

City High-Middle PTSA (PTCC)
6:45 p.m. • Snacks/Socialize
Membership Meeting • 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 16, 2019
City High Middle School, Room 108, 1720 Plainfield Ave. NE

Draft Minutes

- 1. Call to order and welcome at 7:01 pm, 15 attendees**
- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - approved
- 3. Approval of Current Agenda** (*additions, changes*) - approved
- 4. Administrator Update(s) - Mr. Huppert, Principal**
 - a. Blue Ribbon School Award, national - 12 schools, we're in top performing with and without adjustment for challenged school (free/reduced lunch). Will be a celebration lunch, parent suggested inviting alumni. School News Network published a good article (FB). Applying for Blue Ribbon logo use - Mr Huppert will let us know if we can use it, too.
 - b. Nominated for National Title I Distinguished School award, nominated among 20 schools, with ELL students, "closing the gap" category. Next step is to apply - City is doing that.
 - c. Thanks to PTSA for \$2K towards inflatables for a successful rebooted Field Day and Kona Ice sno cone truck. Kona donated 30% profits to City that day (usu. 20%) to congratulate us for Blue Ribbon award. Bandanas/Houses; House Games at Houseman. Point is to let students get to know those outside their grade, too. Some games were Rubik's Cube Relay, tug-of-war. Water balloons for staff ended in chasing/running around the stadium and getting soaked!
 - d. Physical Health Center combining with last year's temp main office (wall removed) for new center for physical and mental health. Privacy for both. Grant for 3 years for staff position. Opening soon. Rebecca Beck, incoming coordinator, is currently working with Challenge Scholars, transitioning here, background in this area, all ages. Full-time. Students can destress/take a break for our students with anxiety.
 - e. Superintendent has made recommendation for 3rd Counselor who is both a person of color and speaks Spanish, for 9&10th graders. Soon.
- 5. Pie Report - Ruth Brinks**
 - a. Summary report shown and will be posted soon on www.cityptsa.com. Send questions if you have any. Raised lots of money! Thanks Ruth and Angela for running the show!
 - b. Ran out of apple because cherry were made first - next year will say to pick up apple after 3:00pm (or something similar), especially for large orders. Though it was convenient to let morning shift take home their orders, that may not be possible next year. Some easy fixes to make next year's sale smoother.
 - c. Dough machine broke and 800 pies were completed by volunteers hand-rolling top crusts. Thank you, strong ones!
 - d. Ice cream party for winning EPIC classes coming soon.
 - e. 2nd biggest pie year ever!

- f. Younger kids are always the bigger sellers
 - g. Avg. city participation is 14% of students. We have room to grow our sales.
 - h. Blandford sent more volunteers this year to help make all the pies they sold - worked out pretty evenly. For the amount over their cap (allowed because other 6th grades had lower sales this year) they split profit with the 3 other schools, and pie committee decided it would be divided based on number of volunteers provided. Cmte was able to let all the schools know and we think it helped get a few more volunteers, which were needed.
 - i. Pie-eating contest coming mid-Nov.! Expect video!
- 6. Executive Board updates - next generation of officers** - always seeking new board members because roles expire every 2-3 years and it's best if we can have a year of some shadowing in the role for those interested. Email president@citypts.com if interested in shadowing the roles of president, vice-president (3 positions avail.), treasurer, and secretary. We'd love to have you!
- 7. Committee and Event Reports**
- a. RAM - Recycled Art Market, our next fundraiser, is coming up Nov. 2! Come shop for a cause! Volunteers wanted for Nov. 1 and 2, adults and kids. See volunteer sign-up sheet on www.citypts.com.
 - b. Senior Grad Committee - venue secured, entertainment secured, looking into VanAndel concessions opportunity, lucrative, but volunteers must commit to working certain sessions/events, van andel requires min. Number of volunteer names, could be an opportunity for other committees, our specific booth raises \$ for us (we don't earn from other venue beer booths). good turnout so far 10-12 parents at each SANP mtg., considering a coffee sale (bagged coffee Swiss Mountain, a local company).
 - c. Band - we've been to 2 competitions, Pulaski Parade, and our last football game day is Oct. 25 - last chance to see our halftime show in uniform at Houseman! 8-12 grades will march to and play for Palmer Elem. across the street for their annual Halloween costume parade! Washington, D.C. July 4, 2020 trip fundraising is coming along. See Biggby fundraiser all of October - each beverage purchase that mentions City Band earns us \$1.
 - d. Musical Theater - moving along, may sell merch, tickets are on sale now online, elem. schools invited for dress rehearsal - principals working it out, last year Friday show for city students sold out, performances Nov. 14-17, selling concessions at each show.
 - e. Other committees
 - i. PALs:
 1. Coffee with the Principal minutes posted on FB and website. Successful, well-attended morning meeting, parents had lots of good questions for Mr. Huppert and Ms. VanderVliet. Parents thanked them for helping all of us navigate sensitive issues.
 2. Teacher Action Board online signup is going well. 3 volunteers already. For teacher and principal requests for help with supplies, projects, etc.
 3. Conference dinners - still looking for dinner coordinators. They can follow our instructions and menus from last year - not too hard a task. Any takers?
 - ii. Orchestra

1. Concert Thursday
2. Mr. Jeroudi considering field trip to Detroit Symphony Orchestra and may come to PTSA for help with funding a bus.

8. Questions

- a. Athletics Boosters - Union info coming from Holly Downer. Gaelle has been working with both Union and Ottawa to get better communication overall - game schedules, tryouts, changes to schedule, successes, etc. Progress happening. Thank you!
- b. Bus/Wave card - Dana Hokanson shared news item that The Rapid may be removing special student rate. Cost may go up a bit for students. Getting rid of paper tix and use Wave card only. If you qualify for a free card you get unlimited rides.

9. Adjournment at 8:17 pm