



## City High-Middle PTSA (PTCC)

**ZOOM Meeting ID# 311 848 5660, Passcode: i6f292**  
**Membership Meeting • 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., October 20, 2021**

### Prior to Meeting

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### DRAFT - Minutes - DRAFT

- I. **Call to Order, Establish a Quorum - 7:05 pm**
- II. **Welcome to new Members! Introductions of the Executive Board:** Angela Schmidt, President; Gaëlle Thibault, VP1; Ardina Washington, VP2; Elizabeth Topliffe, VP3; Breanna Bouwman, Treasurer; Ruth Wilson, Secretary
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - *approved with edit***
  - A. Edit May 2021 #4b: City Merch Sales should read Membership Drive with Swag (edit made on 10/27/21 by REW)
- IV. **Approval of Current Agenda (*additions, changes*) - *approved***  
<https://cityptsa.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021-10-15-Agenda-PTSA-Membership-Meeting-1.pdf>
- V. **Executive Board Reports**
  - A. **Treasurer's report** - Breanna Bouwman
    1. Budget proposed - *approved*  
<https://cityptsa.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021-2022-Proposed-Budget-1.pdf>
  - B. **Membership Report** - Gaëlle Thibault and Ardina Washington
    1. Membership Drive
      - a) 229 members; more than 2020
      - b) ~ \$10,000 net donations
  - C. **President's Report** - Angela Schmidt
    1. New fundraising opportunity: Millionaire Party
      - a) Sell & cash-in chips for state-approved gambling events
      - b) 2pm - 2am each date, 2 volunteers at all times
      - c) November 22, 23 & 24 (General Fund)
      - d) December 20, 21, 22 & 23 (SANP or other committees)
      - e) Visit the website to sign up <https://cityptsa.com/volunteers/>
    2. Thanks to Lori Box for her work on the website! New Website Designer: Ken Aernouts, parent from ZOO
- VI. **Committee Updates**
  - A. **Recycled Art Market (RAM)** - Carol Carr, Laska Nygard, Donielle Xu
    1. Saturday, November 6 @ 9 am - 4 pm
    2. Sign up to volunteer on the website <https://cityptsa.com/volunteers/> either set-up

- on Friday or Saturday
- 3. Attend!
- 4. Coffee & Donut Sales (SANP), Tamales Mary food truck for lunch @11
- B. Senior All-Night Party (SANP) - Lori Box**
  - 1. need firm graduation date before committing funds to locations
- C. Theatre - Jamie Bott (submitted report in writing)**
  - 1. New Date for Music Man performances: January 21-23 to allow for more complete rehearsals
  - 2. We have had many kids out sick and waiting for COVID tests, so it has been challenging to run full rehearsals
  - 3. Looking for sponsorships - if people are affiliated with or would be willing to ask local businesses they patronize to sponsor the musical, that would be fantastic!
  - 4. Musicals are expensive! They can email me at [jamielclare1@gmail.com](mailto:jamielclare1@gmail.com) if they have ideas or need info on sponsorships.

**VII. Administration Updates - Charlie Vander Vliet**

- A. IB Core: EPIC is changing to Core Advisory**
- B. Homecoming/Spirit Week**
  - 1. House model, rather than the past class-level model
  - 2. Fun and successful event, despite challenges brought by weather
- C. Spanish Sub, still looking for applicants that are certified or native-speakers and get emergency certification**
- D. IB: opt in/out choice given to current seniors, more to come**
  - 1. Course route, one year option 3 HL, 1 SL; not 2 SL and no extended essay
  - 2. 1/3 of the class are opting in so far, others are still reflecting on their choice
- E. Parent Questions & Answers for City administration and GRPS administration (@19 minutes on recording)**

**Q:(@19:31) It has come to my attention that some assignments that are handed in in paper form still show up digitally and show as overdue. Is there a way to hand in a form that states “handed in in paper form” to make it easier to follow overdue assignments for students. Also is there a “to-do” list similar to google classroom that can be developed.**

A: Working through training on further enhanced features of Schoology. Mr. Tindall has been attending training and bringing knowledge back and sharing with staff. Try WORKLOAD option in the STUDENT screen to see available assignments.

**Q: (@21:00) Are grades in schoology really weighted when calculated grade averages? It seems that one missing assignment bring the average grade down immediately (to D and E levels) and it is very hard to bring it back up.**

A: As of October 1, teachers were to have put the weights in (had to be put in “by hand”).

**Q: (@ 22:00) How are students getting their work if they are in quarantine?**

A: Everything should be accessible through Schoology

**Q: (@22:30) Are there updates for 2022 graduation?**

A: Date (Already announced on GRPS calendar) has been changed to May 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm, location TBD

**Q: (@23:00) How is the school handling the teaching position(s) that are still not filled? Will long term subs be at parent/teacher conferences?**

A: Economics: Ms. Burchi has been hired to the staff; Spanish: Noah Kellogg, History certified, Spanish minor, he will only be there if he volunteers to do so, he is not contracted to attend conferences.

**Q: (@24:08) How are new teachers brought up to speed with IB grading and content expectations (particularly those teaching 11th/12th grade)?**

A: All teachers attend IB training, as they have in the past. They are paired with a mentor teacher. Anyone new to DP is in a training group.

**Q: (@25:00) I would like to hear how the school is approaching this time of real transition while recognizing that our young people are still experiencing COVID/global pandemic/2 years of separation from peers/traditional learning environments? Could there be a more intentional on-ramp time for the students that have experienced this time of disruption to settle back into school? Are counselors regularly and proactively checking in with students? Could there be more time between classes for students to decompress?**

A: Absolutely. Passing-time is out of administration's hands - determined by the district, though some time is built into Core Advisory (was EPIC) and into the block days. Counselors are out in the school every day. It is impossible to meet with every student, but teachers and counselors alike are tracking students' well-being. Rebecca Back (E3 Therapist) case-load has been increased to meet with students without access to outside resources. Administrators across the board are seeing more students in their offices with behaviour issues at an increased level, surely because of excitement to be back in school and with their friends. We are all going through this transition back to our roles.

**Q: (@31:00) Any chance the date of graduation could change again? (Lori Box)**

A: Probably not, but no promises.

**Q: (@31:30) How long will the process with the Student Council Advisory for graduation take? (Angela Schmidt)**

A: Unknown.

**Q: (@33:00) Google system for balancing projects/exams? Assessments calendar? (Gaelle Thibault)**

A: New system just figured out via Schoology, should be in place for 2nd marking period and moving forward!

**VIII. Next meeting: November 17, 2021 @ 7 pm (via ZOOM) with guest administrator John Helmholdt, Executive Director of Communications & External Affairs, GRPS**

**VIX. Meeting adjourned: 7:53 pm**

**DRAFT - Respectfully submitted by Ruth E. Wilson on 11/2/2021 - DRAFT**