

City High-Middle PTSA (PTCC)
6:45 p.m. • Snacks/Socialize
Membership Meeting • 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 25, 2019
City High Middle School, Room 108, 1720 Plainfield Ave. NE

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to order and welcome - 17 attendees; 7:05pm start**
 - a. Board Introductions - in attendance: Angela Schmidt, President; Holly Downer, Treasurer, Stephanie Sackett, Vice-President; Stephan Hokanson, Vice-President; Paula Foley, Secretary. (Beth Buskard, VP, absent.)
 - b. Admin Introductions - Charlie VanderVliet, City Assistant Principal
 - c. Member Introductions
- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - from May 2019, *APPROVED*.**
- 3. Approval of Current Agenda (*additions, changes*) - *APPROVED, NO CHANGES*.**
- 4. Administrator Update(s).**
 - a. City has hired a new Instructional Parapro named Katie Wolf. This week she's looking at middle school English classes.
 - b. City has hired a new Emotional Health Specialist (starting soon).
 - c. City is remodeling the health office as the Mental and Physical Health Center with private areas for students to decompress.
 - d. Field Day is combined middle and high school students to Houseman (instead of walking 900 kids back and forth to Riverside); Seniors expect 80% attendance (based on permission slips), House competitions!
 - e. Will choose Houses by color - Red, Blue, Orange, Green- to connect 7-12th graders, adding on to connections, not diminishing usual grade connections and may enhance in future with families within houses.
 - f. They are forming design teams made up of staff and students voices when considering new programs and ideas.
 - g. 1:00 Friday ribbon cutting and big award in Media Center!
 - h. No attendance secretary hired yet, temp there now. If you get phone calls from school about absent students (in error) let Ms Modzeleski know - she'll need to fix in system (related to testing proctors, sub teachers, etc.).
- 5. Budget for 2019-2020 Holly Downer, Treasurer**
 - a. 2018-2019 actual budget and 2019-2020 proposed budget - decreased Musical Theater bc they're doing well; increased Community Cares - ***Voted and Approved***
 - b. Investing our reserves - PTSA has 1 year reserve \$42K; we will make and spend a similar amount this year.
 - i. Research committee - endowment being considered to grow PTSA reserve. Looking at Student Advancement Foundation and GR Community Foundation as a possibility to help us set it up (hopefully no broker fee). We'd like to form a parent cmte with this area of expertise to oversee it. We're in no hurry to set up, just want to start the conversation of considering it.
 - ii. Tonight's attendees seem to want us to move forward, so we will continue research and outreach to City parents in the financial field.

6. Executive Board updates

- a. EB vacancy
 - i. Board appointment - 1. Stephan and Angela swapped roles over summer, so now Angela is President and Stephan is a VP. 2. When there is a vacancy the Board may appoint someone as a temp fill-in. As our Treasurer, Holly, moves on to working with PTSA as more of a consultant we'll need to appoint someone in the Treasurer role. Parents do you have any referrals for someone who might like to train in the role?
 - ii. Nominating committee by March, 2020 - seeking anyone interested in President and Treasurer.
- b. Membership "drive" status - MIPTA 100 members; \$6 membership we keep \$0.50 not a fundraiser at City;
- c. Box Tops Changes - Mandy Redman is our new Box Tops coordinator. We'll explain the new App to parents. We're setting Oct 31 as deadline to turn in old-style box tops.

7. Committee and Event Reports

- a. Pie Sale - order forms due Monday for City and 6ths; stressed with 6th grades that they need to supply their proper percentage of volunteers; blandford buys breakfast; pie poster contest next year; unfortunately pie-making day is same day as band competition.
- b. RAM - Nov. 2. We'll promote after pie sale is done Oct 12.
- c. Senior Grad Committee - concessions at RAM is one fundraiser, have chosen a venue and will put down a deposit.
- d. Band - Will need big fundraising effort this year for the special opportunity to go on the Washington, D.C. July 4 Parade trip. River North fundraiser tonight; Biggby fundraiser in Oct.; Oct 2 mandatory parent mtg about D.C. trip; competition Oct 12; band marched thru school Monday for homecoming kickoff!
- e. Musical Theater - parent Beth Cranson is our liasson. Says theater is headed in right direction on budgeting; new Ms Dagengart (Davis), Choir, is working with the kids and helps with logistics like getting into the building for rehearsals; new participation fee (scholarships avail) and donations accepted, people have been generous; goes towards tshirts and food for long rehearsal spans.
- f. Speech and Debate - Mr Harris not here. Debate has its own room now!
- g. 6th grades - selling pies as their first fundraisers.
- h. Community/PALs (Parent Action Leaders)
 - i. Coffee with the Principal Oct 2 media center 8:00am Gaelle and Lori; Jan 22 and March 25; Pints with Parents Nov. 12 in the evening for a different experience/setting. Details to follow.
 - ii. More informal coffees at Lucy's will be announced.
 - iii. Action Board - digital! Ready in a few weeks. Teachers will be able to list what they need in materials and/or parent help. Parents can see and fill in where able.
 - iv. Teacher Dinners conferences Nov. 20 and 21. Signup will be available about 2 weeks before..
- i. Open House - successful. Will probably keep the new format next year.

8. Questions - none. thank you for coming, students! We value your input!

9. Adjournment 8:20pm