

City High-Middle PTSA (PTCC)
ZOOM Meeting ID# 687-900-9733
Membership Meeting • 7 p.m., April 29, 2020
Virtual Meeting due to EO 2020-21 “Stay Home, Stay Safe”

Prior to Meeting

Please enable audio (members must be able to hear and respond to each other).
Please enable video (if you are comfortable using that feature).
Identify yourself by name each time you speak (especially if video is not enabled).
Meeting presider may utilize the “mute participants” tool so a presenter can be heard.
Voting must be done through roll call.

Agenda & Minutes

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, Establish a Quorum** - 7:00pm, 25 member attendees, enough for quorum.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - [February PTSA Meeting Minutes](#) - approved
3. **Approval of Current Agenda** (*additions, changes*) - approved
4. **Elections for next school year - roll call for paid members only**
 - a. President Candidate: Angela Schmidt - **Elected for full 3 year term**
 - b. Vice President Candidate: Gaelle Thibault (term end for Stephan Hokanson) - **Elected for full 3 year term**
 - c. Treasurer Candidate: Carol Carr (appointed in November, 2019 to replace Holly Downer) - **Elected for full 3 year term**
 - d. Additional VP role (vacated by Stephanie Pinns-Sackett as of March 2, 2020) - **remains open**
 1. can accept nominations “from the floor”
 2. can remain open until school resumes -
 3. can remain open indefinitely (it is not a required position)
 - e. **Result of vote** for full roster of unopposed candidates a, b, & c: 14+members voted yes/yea/thumbs up by Zoom chat. **3 candidates elected for full terms starting next school year.**
6. **Executive Board updates**
 - a. Auction - on hold. Considering online option.
 - b. Dale Hovenkamp Scholarship - proceed. Advertise to Seniors, 5/28 due date. Award and check mailed out. Will post soon. Will need helpers to read over the essays. Mr. Huppert will email the opportunity out to all seniors.
 - c. SANP - reimagining. Surveyed senior families for what to do with \$10-12K raised. So far 80% want to divide \$ and send each senior a check - not decided. Plan to meet with parent cmte. Soon. Senior class planning something over summer if possible if social distancing allows.
7. **Funding Requests** - *new requests are on hold for now since PTSA can't run it's fundraisers.*
 - a. City Voice - PTSA can't fund yet (not in current budget) but will promote

and seek donations on FB Village as a valued opportunity during distance learning. Members tonight approved by chat that we add a PTSA “Donate” button specifically for City Voice. Mr. Rizley endorsed before mtg. Declan presents app proposal for iphones. It is finished and ready to “publish” - that requires \$90 to make avail in app store. Next batch of \$25 is for custom programming (ex. Individ. Student accts to save articles) , access to back end. \$300 for upgrade WP website is a longer-term goal. *A parent/business expressed interest in funding the whole project - yay!*

- b. Teacher Request(s) - A few reimb. over the last few months.

8. Other Committee or Event Reports- everything uncertain in fundraising next year, pies, RAM.

9. CHMS Administrator Update(s) - Mr. Huppert and Ms. VanderVliet

- a. Nice participation tonight via zoom
- b. Recognize US News & World Report ranking as #1 in Michigan, special recognition in some categories, where we tied for #1 in nation as a school that’s public, low socio-economic makeup, urban setting. Mr Huppert wishes staff and students could celebrate these achievements now, but it will have to wait a bit.
- c. Uncertainty with future events like “Welcome New Families Night”, graduation, etc.
- d. Distance learning - each class 2 assignments per class per week, 45 minutes per activity. Mon-Sun to complete (and plenty of leeway to turn in later if necessary). So far 80% of students have logged in and engaged with teachers. “Instructional supports”/Office Hours are not required but admin hopes kids will join in when they can (recognizing not all are avail at appointed time).
- e. Credits - 3rd marking period and 4th - a combined “semester” *as usual* with a credit/no credit determination. *No impact on semester GPA. Students: Take next 5 weeks to catch up and get in good standing* if you weren’t on March 13 (last day). If concerned, student should reach out to admins.
- f. Who doesn’t have technology? Admin reaching out, especially to those students who haven’t connected with teachers yet. Lots of families stopped by to pick up chromebooks and data-loaded phones for hotspots.
- g. Juniors and IB - can they go for diplomas next year with such a gap? Admin awaiting word from world IB for adjusted plans and supports (ex. Extended Essay timeline adjustments and accommodations). Message is - We get it. Don’t stress out. There will be helpful guidance soon. Hours requirement - City is doing pretty well compared to other IB schools because we build in extra time in weekly schedule anyway.
- h. Graduation - Large gatherings likely not happening until we have a vaccine, probably thru 2020. Impacts Seniors: virtual ceremony likely. Physical gathering for hugs later hopefully - over xmas maybe? Summer if possible. Is it decided now? Planning on virtual ceremony now, will adjust if good news at May 15 governor’s update. GRPS bought yard signs to be delivered Friday to all seniors! Caps and gowns pickup will be available soon.
- i. Later in May kids will be let in to City to pick up items left at school

(getting guidance from state on procedures).

- j. Incoming 7th grade families - enrollment dept is sending out letters for 2nd round. Admin working on an online method for making class choices (so teachers can plan for student numbers in band, for instance).

10. Questions

- a. Juniors and ACT and SAT - tests will be given in the fall, no cost. Then there will be weekend testing avail for those that want to try to improve their scores (costs \$ to retake).
- b. Will a special meeting be held between staff and senior families? Yes, just waiting to get all the accurate info. Coming soon.
- c. Yearbook distribution? Yes, eventually. Mr VanTil made the deadline with our materials so should be a good printing. Want to make avail to Seniors for a later gathering so they can sign yearbooks.
- d. Marching band trip to DC? admin and Ms Vermeer learned that a final decision will be coming from DC parade cmte in the next 2 weeks - stay tuned. Mr Huppert thinks the trip is unlikely.
- e. Personal project exhibition - the showcase is not required. Declan has reached out to feature in City Voice and some have participated. Looking for other opportunities to show work.
- f. Visual arts exhibition is required and was done through shared photos. Looking for other opportunities to show work.
- g. Struggling families - please reach out to admin. Anyone in City dealing with Covid-19 infection at home?
- h. *May 13 we meet again, with Mr Helmholtz from Franklin Campus attending. Keep putting your questions in the google doc.*
- i. Summer school - will be online. Info to be shared soon.

11. Adjournment - 8:04pm

Next Meeting is May 13, 2020 7pm <https://zoom.us/j/6879009733>

Other info:

National PTA

- i. Check out their website for current legislative updates/advocacy opportunities; resources for families and educators (including a podcast, social and emotional support links, tips for at-home education, healthy habits; the latest COVID-19 News & Guidance
- ii. <https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/coronavirus-information>

MI PTA

- iii. The MI PTA website also has resources for communities, parents, students and social and emotional wellness
- iv. <https://www.michiganpta.org/covid-19-resources-for-families.html>

GRPS

- v. Visit their website for information regarding the recent GRPS Board of Ed Meeting, Distance Learning Plans and other resources available to families

including grab and go meal sites

vi. <https://www.grps.org/>

Other Resources

vii. <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/>

viii. <https://www.accesskent.com/Health/>

ix. <https://www.headspace.com/mi>

x. <https://www.grandrapidscenterformindfulness.com/free-online-meditations/>