

City High-Middle PTSA (PTCC)

6:45 p.m. • Snacks/Socialize

Membership Meeting • 7 p.m., Wednesday, December 18, 2019

City High Middle School, Room 108, 1720 Plainfield Ave. NE

Draft Minutes

- 1) **Call to order and welcome** - 7:01 called to order. 12 attendees: Beth B., Ms Modzeleski, Paula F, Carol C, Angela S, Jill from Zoo, Mr Harris, Dana H, Gaelle T, Stephan H, Ardina, Tara K
- 2) **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - approved.
- 3) **Approval of Current Agenda (additions, changes)** - add PALs report. Approved.
- 4) **Administrator Update(s) - Ms. Modzeleski, School Improvement Administrator (and so much more!)**
 - a) **Harvard has been visiting (Educ & Bus schools project)** - Educ Leadership program they're developing needed a case study. 8 years of City data shows start 632 enrollment now 900, with increasing economic diversity and EL pop and hispanic pop and maintaining high performance. Mostly it's long recorded interviews with staff, plus met with E Club for a solar panel discussion incl. Franklin Campus Facilities (looking at feasibility on-site - that's a big deal!) & Harvard prof. Feedback is we're doing great, lots of good exposure for City. Staff is energized by the positive feedback.
 - b) **Distinguished Schools Awards:** ECSE nominated City for award on "Closing the Gap" - more recognition!
 - c) **Seniors** finishing Ext. Essays and IAs
 - d) **Early admissions** - MI Tech sending a bus to visit campus bc we have so many students accepted; students have been accepted to Brown, Johns Hopkins, Loyola.
 - e) **Testing:** Growth in test scores overall; 8&9 highest scores for those grades in City history; a few 99th percentile Nat'l Merit Scholars. Ms Modzeleski suggests parents log on to College Board website through their students (or parents can request a report from Ms Modzeleski); 7 & 8 gr starts testing after break.
 - f) **Winter Wishes** (annual student-led giving campaign, PTSA helps with costs) will be handed out Thurs.
- 5) **Executive Board updates**
 - a) Introducing Carol Carr, our new treasurer - Welcome and thank you for taking on this role!
 - b) Next generation of officers: In Feb we will form an ad hoc committee to look for a new VP (Stephan will be done this year due to term limits), will seek interested candidates for Pres and Treas (current ones are temp. Exec Board appointments). Contact president@cityptsacom if interested.

6) **Committee and Event Reports**

- a) **Pie Sale** - ice cream party for 60 in the winning EPIC classes- cheaper and more enjoyable than last year's pizza party.
 - b) **RAM - Recycled Art Market** - still working out final numbers. \$2350 to be paid to event planner (for 2018 and 2019). Looking for new event name, Ardina suggested simply Holiday Market. Send more suggestions to secretary@cityptsacom; other feedback: people coming in appreciated being able to use a cc, so include paypal fee in admissions charge (charge \$3.80 instead of \$3) to save us money
 - c) **Senior Grad Committee - Van Andel events** - ServSafe certification plus 10 events required; experience so far: A recent 4:30-10pm shift recently earned \$850 for running booth plus \$100 in tips; Angela wants to get other cmtes to do this too - debate cmte interested; dates go fast; also it was suggested that we check out Culinary Creations (at GFS 54th St) - does similar events that we could sign up for since we have this certification.
 - d) **Band** - MI Youth Arts Fund grant for new baritones; SAF new fundraiser in Jan. to raise the rest; boosters are raising \$ for auxiliary expenses like garment bags, additional costumes, etc. is going well. All going on the right path!
 - e) **Musical Theater - profitable! Standing Room Only every night!**
 - f) **Speech and Debate** - Dec big month! 3 tournaments, Model UN; Spartan Debates speaker awards & excellent novices; in Dexter - 1st place and finalist teams; Model UN (another in March) went well; 3rd in Congressional debate; *excellent parent support* - they all pitched in for a rental motor coach. More competitive speech events start in Feb. the improv camp will be used again.
 - g) **6th Grades** - Blandford musical; CFE invasive species presentation & dinner well-attended; Jill parapro at Zoo is here - eco mgmt and science projects, big pressure as kids take over their own time mgmt. Some Zoo kids got their 1st round acceptance letters about coming to City, Ms Modzeleski says more spots are open and there will be more opportunities to resubmit (uses new MAP test scores).
 - h) **Chili Cook-Off - January 23, 2020. Creston donates space upstairs! 6-8pm;** let's invite student musicians, tix on EventBrite; event is published, Stephan will create EventBrite link. GFS supplying desserts! Staff free, plus one discount code. Time to create volunteer signup. Proceeds to Principals Fund - Field Day, lunches for EPIC reps, Winter Wishes, fun stuff beyond school budget. We expect to raise \$800+ for Prin. Fund. Invite new City fam (6th grades).
 - i) **Auction - March 20, 2020!** - Join our Auction committee! president@cityptsacom; We'll start meeting in Jan. Would be nice if some Zoo parents join to help since we'll help with theirs in April.
 - j) **PALs - Jan 22 is Coffee with Principal morning meeting.**
- 7) **Next PTSA meeting is January 15, 2020 - see you in the new year!**
- 8) **Adjournment: 8:21pm**