



**City High-Middle PTSA (PTCC)**  
**6:45 p.m. • Snacks/Socialize**  
**Membership Meeting • 7 p.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2020**  
City High Middle School, Room 108, 1720 Plainfield Ave. NE

**Draft Minutes**

1. **Call to order and welcome** - 7:00pm. 14 attendees.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - *Approved*
3. **Approval of Current Agenda** (*additions, changes*) - *no changes*
4. **Administrator Update(s) - Mr. Antuma, IB Coordinator**
  - a. Harvard study of City's recognized skills at "closing the gap" is done.
  - b. Seniors Extended Essays were due last week. Big credit to Ms. Emperor and Ms. Donahue for revolutionizing the EE process, resulting in all essays submitted on time! They all participated in a turning-in ceremony to mark the big accomplishment and relief of being done!
  - c. Black History Month events will be lead by students and the student leadership club called BLACK (Officer Chandler leads this group) plans to hold weekly events (considering a movie night) and design t-shirts.
  - d. Angela (ptsa president) - would be nice to consider adding cultural celebrations in the future.
    - i. The Chinese language program holds a Chinese New Year celebration (ptsa helps with food costs).
    - ii. Maybe the other language programs would like to do something similar.
    - iii. International Night has been proposed before as a community-building event.
    - iv. Mr. Antuma is checking into how many languages are spoken by City families.
    - v. Mr. Antuma suggested a series of special lunches for students. Parents wanting to represent their culture through food could bring food in and serve a small group of students, maybe 20 at a time, with a first-come-first-served sign-up, reaching those who are most interested.
    - vi. Other thoughts on reflecting the International of IB:
      1. Peter (parent) created a word-cloud of "Hello" and "Welcome" in many languages that we looked into using in some way in the past (came from a district PAL initiative to acknowledge and welcome all families in GRPS schools). Let's look into using this.
      2. Mr. Antuma previously worked at a school that had country flags representing the diversity of the student body displayed throughout the main hallway. Great response at that school. That would be good at City. Angela mentioned that could be a senior gift from this year's seniors - will discuss with them.
  - e. House Model - how's it going? So far so good. Good participation in the competition to collect clothes for City Thrift, which was a great success. What's next? Mr. VanTil (Art teacher) is working on new banners and is surveying student body for what's next.
  - f. Parent brought up student complaints about lunch periods.
  - g. Parent brought up "J Term" (January) that some schools use after December break as a transition. Can also use it to catch up on some things, do extras. It might work well for City.
5. **Executive Board updates - next generation of officers**
  - a. As required in our bylaws we have formed a Nominating Committee to seek out those City parents who may like to fill a vacating Vice President role (S. Hokanson is at the end of his term in June) on the Board.
  - b. The positions of Treasurer and President are currently filled by appointees, so these positions are also open to new candidates. The interim appointees are free to run for these positions, too.
  - c. Contact Dana Hokanson at [danahoke@comcast.net](mailto:danahoke@comcast.net) or Beth Buskard at [vicepresident3@cityptsa.com](mailto:vicepresident3@cityptsa.com) if you would like to run for one of these board positions for next school year. *Deadline February 15, 2020. We present candidates at the Feb. 19 PTSA meeting.*
6. **Committee and Event Reports**
  - a. Senior Grad Committee - Van Andel concessions is hard but lucrative. Cmte encourages other City groups that want to raise \$ to sign on to this ongoing fundraiser (contact [president@cityptsa.com](mailto:president@cityptsa.com)

for info). So far \$800-1000 per session - worth it. Close to end of their fundraising goal. Let's keep it going for City - we'll build up to the primo spots as we become an established group there. Angela recommends the junior parents consider starting now to get fundraising done for next year's SANP.

- b. Band - fundraising towards D.C. trip going great! Local businesses and community groups have stepped up with grants, fundraising nights, donations that are allowing purchase of some new instruments and Color Guard costumes.
  - c. PALS -
    - i. Jan. 22 Coffee with the Principal 8:00am, if you can't attend you can submit questions to [gallethibault@hotmail.com](mailto:gallethibault@hotmail.com) before the event. There will be another Coffee in March.
    - ii. Also scheduling an evening event, Pints with Parents.
    - iii. Questions about exam scheduling after Dec. break (not ideal) - will probably be better next year - GRPS is hearing the concerns and will probably adjust.
  - d. Speech and Debate - no report
  - e. 6th Grades - no reports
  - f. Chili Cook-Off - January 23, 2020 At Creston Brewery (upstairs)
    - i. Creston Brewery has donated their upstairs space for our event!
    - ii. A prize winner in each of 4 categories: Red, White, Vegetarian, Student
    - iii. Arrive 5:00 to help set up, and 5:30 with your chili (make plenty! Reach out if you need to borrow a crockpot.)
    - iv. Fundraiser for Principal's fund (celebrating student achievements, etc)
    - v. Great fun!
  - g. Auction - March 20, 2020
    - i. Can you help the auction committee gather donations? We have a donation spreadsheet of past and likely donors that is very easy to use, plus a donation letter if needed (many can be applied for online). Most work is done by email and then setup the day of the event. Contact [president@citypts.com](mailto:president@citypts.com).
    - ii. Do you know of a business that may like to donate items, gift certificates for services, or sponsor the event? Contact [president@citypts.com](mailto:president@citypts.com).
    - iii. Location TBD, but likely in the Creston neighborhood.
    - iv. Student art notecards will be available for purchase. Live student music performances will accept donations at the event.
    - v. Appetizers and desserts, cash bar, and silent bids for items. Fun!
    - vi. Mr. Antuma offered to be a liason/contact between us and North End Wellness Coalition to seek donations and sponsorships - thanks.
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
- a. Wrapping up 2019, sending out 1099s for any contractors, revamping QB reports for next month.
  - b. Moving banks to LMCU - they are waiving all fees and have been great to work with (branch on Plainfield)
  - c. Are we still considering a foundation structure if we build up a large account balance in the future? Probably not, but we may consider a short-term CD so we can make a little money when idle.
- 8. Adjournment - 8:07 pm**