



City High-Middle PTSA (PTCC)

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Membership Meeting • 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., March 17, 2021

Prior to Meeting

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Minutes

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, Establish a Quorum** - 7:00 pm, 12 attendees
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - approved
3. **Approval of Current Agenda** (*additions, changes*) - approved
4. **Executive Board updates**
 - a. **Treasurer’s report** - We’re spending *some* money that’s covered by normal budget categories, but not as much as usual. We are raising *some* money
 - b. **Funding Requests** - one \$200 request from Mr. Huppert towards publishing a keepsake last edition of Ms. Albin’s City High-Lights w/extras “commemorative highlights” that parents can purchase a “spot” for their senior and we can pay for any who need help. Sales go towards a Senior gift of a Namesake Garden (each year can add a stepping stone or plaque). Emerging Opportunities and other categories would fit with this ask and there is money in the budget. **\$200 Approved by majority.**
 - c. **Executive Board open positions for 2021- Nominating Committee.** Elections next month. We’ve reached out for nominations for a few months. Nominees are:
 - i. Breanna Bouwman is nominated for the open Treasurer role - she has bookkeeping experience with another school group, her family business, and her church, training in accounting, numbers are her thing.
 - ii. Ruth Wilson is nominated for the open Secretary role - she has one kiddo at City (and one graduate). She is “always here” and thought she’d make it official with a board position. :) At City she has experience organizing volunteers with our Marching Band. She also has (much!) experience with groups like Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.
 - iii. Elizabeth Topliffe (not present tonight) is nominated for the open

VP role. She has one kiddo at City, busy as head of Stepping Stones Montessori, community-building is her thing.

- iv. Would anyone like to nominate someone from the floor? Now is the time... None submitted.
- v. Ardina Washington moves to close the nominations now. Seconded.
- vi. Email president if questions.

5. CHMS Administrator Updates - Mr. Huppert, Principal

- a. \$655 raised for The Principal's Fund - thank you PTSA! (check out the video!)
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1P-ZzHYfH0I3XCX5MTHID2B4E3VrjnP9>
- b. Organizing a chance to come to school to pick up supplies that City and GRPS have purchased. Basics like paper and pencils, plus social/emotional/weekly planners thru IB with tips/strategies to be proactive (signup to reserve - there are plenty) - maybe will work for coming in person for testing and do pick up then.
- c. District has put in for testing waivers with state. 8th and 11th must come. Waiting to hear on the rest.
- d. YouTube channel for City High Middle launching soon.
- e. Seniors news sent to seniors today - IB exams (appeal submitted - hopefully we'll know next week); if yes, there will be a variety of options and safety precautions; amended requirements (instead of 2 papers, just one; adjusted for loss of learning); graduation details.
- f. Fairfax scholarship endowment used to be automatic for City students accepted to UofM - turns out every 10 years a school's status is reviewed and turns out City is no longer a recipient (no further explanation even after appeal). Mr Huppert has sent a formal letter of inquiry. Used to be an offer of financial aid that came with acceptance letters for "urban core high schools", but not this year. Don't know if that affected all of GRPS high schools - Mr Huppert is trying to find out.
- g. 12 students accepted to UofM. They are still eligible for need-based financial aid as individuals.
- h. "Vals and Sals" - more 4.0 GPAs than ever before! Speaking opportunities at Sr breakfast and graduation.
- i. 3 feet social distancing may be allowed soon. Means nearly full capacity. GRPS is talking w/Kent County health dept.
- j. Only 2 people at City have reported Covid exposure. VERY good overall (especially compared to other local schools).
- k. communications@grps.org (and specific staff on grps.org) - reach out to let them know your preferences about going back to school in person.
- l. What are the Gradebook guidelines that teachers must follow so grades aren't going in at the end of marking period with a bad grade surprise? Within a few days of due date (little longer for big projects) is recommended/expected/preferred. 1-3 grades per week. Admin does work on it with teachers often to combat this problem, but it's still a problem for some. Reminded teachers recently, especially effects on equitable outcomes. Parents and students can reach out to Ms Vandervliet and Mr Huppert for help if problems arise next marking period

(too late for 3rd). Gaelle expresses how critical it is this year - even kids who are usually on top of it are not as much this year. Mr Huppert reminds us that the adults are having trouble adjusting, too. Specific problems with specific teachers will help Mr Huppert work with teachers to fix it. Ruth says most teachers have been awesome, it's just a few. Seems like our introverts and younger kids don't ask teachers for feedback on how to do better. Gaelle says that feedback from teachers seems to be the hardest thing to do with virtual format.

6. **Committee/Community Updates (if any)**
 - a. **SANP/Spring Flower Sale** - starts around spring break, pickup date around May 4 after school. More info coming soon. One of the ONLY fundraisers for seniors this year.
 - b. **Add any other cmte reports that come in.**
7. **Questions and Answers** - none
8. **Adjournment 7:55 pm**

Next Meeting is April 21, 2021 at 7pm

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