



City High-Middle PTSA (PTCC)

ZOOM Meeting ID# 311 848 5660, Passcode: i6f292
Membership Meeting • 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., December 15, 2021

Prior to Meeting

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- I. **Call to Order, Establish a Quorum - 7:02 pm**
- II. **Welcome to new Members! Introductions of the Executive Board and Administrators:** Angela Schmidt, President; Gaëlle Thibault, VP1; Ardina Washington, VP2; Elizabeth Topliffe, VP3; Breanna Bouwman, Treasurer; Ruth Wilson, Secretary, Principal Ryan Huppert, Deputy Superintendent of Grand Rapids Public Schools, Dr. Ronald Gorman
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - approved**
- IV. **Approval of Current Agenda (additions, changes) - approved**
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- V. **Executive Board Reports**
 - A. **President's Report - Angela Schmidt**
 1. Millionaire Parties
 - a) \$4000+ over three night event
 - b) General Fund, Band and Orchestra were beneficiaries this time
 - c) Volunteers for December, January and February still needed; visit <https://cityptsa.com/volunteers/> to sign up for a shift
 2. Executive Board approved City Adventures spirit events between the November/December membership meetings within the guidelines of approved budget
- VI. **Administration Updates - Ryan Huppert and Ron Gorman**
 - A. **City Highlights**
 1. Top 3 winners for Rosa Parks essay
 2. Speech & Debate wins
 3. Core Advisory Board (2 students per 8th hour class) gather for monthly meetings to share concerns with administration
 4. Choir and Orchestra held successful concerts
 5. Music Man pushed to January
 6. Leadership collaboration for Environment Survey
 7. House-model competitions continue, plans for House games at the beginning of the new year
 8. Order your Yearbook! Price goes up after 12/31
 - B. **Q & A**

1. THANK YOU for extending the mask mandate in school until the end of the year. How is it going throughout the district getting the younger kids vaccinated?
 - a) 600+ students, ages 5-11 vaccinated at schools
2. Please confirm City's graduation location, we've been waiting on that announcement! Will all schools be using the same location?
 - a) Still awaiting formal announcement, but graduation will be held on May 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Houseman Field
3. Re: Active Shooter Trainings - 3.1: GRPS emergency training does not emphasize barricading classroom doors, but rather getting to the back of the room and being silent. Is this tailored to each school or classroom set up (classes with two doors, windows, or other features that could make that space breachable)? 3.2: Per Larry Johnson's recent interview on woodTV, "GRPS trains for active shooters or other incidents the second Tuesday of every month & public is welcome to attend" - are these staff or student trainings; do the trainings include fire drills, inclement weather, intruder incidents on rotation; do the trainings happen at each building every month?
 - a) Code Red trainings/drills: lock doors, teacher and students move to the back of the room and remain low and quiet, but teachers have some autonomy to make in-the-moment judgements. There are 3 drills per school year.
4. Is there a protocol for kids that are quarantined due to Covid close contact or contracting Covid regarding them accessing what is being taught in class and work to be done other than having the child contact every teacher and try to "piece it all" on their own. It does not seem very reasonable to think the kids can catch up easily for a 10 day absence, having to self-teach themselves the lessons and do the work "blindly".
 - a) Still a work in progress. Make a connection with administration if there are specific concerns regarding making up work from COVID or other long-term excused absence
5. Is it possible to try and avoid having all the missing work magically "show up" at the end of the last week of the MP?
 - a) Learning curve for Schoology, there is an expectation that teachers make updates weekly with any new assignments and grades
6. Has there been any update on improving Schoology in order to have the work that is handed in on paper or through a different format to be marked as done and not show up as late or not done? It had been asked if there could be a tool similar to the google classroom "to-do list". Any luck on having that developed for the teachers and students on schoology.
 - a) Schoology is a work-in-progress for everyone. Communication is key. Ask if there are questions.
7. For notifications of close contact for COVID, is it possible to have a date of the close contact? If we're supposed to take extra measures for a period of time, having that date is important.
 - a) Sheer numbers of cases and contacts has made reporting out to families more a form-letter situation. If your family needs more details regarding their contact tracing, direct reply back to the message received and the staff will reply with more information.
8. I was at an invitational swim meet at City High on 12/11. I believe they were telling people to mask up as they entered and they clearly announced the GRPS mask policy just prior to the start of events, but there were SO MANY spectators unmasked. I counted 17 people just in the section next to me. Even our own athletes from Union and Ottawa were in extremely poor compliance on the deck (which I thought was a requirement if they're not in the pool). So is this a policy we turn a blind eye to?
 - a) We do care, the enforcement is tricky.

9. Close contact notification. Is it possible to at least have the grade of the student that has had a close contact? Some families have several students and when the notification says “your student”, it is hard to know which one it is.
 - a) Ask via direct reply. (See question #8).
10. District enrollments? In light of other districts around the country seeing declining enrollments, people falling off the grid so-to-speak, is GRPS seeing any of that? In 2020-2021, there was a bit of that, but in 2021-2022, thus far, we have not had any issues with that phenomenon.

C. PALs: Survey

1. Spanish translation in the works
2. Hoping for more responses before the end of the semester

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ruth E. Wilson - Draft