



Chamblee Charter High School PTSA

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“You Can Support the Success of Every Child by Joining PTSA”

Chamblee Charter High School

September 20, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.

Attendees: Karen Ruffin, Jo-ann Kimbrough, Rhonda Kalantari, Kathy Wilson-Chu, Nancy Kelly, Stephanie Johnson, Deborah Martin, Terri Beech, Cindy McWhirter, Celeste Aguado, Melissa Wilks, Tina Thornton, Ruth Primm, Shawn Jett, Rosemary Woolfitt, Nancy Farrey, Tracy Alexander, Eric Wright, Belinda Wedgwood, Ann Coppage, Doneta Stanford, Loretta Canada, Phil Craig, Rick Blitz, Vivian Todd, Linda Podger-Williams, Joey Reasor, Elaine Tyrell, Lisa Abdulla, Gordon Rogers, Tahnee Martin, Pat Henderson, James Carmichael, Rita Davis.

Welcome - Jo-ann Kimbrough welcomed attendees to the PTSA General Membership Meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.

Review of Minutes - Minutes from the August 19, 2010 PTSA meeting were presented and approved as written.

Principal's Report - Mr. Rick Blitz, Assistant Principal for Teacher/Student Support, gave the report. Ms. Lowery was at a banquet recognizing Simon Scholars. Current enrollment at CCHS is 1424 plus 102 at the annex. Three trailers have been removed from the property. The fourth was kept for use by Health teachers, who currently must move from room to room.

The CSIP was submitted on time and is a live document. The Georgia High School Graduation Test for writing will be given 9/29. The DCSS FTE count for funding will be made 10/5.

The PSAT will be given 10/13. DCSS funds the test for 9th graders, the state funds the test for 10th graders, and the PTSA provides funding so that 11th graders pay just \$6 for the test.

Nine week progress reports will be available on 10/14. The homecoming football game will be 10/16. The following week will be spirit week and the dance will be on 10/23. The chorus concert will be 10/19 at 7:00. The Principal's Club will begin on 10/21 at 6:00 in the cafeteria. Candace Steadman has been promoted to Assistant Principal for Instruction. Ms. Tinika Jones is the new 9th grade counselor at the main campus and Ms. Teia Grayned is the 9th grade counselor at the annex. CCHS is fully staffed except for one math teacher at the annex.

Treasurer's Report - Stephanie Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report. Current budget status is printed on the reverse side of the agenda for this meeting. PTSA has collected \$11,600. Enrichment donations from PTSA members total \$7465. PTSA has received \$413 from Publix for the shopping card program. Expenses so far have been mainly for Registration.

Presentation of Audit - The audit, performed by Ms. Shawn Jett, will be presented at the next PTSA meeting.

Committee Reports

Advocacy – Ruth Primm asked attendees to save the date of November 18, in the evening, for a meeting with the DeKalb County legislative representatives. All 25 members have been invited. The meeting is scheduled after the election but before the session begins, so that PTSA members can provide input to their representatives. This event is sponsored by DeKalb county PTSA.

Campus Improvement - One campus work day has been held and another is scheduled for 9/25 from 9:00 – 12:00. Donuts and water will be provided for volunteers. The focus will be sprucing up for Homecoming. Students who volunteer will receive Bulldog Service Hours. Nancy Farrey mentioned that in the past this committee has used any leftover funds to purchase, frame, and display a piece of art created by a CCHS student.

Bulldog Bulletin - Melissa Wilks reported on the changeover to the new form of electronic bulletin. She is currently sending out a Bulletin 2-3 times per week. She hopes to expand the content to include stories about people and events at Chamblee in addition to the information sent out by the administration and counseling office. She has also requested a direct subscriber request link from the Chamblee web-page.

Membership - Lisa Thule reported that PTSA has 928 members currently, 240 short of the projected number. Currently only 37% of the CCHS staff has joined. Efforts to increase membership are planned.

Mailing - Tina Martin reported that her committee is on-call to Chamblee administration for mailing support.

Cultural Arts - Tracy Alexander reported that the Committee has e-mailed teachers requesting their input for this year's events. She mentioned the challenges faced, with limited budget and that performances must be done in the cafeteria since Chamblee has no auditorium or appropriate performance space. Cultural arts tailors the programs by grade level to correspond to the Language Arts curriculum.

Blue and Gold Foundation - Nancy Farrey reported that the Foundation realized a modest profit from their first fundraising auction, held in August. The Hall of Fame banquet will be held October 28. Seven people will be inducted.

The Foundation is working on choosing a date for the Band/Chorus/Orchestra concert at Oglethorpe University. The Foundation has underwritten this event because there is no suitable performance space at Chamblee. The Foundation welcomes ideas for the Senior Gift. Senior parents traditionally work with the Foundation to provide the school with a gift.

Publicity - Terri Beech reported that she is working on a web-space for Chamblee information and welcomes ideas on publicity activities.

Campus Volunteers - Cindy McWhirter reported that the Attendance Office needs 5 more volunteers. Ann Coppage reported that all Main Office volunteer spots are full but subs are welcomed.

Hospitality - Belinda Wedgwood reported that the Committee provided breakfast and lunch for the teachers at the beginning of the school year. They will help with the upcoming DCPC meeting at Chamblee and the Principal's Club meeting. She is preparing a calendar for the rest of the year.

Fab Friday - Belinda Wedgwood reported that the format will be changed. There will be bi-monthly breakfasts with birthday cake celebrations on the alternating months.

Health - Belinda Wedgwood reported that she intends to do things for the teachers in their classrooms.

Bulldog Bash - Belinda Wedgwood reported that this event, held at the end of the year, is in the early planning stages.

DCPC – Ann Coppage reported that the next DCPC meeting will be held at CCHS on 10/6 at 9:15. DCPC is hosting a Lunch and Learn with District 1 Board of Education candidates on 10/28 at 12:00 at the Dunwoody Public Library.

New Business

Grant Request - A grant request from Dr. Zuelke for \$202.53 for a class set of 30 safety goggles for her chemistry class was approved.

Discussion on Budget Item - The group discussed a possible reduction in the PTSA contribution to the DeKalb PTSA Scholarship fund. The decision was made to give half (\$250) of the contribution now and to bring the matter up again for discussion in the spring.

Fundraising Opportunity - Ms. Ruffin stated that Chamblee Charter High School is enrolled in the Georgia Natural Gas True Blue Schools Program. The school receives a donation from Georgia Natural Gas for each new account that links to the school. Information is at www.trueblueschools.com.

Committee Chair Vacancies – Vacancies for Committee Chairs exist for the Pine Straw Sale and the Senior Activities committees. Please contact a PTSA officer if you are interested in these positions.

Volunteer Needs – discussed in Committee reports.

Board of Education Meeting on 10/4 – Karen Ruffin requested that PTSA members and their students attend the upcoming Board of Education meeting at 6:00 on October 4. Karen will be speaking to the Board on behalf of urgent renovation/replacement needs for the Chamblee Charter High School building. Please encourage friends and neighbors to support CCHS at this meeting and by contacting their Board members.

Next Meeting – The next PTSA meeting will be held on October 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kelly