



Chamblee Charter High School PTSA
3688 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road
Chamblee, GA 30341
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"Every child. One Voice."

General Membership Meeting
Monday, October 21 at 7:00 pm
Minutes
Location – Media Center

Call to Order and Welcome – at 7:00pm by PTSA Co-President Lisa Thule.

Attendees – 28+ members were in attendance:

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| • Cindra Siah-Tan | • Diego Ramirez |
| • Tapika Howard | • Shundra Wooten |
| • Jess Gordon | • Vincent B. |
| • Lke Bardeaux | • Jena V. |
| • Candace Steadman | • Lisa Thule |
| • Susan Katz | • Yvonne Redfearn |
| • Nancy Farrey | • R. Mohammed |
| • Angelica Contreras | • Sonya Harper |
| • Rowana Allen | • Pat Williams |
| • Joe Ani | • Jofton Hentnsu |
| • Rose M. Usher | • Allyson Uzee |
| • Nancy Kelly | • Rebecca Wynn |
| • Chris Swainson | • Naessa Murrey |
| • Joy Metzger | • Jeffery Henderson |

A quorum was established, above list does not represent everyone in attendance but only those who signed in.

PTSA BOD Openings

The Nominating Committee has nominated Mr. Jeffery Henderson for Second Vice President. A motion was made and seconded after which the quorum present voted Mr. Henderson in as Second Vice Presidents.

Principal's Report – In Dr. Lowery's absence Ms. Candace Steadman delivered the below report from the principal.

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Principal's Report for PTSA Meeting

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Agenda

- Thanks to all for the continuous support!
- Reminder enter volunteer/involvement time on the designated Google Docs form
- Current Enrollment = 1299
- Staffing
 - We currently have 126 faculty/staff members -- 89 = teachers, administrators, counselors, and media specialist; 37 = clerical, custodians, food service staff, security, paraprofessionals, and IT
 - One Assistant Principal vacancy at this time (Dr. Lowery participated in resume' reviews this afternoon)
- Charter School Annual Report submitted according to schedule
- CSIP Update
- Move to NEW Building
 - Everything should be packed and ready to move by December 20th
 - We will start 2nd semester in the NEW CCHS
- Some Student Highlights
 - Softball Team played in the first round of State
 - Volleyball Team made it to the second round of State (Sweet Sixteen) playing Wednesday at Columbus, GA
 - National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists – 7
 - National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalists – 9
 - National Achievement Program Outstanding Participants – 11
 - Governor's Honors Program Applicants – 31
 - Categories include – Social Studies, Visual Arts, Communicative Arts, Math, German, Dance, Technology, Biology, and Music
 - Cox Mentoring Program Kick-off Breakfast (for students and Cox Mentors) – tomorrow, October 22nd
- Pizza w/ the Principal canceled for October due to the Blue & Gold Hall of Famers coming
- We survived PSAT Day! Thank you to PTSA for financial support!
- Counselors will start course advisement sessions soon starting with the junior class
- Questions/Concerns

Approval of August 19, 2013 Minutes – Minutes distributed and read.

Q – Was laptop issues resolved?

A – Yes, we are going to purchase a laptop; Cindra is waiting for Black Friday.

Lisa made a motion to accept minutes, Cindra seconded the motion. Minutes were approved and Lisa requested minutes be forwarded to counselor Jones for publication.

Approval of September 5, 2013 Minutes – Minutes distributed read. Allyson made a motion to accept minutes as read, Jeffery seconded the motion. Motion accepted and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Ms. Cindra Siah Tan PTSA Treasurer reviewed the budget that was approved at curriculum night.

Q-What is the PTSA's fiscal year?

A- July 2013 to June 2014.

Q- Shouldn't the date read 7/1/2013 to 9/30/2014?

A-Yes, date will be corrected.

Q-Why is there a negative variance on the budget?

A-For income that shows income that hasn't been received yet, for expenses it shows expenses not paid or less than budgeted.

Q – Want to acknowledge that the budget was accepted (like we did the minutes).

A- Motion filed and seconded to accept the October Treasurer's Report with the noted date change.

Committee Reports

Office Volunteers - Tapika Howard, coordinator of office volunteers. There are vacant spots available

Directory - Lisa updated everyone for Kristie Van Winkle who is in charge of student directory. It is in the works if you purchased a directory it will be distributed via students by Thanksgiving.

Q – Cindra – will there be extra copies for parents to purchase?

A – Yes, for \$5.00 there are not a lot of extras.

Reflections and Cultural Arts – Chris Swainson

REFLECTIONS Art Contest

We hung 55 posters, made numerous announcements and received a record 42 entries including 4 for Film and Music, categories previously avoided by students. Thanks to Ms Guyton & Ms George in managing the receipt of entries and to Ms. Miller for encouraging her Literature students to submit. Thank you also to Lisa Reagan for spearheading the judging process. The entries are now at SCAD for judging.

CULTURAL ARTS

The Chair suggested Cultural Arts be renamed Cultural Awareness to broaden its scope. On Nov 5th during 6th & 7th period the entire sophomore class will receive the huge honor of hearing the memories of a true Holocaust survivor, Mr. Norbert Friedman. This is the last generation to have this honor as all survivors are 90 yrs old or older and unlikely to be alive a decade from now. Cindra asked why only 10th grade was selected. Chris replied Dr. Lowery chose 10th grade as the program correlates with the 10th grade World History & Literature curriculum. However, we can present the program again for other grades if requested. Chris also hopes to bring Ambassador Andrew Young to CCHS in the Spring.

Grant Writing - Chris Swainson, currently working towards health and wellness grantors please contact Chris if you have any resources or input.

Governance Council / Charter Renewal update – Ms. Beverly Moon Governance Council Chair.

New Business

Blue & Gold Foundation's Annual Hall of Fame – Thursday October 24th 9th annual dinner recognizes outstanding alumni and faculty attending this event will make you proud to be Chamblee alum.

Last Dance - Dec. 13th, CCHS is sponsoring a "Last Dance" in the old school building just before its demolition. Event is open to alumni and the community in addition to current students. There will be a live Jazz band in the café. Proceeds will be directed to supplemental supplies and equipment in the new building.

General comment was made that Wendell Holmes can set up coffee and tea and donate a percent of the proceeds. We will also be selling sandwiches and diner foods. 1,000 tickets have been printed and no one foresees any hurdles to selling all tickets. Dance is expected to raise \$20,000 for supplemental supplies. Looking for a group of parents to spearhead this committee – Lisa took names during the meeting:

- Shundra, Jenn, Cindra, Jes, Tapika, Katy, Rebecca, Susan Katz, Brenda Brown and Yvonne.

Need to advertise i.e. Facebook. Chamblee Business association gave \$500 for the purpose of printing tickets and flyers.

Q – Are we asking sponsors for money to support this?

A- We have asked our sponsors support for the Bulldog Bash and we have to be mindful not to over ask from our sponsors.

Q – Could we raise money with a silent auction?

A – Where would auction items come from? Good idea let's talk about it again.

Q – Is flyer available on line?

A – Not yet but it will be soon. It will be in the blast, Blue & Gold Foundation will help publicize by stuffing a promotional flyer into their Hall of Fame Dinner programs- this will reach approx. 100 people.

CVS has \$100 grant for water to fund the sale of water at nonprofit events this might help us. Movie theatres sometimes donate up to ten tickets for nonprofits this may help also. Jeffrey knows of a DJ; however Lisa believes that Dr. Lowrey may have already identified a DJ so we will have to see.

Nancy Farrey - Blue & Gold Foundation Grants Approved to date:

- PSAT assistance for 9th graders \$1,000
- Painting of Bulldogs logo on new gym floor \$4,400
- The class of 2011 donated \$2,011 for matts schools purchased two
- \$1,600 grant for year book and newspaper adds

PTSA Yearbook Ad–PTSA usually purchases an ad in the yearbook; Lisa wants to let everyone know it is in the operating budget. Floor was open for input, feedback or objections. None noted, this was mentioned for increased budget transparency.

Website – Chamblee High Bulldogs, Lisa gave an update for Paul in his absence. The website is published; Lisa asked if everyone had seen it. He's made a presentation to have it endorsed and funded by the PTSA (approximately \$135/year). Lisa is asking everyone to go look at the website and provide feedback as soon as possible. Website Link: <http://chambleehighbulldogs.com/index.php/ptsa>. As an organization do we feel the website would be helpful for things such as schedules, activities, athletics, club meetings or any other potential info that could be posted on the site.

Q – Rebecca, did Dr. Lowrey decide if it was o.k. for this separate website?

A – Can't speak for Dr. Lowery but our schools website will be upgraded soon under the county wide initiative. I think Dr. Lowery was waiting for that to see if two websites would be necessary. We do want Dr. Lowreys blessing however if parents want separate website we can decide on that. Dr. Lowreys concern is that it would need a great champion to coordinate info from staff making sure published dates events etc. are accurate.

Q – I think school website is critical. Every other school I've been at the PTSA has had a website.

A – This will be for the general body to decide.

Q – What was the motivation behind the name?

A- the name may be changed to include PTSA.

General comment we could place a donation button for giving on the site. Paul couldn't be here but Lisa would like to put a subcommittee together to work on this if you are interested please let the PTSA know.

Career Day – Need to determine a date. This event is generally after the March College fair. March is a busy month with the pine straw sale that will also occur this month on the 22nd. Proposed date March 6th. This date feeds into college fair. Dr. Lowery has mentioned in the past that it's good to have career day the week before college fair this may help students determine which colleges they want to visit with.

Campus Beautification – Nancy Farrey, scheduled for Saturday Nov 2, 2013 in preparation for the move volunteers can take down signs; pack up trophies and other misc. projects.

Hospitality – Activities scheduled:

- Oct. Halloween treat bags
- Nov. 22 – Belgium Waffle Breakfast
- Dec 19 – 20th Holiday breakfast
- Jan 6th
- Feb. Teacher appreciation

Adjournment – 8:32pm

Next Meeting – Nov 18, 2013

Sonya Harper

Recording Secretary