



## City High-Middle PTSA (PTCC)

**ZOOM Meeting ID# 311 848 5660, Passcode: i6f292**  
**Membership Meeting • 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., February 17, 2021**

### Prior to Meeting

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### Draft Minutes

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, Establish a Quorum - 11 people present at 7:05 pm**
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - approved**
3. **Approval of Current Agenda (additions, changes) - approved**
4. **Executive Board updates**
  - a. **Treasurer’s report** - renewed membership with Creston Neighborhood Assn. to stay in touch with our local businesses and other neighbors. This year we’ll participate in their Walking Tour (instead of the banquet as we did last year). They are very helpful in advertising our events and fundraisers - good connection.
  - b. **Executive Board open positions for 2021** - Secretary, VP, Treasurer.
  - c. **Nominating Committee formed to seek board candidates** - will present candidates at next month’s mtg. Contact anyone interested and have them reach out to [president@cityptsa.com](mailto:president@cityptsa.com) or [secretary@cityptsa.com](mailto:secretary@cityptsa.com).
5. **CHMS Administrator Updates - Mr. Huppert, Principal; Mr. Antuma, IB Coordinator**
  - a. Only one actual person has tested positive for Covid - staff person who had no contacts with students, no further school cases reported.
  - b. Hybrid is going well. “Not normal but not as bad as I expected.”
  - c. Black History month - 8th hours are watching relevant videos
  - d. Senior graduation - June 1 likely date still, not usual Fountain St venue, looking at larger sites that allow for distancing while letting us invite family. Senior breakfast being planned (not same day as graduation this time).
  - e. Student govt - celebrations, tomorrow Seniors can drive up and get a donut for class community 3:15-4:15 pm Seniors.
  - f. IB exams happening? Very interesting and intense meetings with IB schools of Michigan, IB America - struggling with solutions. At the

moment discussion seems to be around having In person exams probably if we have an in person option for regular school. City doesn't get to choose - NO, we must do the regional option. 70% IB diplomas last year (w/no exams), compared to previous years of around 20%. Mr. Antuma acknowledged that it's been horrible for the seniors of this year and last year.

- g. Wege Speaker Series - probably virtual this year. Special guest speaker Robin Wall Kimmerer, author, naturalist, professor, founding director of Center for native peoples and the environment - awesome!  
<https://www.esf.edu/faculty/kimmerer/>
- h. Next week events to help kids come out of their shells after all this separation. Socialization is not the same, animation of conversations is pretty reserved so far.
- i. Questions from families:
  - i. Change of schedule - it's a challenge. Asynchronous time is for spreading out work so that there's not too much screen time each day. Let admins know (it can stay anonymous) if classes aren't allowing the last half of class for homework/classwork. And if there's too much work even with that. Admins can work with teachers on that. What are the specific challenges an individual is facing? Email admins.
  - ii. Gaelle suggests re-addressing with teachers and students what is expected - ex. 3 or more big assignments in a day. Now with 4 blocks in a day instead of 7, maybe that could be reevaluated. Mr Huppert says that is a great idea.
  - iii. Jamie says have teachers remind kids how they could/should use the last 40 minutes of class time.
  - iv. Elizabeth says her student is experiencing frustration from loss of office hours. Could teachers reach out to virtual students to get 10 minutes of one-on-one time to check in, problem areas, etc. Mr Antuma says Wednesday is admins 1:15-1:45 pm office hours - kids can reach out then to get help connecting with teachers if they're having trouble.
  - v. Setting in ParentVue? - a teacher may put something in ParentVue, but it doesn't always send an email alert to the parent and things are then being missed. Mr Huppert is awaiting an answer from tech. He'll also discuss with teachers to see if it's something they all need to turn "on" to auto-send.
  - vi. Don't be shy to bring up suggestions and concerns - they really find it useful and there are changes they can make. Contact:
  - vii. [huppertr@grps.org](mailto:huppertr@grps.org)
  - viii. [vandervlietc@grps.org](mailto:vandervlietc@grps.org)
  - ix. [modzeleskic@grps.org](mailto:modzeleskic@grps.org)
  - x. [antumaj@grps.org](mailto:antumaj@grps.org)
  - xi. [albina@grps.org](mailto:albina@grps.org)

## 6. Committee/Community Updates (if any)

- a. **Chili Cookoff to benefit The Principal's Fund** - Voting opens today, minimum \$5 donation, then you receive a YouTube link to vote. Vote as many times as you like by "liking" the particular video (or like them all).
- b. **Hovenkamp Scholarship** - \$1000, for City Seniors only, Feb. 26

deadline. Parents, get your kids to apply - it's easy! Focus on community service experiences.

- c. **Senior All-Night Party SANP** - surveys for parents and senior students will be coming out shortly to gauge interest and see if people are even close to being comfortable with getting together for some sort of celebration after graduation. Fundraising going ok, more opportunities planned.

**7. Questions and Answers -**

- a. Mr Huppert has a question for us: how is the workflow for students in the evening? Are kids making use of the Wednesday time?

**8. Adjournment at 7:50 pm.**

**Next Meeting is March 17, 2021 at 7pm**

Please use this [link](#) to submit questions in advance of the March meeting.