



City High-Middle PTSA (PTCC)
6:45 p.m. • Snacks/Socialize
Membership Meeting • 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2020
City High Middle School, Room 108, 1720 Plainfield Ave. NE

Draft Minutes

1. **Call to order and welcome** - 7:00pm call to order, and intros all around, nice to meet some new parents and have some students participate.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - approved
3. **Approval of Current Agenda** (*additions, changes*) - approved
4. **Administrator Update(s) - Ms. Modzeleski, School Improvement Coordinator**
 - a. Equity & Inclusion report coming from Mr Huppert soon and will be shared.
 - b. BHM - Officer Chandler and BLACK club putting on Black History Month community-building events next week; Ms. Donahue and students leading some assemblies.
 - c. School Improvement Team - has several small design teams that include students, examples of topics/teams: EPIC rep, EE, Workload is new team, Data Design - looking at ways towards continuous improvement, surveys with students.
 - d. Students should be prepping for testing season in class, essay questions practice, EPIC mini lessons for test prep, 11th may prep with online Khan to work on timing/pacing so students don't run out of time on the Math portion. Nwsltr info to come from admin. Lunch hours for 11th grade will be affected - SAT w/essay means they won't have lunch till after 1pm (snacks provided midway). PTSA will buy cupcakes for seniors after testing.
5. **Executive Board updates** -
 - a. help wanted:
 - i. clothing closet in counseling office - one person/week stop in to tidy, fold donated uniform shirts and pants - should only take a few minutes each week and can be done by parents.
 - ii. periodic teacher appreciation (look for asks in announcements)
 - iii. Van Andel concessions organizer - current organizer will train you.
 - iv. Spring/Fall book fair - current organizer will train you.
 - b. 2 scholarship opportunities to share -
 - i. Hovenkamp is PTSA \$1000 one page essay. Link on cityptsa.com
 - ii. MI PTA easy \$1000 about PTA activities - link will be shared in weekly emailed announcements.
 - c. PTSA wants to diversify our whole PTSA to better reflect our student body - suggestions welcome. Contact president@cityptsa.com with your ideas or to meet to discuss your ideas.
6. **Committee and Event Reports**
 - a. Auction!!! - March 20, 2020. River North Public House, local cool restaurant; there will be student art, live student music, silent auction with local items up for

- bid. Look for a signup for night-of volunteers.
- b. Nominating Committee's Dana Hokanson presents Executive Board nominees for one VP position, President, and Treasurer for next year. Dana Hokanson and Mr. Huppert - thank you for recruiting new people. Angela Schmidt has agreed to stay on as President, Carol Carr has agreed to stay on as Treasurer (both were interim appointments). Gaelle Thibault, a long-time active PTSA parent and current co-PAL (Parent Action Leader), is running for VP (Stephan Hokanson stepping down as his term ends this school year). We did not receive other nominees interested in running. We'll vote next month.
- c. Senior Grad Committee - report they have done well. Would like to hand over Van Andel and book fair opportunities to other interested groups, especially Junior parents. Flower sale coming in May. Probably all set on fundraising goal after one more Van Andel concessions night.
- d. PAL report:
 - i. Upcoming community-building events: Pints with Parents 3/17, conference meals March 4, 5, Later for Lattes after school 3/25
 - ii. conference meals signups coming soon.
 - iii. New cultural idea under consideration: Did you know that our City community speaks 28 languages?! Considering pilot cultural lunch where a family hosts a small lunch and shares some cultural experiences/stories with students, 25 kids limit (signup). In March French (Gaelle will cover costs and arrange), Chinese in April, Spanish in May. Considering ways to keep food costs affordable, may ask PTSA for \$ in future if idea catches on and program can be expanded to more countries and cultures; Donations from local restaurants to round it out going forward. Stephan reminds of "Donate" button I ask can use this as a specific "ask" on Village, etc. because you can designate the group or program. How to invite for culturally broadening effort? Student thoughts: have language teachers ask students directly. Use permission slips, and Mr Antuma will probably handle student signups.
- e. Band - Trip to D.C. - on track for the trip. So much community business support!
- f. Speech and Debate - Friday Variety Show. Admission tbd, prb. \$5. Concessions? prb. Nwslt - Mr Harris will send flyer for us to promote. Competition season 6 wks. HS & MS. still open for new debaters. New: Model UN at MI St. rep Ethiopia.
- g. 6th Grades - no rep tonight
- h. Upcoming events:
 - i. Next PTSA meeting (March 18)
 - ii. Personal Project (March 19)
 - iii. Auction (March 20)
 - iv. PTSA meeting (April 15)
 - v. Earth Day Activities
 - vi. New Families Night (April 29)
 - vii. Prom (May 2)
 - viii. Senior Celebration (May 13) and Six Flags Trip (May 16-17)
 - ix. Graduation (May 28)
 - x. Please refer to the City High Middle Google Calendar for more dates
- i. Pie Sale (no report)
- j. Theater - need a new coordinator/liaison. (We need to write a job description).
- k. Chili Cook-Off (final total) \$1,153 for Principal's Fund!
- 7. **Treasurer's Report** (looking at changes for counseling office/Chinese New Year)
 - a. Request from Mrs. Lovell - \$250 -\$300
 - i. Biology field trips whole dept, can we lower costs? \$7/tix. \$50-100 needed probably.

- ii. MI Adventure - scholarships again (last year was less than \$200)lor physics.
 - iii. VOTE: Approved by majority!
 - b. Request from Mrs. Whittle - Art Sr Exhibit Lions & Rabbits. March - one lunch for several art students to keep it a special day. suggested Flos for their good pizza and good rate w/ptsa. VOTE: Approved \$75 by majority!
 - c. FYI Request from Ms. Hillman \$350 approved by the board last week. Time-sensitive. Reduced cost for 57 students to professional Flamenco show.
 - d. Budget is getting tight as we near school-end.
- 8. **Questions from members -**
 - a. How do you handle all the communication channels? Newsletter/weekly email announcements from Ms Albin is most reliable source. And City website.
 - b. How can we get some more students involved? EPIC reps and student govt, & Ms Modzeleski says staff can help by introducing ptsa topics & budgets in student discussions.
- 9. **Adjournment 8:25pm.**