



## City High-Middle PTSA (PTCC)

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

### **Prior to Meeting**

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- Meeting presider may utilize the “mute participants” tool so a presenter can be heard.

### **DRAFT - Minutes - DRAFT**

- I. Call to Order, Establish a Quorum - 7:00 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. Welcome to our guest administrators,** Ryan Huppert, Principal and John Helmholtz, Executive Director of Communications & External Affairs, GRPS
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - *approved***
- V. Approval of the Agenda - *approved***  
<https://cityptsa.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021-11-17-PTSA-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>
- VI. Executive Board Reports**
  - A. Millionaire Party(s)
    1. November to benefit general fund and various other groups per volunteer
    2. December to benefit the Senior All Night Party (SANP) and various, etc.
    3. Visit <https://cityptsa.com/volunteers/> to sign up for a time-slot
  - B. Funding request for grow lights and plants will be presented in December for approval
  - C. Finance - Breanna Bouwman
    1. Feed the Teachers effort raise \$900+ for parent/teacher conference meals
    2. Millionaire Party technical difficulties being sorted
    3. Recycled Art Market (RAM)
      - a) Very successful with fewer vendors but only 150 fewer paid attendees and overall respect of mask rules.
      - b) No security ever arrived.
- VII. Committee Reports**
  - A. PALS: Addie Donley
    1. Check out the Parent Letter Mr. Huppert sent out!
  - B. Speech & Debate: Mr. Harris, submitted by email
    1. This Fall has been a little slow. With students now in session face to face, there are more opportunities, so our teams on Saturday have been smaller.
    2. Last Saturday, Alex Byrnes (9) decided to compete in a Lincoln-Douglas debate. We

don't do this in Michigan; it's a one-on-one style of debate that focuses on more "philosophical" issues rather than the usual policy ones. Alex was first in speaker points, and made it to the quarter-final round.

3. Coming up in December will be two big events
  - a. Dec 1-4: 13 students will be going to take part in the Great Lakes Invitational Model UN in Kalamazoo,
  - b. Dec. 11: State debate tournament. For that we will have students competing in Congressional, High School and Middle School Public Forum debates. As with our tournaments, we will compete online from school. The whole team will be there to support one another.
- C. Theater: Jamie Bott, submitted by email
  1. Postponed to January 21-23. We are grateful we had the flexibility to change the date so we could have a great show!
  2. We had two very successful cleanup days and filled two dumpsters - thank you Mr. Huppert for coordinating those for us! The garage has never been that clean, neither has the prop room.
  3. Need sponsors for our show - please email Jamie Bott [jamielclare1@gmail.com](mailto:jamielclare1@gmail.com) with any ideas or if you're willing to sponsor the show. We had one family offer to provide Zoup! for one of our cast dinners in exchange for advertising - so we love that kind of sponsorship as well!

#### **VIII. Administration: Ryan Huppert and John Helmholdt**

- A. Principal's letter
- B. ESSER funding for tutoring, wrap it in to WorkZone
- C. Wellness dates: no school on December 3 and December 10, 2021
- D. House competitions
- E. Marking period ends soon! Finish strong, last day is December 17!
- F. Questions:
  1. Meals are small.
    - a. Meals are portioned with age-appropriate caloric limits and students are limited to one main course, but unlimited fruits and vegetables; there is always lots of food left over
  2. Additional/distributed staffing in the lunchroom?
    - a. There's staff, students are doing well, just need reminded about cleaning up after themselves
  3. Composting/Recycling?
    - a. Looking for providers/accepting bids for new vendors. Staffing is an issue.
    - b. Would students possibly volunteer? It's worth investigating, but hard to manage programs like this in the past.
    - c. Regarding staffing, Bridge Michigan Magazine article: "Michigan schools are closing because of staff shortages. Get used to it" by Ron French.  
<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/michigan-schools-are-closing-because-staff-s-hortages-get-used-it>
  4. Who is the Student Advisory Panel? How many students responded to the Senior Survey? When will the responses be published? Is a decision imminent regarding Graduation date/time/location?
    - a. Members are nominated by school Principal, 281 students responded to the survey and the results should be published the end of this week (11/19/21). Graduation is ALMOST SURE at Houseman Field with the rain/backup location at GRCC Ford Fieldhouse. Potential for a Senior Celebration at another location rather than the school auditorium.
  5. LGBTQ+ Equity and Inclusion? Tangible steps?
    - a. Evolving and exciting. It's all part of the Strategic Plan(SP) evolution. The SP is in the phase where theme teams have two months to sift through the input from the previous phase that was just completed and develop 3-5 actionable ideas. Look for that phase to complete in January 2021
  6. Limit admission to City to in-district?
    - a. Didn't have exact numbers, but the waitlists were all cleared. Priority is given to GRPS families.
  7. Mask mandate will continue, don't be confused by the survey released. Just an opportunity for the

district leadership to get a read on where people are at with regards to the mask policy. Science will decide through the advice and leadership from the CDC, State and County health departments.

**IX. Next meeting: December 15, 2021 @ 7 pm via ZOOM** with guest administrator Dr. Ronald Gorman, Deputy Superintendent, GRPS

**X. Meeting end at 8:07 pm.**

**Draft = Respectfully submitted by Ruth E. Wilson, Secretary - Draft**