

PTSA Board Meeting Minutes- Monday, December 12, 2016 @6:30 pm

*Meeting called to order at 6:34. Tina welcomed everyone. Members in attendance were: Dr. AJ Muttillio, Tina Subasic, Donna Ferrell, Ginger Mann, Charmane Dail, Kathy Lakey, Caroline Rohs and Jennifer Bateman.

Minutes from the November 14 meeting approved.

*Dr. Muttillio reported that staff is feeling very appreciated with the coffee cart and the potato bar. Another well done early release lunch and thanks to all the volunteers that help with these.

Update on locker bay project: Grant for up to \$50000 applied for. Dr. Muttillio visited Panther Creek High School to compare type and cost of project.

Our projected student count is increasing again for next year, above 2600 according to Wake County, but too early to tell the accuracy.

Presidential Volunteer Service Awards was much smoother this year as the rsvp evite helped by only calling names of those in attendance. Overall a very good experience for all the students recognized. Stephanie King has agreed to lead the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards again next year

Smart lunch attendance still not as high as expected, but discussion on this continues to try to increase attendance. Still need to remind students to make sure to check in. Club attendance seems to be up, however, during smart lunch meeting times.

At this time, David Robinson (LRHS teacher) and senior, Sam Griengl-Schott presented to the PTSA on the Solar Car Team project. This will be located in Fort Worth, Texas in July of 2017. The team will be the only one from NC, but the plans have been made and sponsors are being solicited from the community. They need assistance from PTSA to help with exposure to our families and community, and potentially being a channel for financial donations and expenses. The Board agreed to support this effort and will investigate how we might assist.

***Tina will reach out to past PTSA Treasurer Tama Blackburn and to current Treasurer Wendy Finger to see how we can help with the donors choose donation part and at what capacity we can assist.**

***Donna will add this to the email announcements and work with the team to post information to help spread the word and give exposure to our Leesville families.** This will help them to increase sponsorships and awareness of this project.

Tina reported that Donna Ferrell agreed to be part of the Nominating Committee with Jennifer Bateman, plus Beth Lucas has also agreed to be on the committee. In January board meeting, our goal is to know what positions need to be filled. ***Current board members who have not emailed/spoken with Tina about their intention next year to volunteer for PTSA, please contact her as soon as possible. Board members that have committees they work with, please reach out to your current committee members and talk to them about this as well.**

Our next Principal's Chat session will be paired with our General PTA meeting on February 2. The topic of this is class registration. Tina asked for ideas on topics to present with this meeting. Topics ideas were: internet safety, suicide prevention/teen mental health, household products drug abuse prevention or hiding drug use information session, a question/answer panel for parents, and other navigating high school topics. Charmane suggested sending out a survey to parents to see what topics

they would like to learn more about. This would help us determine what parents are interested in hearing about.

***Tina/Donna to work with Dr. Mash to see how to send out a survey in the next few days to get parent input. Will email findings to the board and discuss at our January meeting.**

Tina presented Wendy's report on budget. We have had some income from spirit wear sales and special orders. Items that will continue to impact our budget will be another membership drive launched in January to try to get more parent memberships. (Memberships will be available also at the January 26 open house for second semester.) Also more "no fuss" fundraisers, as this committee is working on more restaurant donation nights and events, spirit wear sales at more events/games, plus another donation email for those that wish to give before the end of 2016 tax year.

***Donna will send out the email again for end of year donation request to families to get donations made by the end of the tax year.**

Kathy reported that our College Panel (Students) is changed to January 4 at 6:30 in the Cafeteria. This calendar change was posted on the front bulletin board and sent to Dr. Mash to update on the PTSA Website. Bonnie Quesenberry has 7 students who agreed to be on the panel. This will be a question/answer session for students to talk with current college students.

***Kathy will contact Chick-fil-A to get gift cards/vouchers as a thank you to the students that come in to do this panel for us.**

Next college panel will be for parents, run by student services in March. This is a college admissions focus. Possibility of a vendor fair to go along with this, will discuss in next board meeting.

Caroline Rohs reported that the potato lunch and coffee bar went well. Ginger Henshall opened up a membership to Restaurant Depot that will help with bulk items for our events. Suggested the need to purchase 2 larger coffee urns to hold 50-60 cups of coffee for a growing staff after running low during the coffee cart service. Unanimously approved by board to purchase these as they can be used for many events at our school. ***Caroline to look into best prices to purchase these items for Hospitality/Staff Recognition.**

Next event is Cookies Swap/Cocoa bar on December 21. Sign up sent out and will send again to get donations/help.

Charmane reported that the "No fuss fundraiser" committee has been busy posting flyers for the current Jersey Mike's fundraiser. They have posted, emailed and sent flyers out on twitter for December 12-23, coupons are being distributed at lunch and put on bulletin boards around the building. From Dec 12 through 23, Jersey Mikes will honor these coupons at the Duraleigh Road location and will donate \$2 back to the school per coupon redeemed.

Another idea/opportunity for this winter is to have a hypnotist come to the school to perform for students as a PTSA fundraiser and family event. His name is "The Amazing Nello" (Nelson Papucci) and he performs at a cost of \$1000 for a one hour show. Charmane will look into the details on this and get answers. (This could lead to a performing opportunity for students as well, and possibly contact our new glee club, theater groups, chorus, and band students if we decide to do this and can partner it with a student performance showcase before the show begins.) Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door if needed.

*Charmane will email the PTSA board with specifics and if approved, will try to put on calendar for hopefully February.

*Charmane to send a blurb to publicize a membership blitz in January, after the holidays. Will send email to Donna in January for this.

Spirit wear sales at lunch on Wednesday and Thursday this week, and will be selling at basketball games in December. Also spirit wear set up for January open house and membership table.

Ginger Mann reported Honor roll lunch/cookies went well. After the first day crowding, they moved the A/B cookie table outside and it was more manageable for crowding. The lunch was set up in the Murphy building cafeteria/multi-purpose room. This seemed to go more smoothly. Very successful and a lot of students were eligible this quarter.

Honor cards will be distributed at the end of the semester. At the end of the year, will have academic breakfast again for students. The committee is discussing an incentive to include students that show high growth/improvement, to reward them as well, not just All A's and all A/B only. Will work on this with Dr. Muttillio, staff and committee.

Donna explained the yahoo group/google group scenario. The plan is to set up a google group to begin second semester and only use google next year. Will double up yahoo and google email groups as the second semester ends, then will not send any from yahoo next year. She will make a gmail account for PTSA that can be accessed by future board members instead of having to sign up yearly with different users.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next board meeting is at 6:30 pm in the Media Center on Monday, January 9.

Upcoming Dates:

Dec 21- Cookie Swap for Staff

Dec 22-Jan 2-Holidays

Jan 4- Student College Panel; 6:30pm, Cafeteria

Jan 9- Board Meeting; 6:30pm

Jan 16- Holiday

Jan 18 -- 23 -Exams

Jan 20- Early Release- No staff lunch this day (exam week)

Jan 26- Second semester Open House and Pridewear sales, 6:00-8:00pm

Jan 27- Teacher workday

Feb 2- GMM and Principal Chat (Topic: Registration); 6:30 pm, Media Center

Feb 6--10- Bus driver appreciation week

Feb 9- Open house for Rising 9th graders, 6-8 pm; Pridewear sales

Feb 10- Early Release; lunch served to staff

Feb 13- Board meeting, 6:30, Media Center

Feb 20- Teacher Workday

(Red Text donates Action Items)

Submitted 12/13/16, Jennifer Bateman, PTSA Secretary