, a set of books for Student Services sponsored groups, Virtual Reality (VR) goggles for science class, and funds for equity and anti-racism training. Anne thanked the Warner Foundation on behalf of the PTSA for generously providing for a substantial portion of the Enloe PTSA grants, as well as Enloe parents and families who donated to the Phantom Fundraiser to make these grants, which enrich a myriad of classroom and school activities and services, and other PTSA sponsored events, possible.

Grace Jackson, who is the Chair of the English department and a grant recipient, spoke about the impact the grant award has on Enloe students. Grace Jackson is a member of a learning team who teach students of all grade and skill levels. The team brainstormed and came up with a plan they believe will best engage all of Enloe's students. They created a program called Read Box, where the team selects and curates a collection of novels to be placed in a traveling cart, to be moved in and out of classrooms around the school. The goal was to obtain 2 or 3 copies of a variety of new fiction to engage and challenge both the students and teachers. After a student reads the book the student will create a digital ad, and the student will share the ad throughout the school to encourage students to read the book discussed in the student made ad. Ms. Jackson and her team believe that the Read Box program, made possible through an Enloe PTSA grant, will enrich culture at Enloe and get students excited about reading these wonderful, often contemporary books recommended by fellow students.

Advocacy Report – Ann Overton, VP Advocacy

The mission of the PTSA VP Advocacy is to engage with city, country, state and national legislators regarding issues that impact education at Enloe. Once the newly elected officials begin their terms Ann Overton and the PTSA will monitor new legislation on issues impacting education and will make Enloe's voice heard. The PTSA will be following the policy and platform recommendations of the newly elected North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction. PTSA President Rodger Koopman, who formerly was a member of the Raleigh City Council, encouraged parents to contact elected officials such as your student's school board member or the school board member representing Enloe's district, either by phone or email regarding education issues of concern or interest to the Enloe community. Rodger noted that parents and family members will be pleasantly surprised by how easily accessible your locally elected officials are and that they want to know your opinion and concerns and will try to be responsive.

Senior Events – Ann Cooper, VP School Support

VP School Support Anne Cooper announced that the PTSA is looking for an underclassman parent who is interested in serving as Senior Events Chair for Senior Events, which include the baccalaureate and a proposed reception for graduating seniors and their families, following the baccalaureate service, which

would take place on the last official day of classes. Those interested can contact Anne Cooper through the PTSA website.

Principal's Report – Dr. William Chavis, Enloe Principal

Dr. William Chavis welcomed Enloe families to the Enloe PTSA Membership meeting and touched on a number of exciting things that are going on at Enloe:

First of all, Dr. Chavis wanted to thank the PTSA for supporting teachers, staff and the Enloe community by providing funds for a variety of enriching grants. In addition, he thanked the PTSA for organizing the holiday tea for teachers and staff on Monday December 5th. Appreciation by parents, guardians, and family members for all the teachers do is greatly appreciated by the teachers, and it gives them a chance to socialize with the entire staff in a festive setting.

This is Learning Disability Month and at Enloe, and in cooperation with ARC of the Triangle, Enloe staff and students have designed parking signs to assist those with learning and physical disabilities, and discussed ways to show respect for all students at Enloe.

Enloe students participated in a math competition at Duke and received 5th place, and received 1st place in a regional competition. Congratulations to those students.

Members of the Enloe orchestra and band have recently given highly praised concerts at Enloe, and the dance students will be performing before the winter break. Dr. Chavis encourages Enloe families to come out and support and watch these wonderful performers in December, and next semester as well.

The We the People program, which was highly lauded, was written and performed by Enloe students.

The Enloe ROTC has won many awards, and has performed their duties and responsibilities with distinction.

Enloe has had four magnet tours to show prospective students and families some of what we do at Enloe, and the response has been very enthusiastic. Dr. Chavis thanks all the students that helped out and continue to help out in these efforts including the student marshals who conducted the tours, the band and orchestra students who performed beautifully, and parents who greeted prospective families with donuts and bottled water, and answered any questions they might have. There will be additional tours in December and early January.

Enloe is very proud of Grace Jackson, Chair of the English department, who has been nominated as Enloe teacher of the year, and now is being considered for Wake County teacher of the year.

Dr. Chavis congratulated George Moore, who is the technology facilitator at Enloe, and provides needed and greatly appreciated assistance to many staff members, for winning the Enloe Employee of the Month Award. He received a gift basket with items specially selected by the staff and the PTSA.

PTSA President Rodger Koopman and Dr. Chavis were delighted to meet with Raleigh Mayor Nancy McFarland. Dr. Chavis has met with other locally elected officials such as Wake County Board of Education members Keith Sutton and Christine Kushner.

Enloe is a Magnet School of Distinction and the Enloe community strives to keep and elevate its high standards to continue to receive such recognition.

Dr. Chavis commended all the students participating in sports at Enloe, and said that he and the Enloe community are very proud of their success and achievement.

Charity Ball will take place at Marbles Museum on Saturday December 10th. This year's charity is Urban Ministries, and the Student Council has been working extremely hard to raise money and awareness for this worthy organization.

The goal of Wake County Public School System is to provide one laptop for every 3 high school students. Enloe will be receiving 800 devices to insure that Enloe continues to enjoy a high and an increasing level of technical capability, which is a great benefit to all Enloe students.

The next Enloe PTSA Membership meeting will be held January 17, 2017 in the media center.

Program introduction by Colleen Yopp, VP Communications and Programs

College Choice and Financial Planning – The Financial Impact of a Good College Fit

Letha and Miles Costin, CCPS, American College Planning Foundation

