



City High/Middle PTSA
June 9, 2009 6:30 PM
Community Media Center Annex
1110 Wealthy St. SE • Grand Rapids, MI

MINUTES

Present: Vickie Craig, Mary VerDuin, Mary VerDuin, Sara & Joe Potyraj, Wendy Shick, JaneAnn Benson, Nick Duesbery, Sue Brown, Elise Tripp, Rose DeBie-Bowman, Andy Bowman, Anne Marie Besette, Teri O'Driscoll, Mary Karpen, Allan Pall, Wayne, Lisa, & Natalie Glatz.

Wayne called the meeting to order. May minutes were approved. (Andy 1st/Sara 2nd). Agenda was approved Sue 1st Andy 2nd.

Members Matter – Issues or Concerns of PTSA Members: None

President- Wayne reported that there are many chairperson positions opened that we need to fill.

VP's- Gayle Schaub will join our executive committee in December.

Secretary- No report.

Treasurer – Nick proposed that we retain a CPA to help with the Form 990's to fix previous years as well as the 08-09 remittance in Nov. We will choose a CPA that will not exceed \$2000 for the 4 forms that need to be done. Wendy 1st Wayne 2nd. It was approved by all.

Principal- Not present. Wayne reported that there will be a press release about IB. Dale also told Wayne that it looks like we will have 710 students for 09-10.

Committee Reports

Student Groups- No report

Teaching Staff- No one present. Sara reported that she has applied for Pete Lewandoski's job among others. Mrs. Castillo may be going to Union. Media Technicians will be in charge of a number of schools while the para-professionals will run the school libraries on a daily basis.

GRPS District Parent Advisory Council- hopes to meet this summer.

City H/M Coordinating Council- Current member will more than likely stay on. The first meeting will be September 14 @ 2:15 @ City.

MPTSA, Region C- Vickie Craig affirmed that our PTSA is once again in "good standing" after miscommunications were cleared up. She thanked us for the \$500 contribution for the Citizens Research Council. We were reminded to send in the \$25 with the executive board name changes. Andy gave Wayne the check and envelope to send in immediately. She encouraged the executive staff to attend the Leadership Workshop in Royal Oak August 22, 2009. Vickie is looking for a volunteer to help her at the state level if anyone is interested.

Audit Committee- No report.

Class Enhancement Committee- Open; We may want a Middle School and a High School representative to better connect with the teachers.

Communications Committee- Open; Wayne is trying to connect with Matt Kwik who will hopefully be the intern for the Pegasus Pulse.

Education Advocacy Committee- Anne Marie Besette announced that they will meet Tuesday, June 16, 2009. She shared a thank you from the League of Women Voters for City's collaborative involvement this year.

Fundraising Committee- Open; Gayle previously mentioned that she may know someone and so did Jane Ann.

Membership Committee- Ted Bonarski will train someone (?) to take this over. Ted is willing to do the directory this fall for the 09-10 school year.

Nominating Committee- Open; Sue Brown is willing to do this if her son attends City this fall.

School Competitions Committee- Amy Bronkema-Bekker is joining City from Zoo and has shown interest in this committee and Academic Games.

School Building, Grounds & Site Committee- Elise Tripp is deciding how much of the \$5000 to put into an account @ Lowe's so that she can purchase items over the summer. She met with John from Lowe's and he is going to help her "stretch" our money by giving us some contractor/wholesale pricing on items that we need.

School Life Committee- Teri O'Driscoll shared many of the ideas for future City social events that were generated at the Picnic. She is going to do some research, gather committee members, and begin planning for a Recycled Art "Show" in November as a fundraiser. She is going to do the same for a mentoring program for students &/or parents that are new to City.

Affiliated Groups

CBOP- Wendy Shick presented a proposal (see separate sheet) for SCRIP Participation Guidelines. We amended it to disregard point #1 where the postage would be shared among groups by having the PTSA fund the postage for the year. This also negated #5 for groups to obtain permission to opt out. Andy 1st Nick 2nd and it passed unanimously.

Forensics & Drama- Mary Karpen reported that there were significantly fewer students participating this year probably due in part to the fact that there was not a class offered. They spent roughly \$2700 versus \$9000 in the 07-08 year. Christopher Weaver will be directing a play @ City this fall to be performed in Nov. He will only charge us \$1500 for his services. Mary will turn in approximately \$1300 worth of receipts to Nick for reimbursement from the amount that PTSA dedicated towards Drama/Forensics for this school year.

Senior Grad Night Committee- The all night party was a huge success and enjoyed by parents as well as students! This year's committee highly recommends that future years have ONE person in charge.

Old Business

Final Comments on City Visioning Report- discussion of budget surplus usage generated a proposal by Nick that we 1. Move the leftover funds from the teacher allocated \$3000 to Dale, 2. Give \$3500 toward the video projector requests by the Social Studies teachers (who will take care of the checking out procedures), 3. Make \$500 available for spending throughout the summer. Elise 2nd and it was unanimously approved

New Business

Setting the calendar- Meetings will continue to be the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Orientation-It will be Aug. 24th through 28th. Wayne reported that the office knows there will be some changes but they are not definite yet. We are looking for anyone that can help with orientation, especially those who have done it before to help out the new executive board. We will request that we have the same location for the PTSA table as last year because it worked well.

Other New Business- We would like to have someone be a chair of the Care Committee that provides food/cards/etc for City families in need. Suggestions for a leader are encouraged. Mary Karpen mentioned that she would like to get food donations for the after school tutoring program that focuses on 10th- 12th graders from 2-3pm usually as tests come up. She thinks that food will help for a more consistent attendance and then better supervision can be arranged according to the number of students.

Announcements and Reminders

All PTSA paperwork that will go out in the August mailing or be distributed at orientation must be in to the office by August 1, 2009.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 @ 6:30 pm in the City High/Middle Media Center

Adjournment @ 8:35pm