



## City High-Middle PTSA (PTCC)

**In Person: Room 108 in City High Middle School**  
**ZOOM Meeting ID# 311 848 5660, Passcode: i6f292**  
**Membership Meeting • 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., September 21, 2022**

- I. **Attending:** Angela Schmidt, President; Charlie VanderVliet, Principal; Meghan Jackson, new Vice Principal; Elizabeth Topliffe, Vice President 3; Gaëlle Thibault, Vice President 1; Dione Brown; Amanda Tabata, Janine Thomas, Matt Sizemore, Margie Cangelow, Shauna Parker Faasse, Todd Faasse, Erin Igratoski, Erika Crane, Alison Gehn, Samantah Svacha, Addie Donley
- II. **Approval of minutes from June 2022 meeting - approved**
- III. **Approval of Agenda - approved**
- IV. **Who and What is the PTSA**
  - A. **Introductions:** Angela Schmidt, President; Gaëlle Thibault, Vice President; Elizabeth Topliffe, Vice President 3; Ardina Washington, Vice President 2 (traveling); Breanna Bouwman, Treasurer (in ZOOM); Ruth Wilson, Secretary (concertizing)
  - B. Members of Michigan PTA
  - C. Run by Robert's Rules for business, but try to have a relaxed format to have open conversations
  - D. Advocacy for diversity, equity and inclusion, better school life, home life and relationships
  - E. Bylaws are on our website: [www.cityptsa.com](http://www.cityptsa.com)
  - F. Committees:
    1. Blandford Parents
    2. Zoo Parents
    3. CFE Parents
    4. Band Boosters
    5. Theater
    6. Choir Boosters
    7. Orchestra Boosters
    8. Senior All-Night Party (SANP)
    9. Supported clubs, such as Speech & Debate, City Voice, Gardening Club, etc.
    10. Fundraising
    11. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee
      - a) PTSA: the board is not very representative, the membership is not very representative, committee can be engaged to make sure the organization is keeping these perspectives in mind and reaching as many members of our community as possible
      - b) Admin: Journey through professional development, rethinking assessments
    12. Auditorium Committee
      - a) Recommend folks attend Building Use Town Halls
    13. Hospitality
      - a) Feed the Teachers events, Snacks for Students
      - b) Food to Families (Food Ninjas) - helping families in emergency situations in Community Cares

14. Membership

- a) Drive runs October 1 - 9
- b) Fundraiser through membership tiers
  - (1) Student (\$6)
  - (2) Basic (\$10)
  - (3) Principled/Caring (\$50)
  - (4) Open-minded/Inquirers (\$75)
  - (5) Knowledgeable/Balanced (\$125)
  - (6) Thinkers/Risk-takers (\$175)
  - (7) Communicators/Reflective (\$225)
  - (8) Ultimate (\$500+)
- c) Students is base rate (\$5 goes to Michigan PTA) and scholarships for anyone are available

**V. Upcoming Events**

- A. Next "meeting" is the Meet & Greet at The Golden Age above Creston Brewery Wednesday, October 18
  - 1. RSVP at our Facebook Page
- B. Reimagined: A Holiday Market on November 5 at City in the main gym
- C. Chili Cook-off at The Golden Age above Creston Brewery in winter 2023

**VI. Questions**

- A. What are PALs?
  - 1. Parent Action Leaders, not directly affiliated with the PTSA
  - 2. Liaisons between students & families and administration

**VII. Administration updates & questions**

- A. Staff vacancies: new English teacher, new Spanish-speaking Spanish teacher on their way in, counselor returning from maternity leave: looking forward to a full staff!
- B. Culture & Climate: not a language class, but an immersion/native-speaker experience, to further scholars' needs. It will be Spanish-speaking when the teacher returns from a short leave.
- C. Grounds utilization
  - 1. Tiered outdoor area behind the cafeteria, open to ideas
  - 2. E-Club, Gardening Club student groups
  - 3. Mrs. Albin is working on beautification with a local landscape artist
  - 4. Eliza Bott's Personal Project rain garden installation in process

**VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm**

*Respectfully submitted by Ruth Wilson, Secretary*