



City High-Middle PTSA

Membership Meeting Minutes November 16, 2022

- I. **Attending:** Angela Schmidt, President; Jesse Antume, IB coordinator; Elizabeth Topliffe, Vice President 3; Gaëlle Thibault, Vice President 1, Breanna Bouwman, Treasurer, Janine Thomas, Matt Sizemore, Erin Igratoski, Erika Crane, Alison Gehle, Addie Donley PAL, Harper David, Lena Reeve
- II. **Approval of minutes from June 2022 meeting** - we did not have a quorum at the beginning of the meeting so minutes not approved
- III. **Approval of Agenda** - we did not have a quorum at the beginning of the meeting so minutes not approved
- IV. **Executive Board updates**
 - a. **Member Drive results** : As stated previously we came a little short of our goals in total number of members and funds raised but the positive aspect is that we have had many new members sign up and we have also new volunteers that have shown interest in helping out with the events that we want to plan and committees that exist or that are in the works.
 - b. **Meet & Greet** : This event was attended by some PTSA members and was a nice event, with many people saying it was great to finally have an in person event where people could mingle and get to know new faces.. We do have ideas for next year and make it even better. The idea will be for the MEet and Great to be the kick-off of the membership drive and to the start of the school year!
 - c. **RAHM update** : This event was great! We had over 70 volunteers come and help set up, help during the event and help tear down. This is very much appreciated by our vendors and they are always very impressed by the students and adult volunteers. We had around 1,000 people attend the event, which is a little less than previous years. The number of booths was also a little less than previous years, and this is mainly the consequence of not having the event in 2020
We were asked about the selection of vendors and how vendors were accepted or rejected to participate in the event, RAHM is a Joint Event that is organized with Right Brain Events and City PTSA. Right Brain Events is in charge of

curating the event and selecting the vendors. Mainly this is to ensure that there are not too many vendors. City PTSA is in charge of the event space, providing volunteers before, during and after the event and promoting the event. If a vendor has questions about their application we encourage them to contact Right Brain Events directly.

d. DEI : After meeting with the District DEI Director Meleika Brown in the summer, expressing that the City pTSA would be interested in creating a DEI committee, she told us that it would be best to have a survey put out to the community in order to see what our community needs are. Maleika Brown released a parent survey during parent teacher conferences last week. We would like to encourage all parents to fill in this survey, and encourage other parents to fill it too! Maleika Brown will be at our January PTSA meeting to facilitate conversation and help us move forward with our DEI Committee.

Here is the link to complete the Parent Survey :

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczXye1BPXghUjaq02rhU4v2553YBo3XAtttNhI3q3lCif7XQ/viewform>

The questions was asked on who sees the results of the survey. Mr Antuma replied that Maleika Brown as well as the City Administration would be the ones receiving the results.

It was also asked if the survey was anonymous, and yes, the survey is anonymous. You can also indicate that you would like to be contacted by a parent leader for further questions or comments

e. Millionaire Parties - split fees : Our next millionaire party is the first week of January and we have given “priority”to SANP group to fill these slots in order to raise money for their event. After Thanksgiving break all open slots will be available for other groups to volunteer in order to raise funds for their projects. We did not go into the split fee details since when discussed we did not have a quorum. This will be discussed in the next meeting and with each participating volunteer groups.

f. Chili Cook Off : We have contacted some people that have indicated their willingness to help with this event. We are going to start planning and this event will likely take place at the end of January or February. More details coming once a venue and date has been set by the organizing committee

V. Administration updates & questions

- A. Mr Antuma spoke about design teams that are being created in order for the faculty to be involved in different areas of the school (such as facilities, economicology, core advisory, DEI among others). These design groups have been created so that teachers can take ownership of some areas of interest they might have at the school. The idea is for these groups to have multiple stakeholders and enhance the sense of community at City.

- B. Mr. Antuma also talked to us about the Principal Advisory Council that met on November 26 for the first time. This is a group of 25 students (3 or 4 per grade level) that will report the questions, ideas, and concerns of the students to the administration. This is intentionally a smaller group of students than the school had last year. The students already had many ideas. The first meeting was pretty open ended and the energy was amazing!
- C. We are starting the Native American celebration month. This will be a student led initiative and the students have been amazing! They are planning many events and are hoping to have an expo on November 23rd. They have reached out to the community and have had great responses!
- D. One member mentioned that their student had noticed improvements in school lunches and we wanted to share that information with the lunch staff. It is great to see improvements and acknowledge them when they happen

Committee Updates

PALs update : Addie Donley presented some PAL updates. She and Amber met with Jesse Antuma and Meghan Jackson to talk about the Cultural Event that they are planning for the school. Jesse indicated that the date that had been determined for the event was April 20 or 21. He also indicated that this event will most likely be during the day and the evening in order for families to also participate in this celebration. Addie also indicated that she met with the DEI Department and that she would give us updates about the meeting soon.

SANP Update : Things are moving along. SANP has a Bigby and Flo's fundraiser going on that seniors are involved with. Ask a senior for more info :)

Musical Theater update : Show is this week-end!! Get your tickets. A member asked if tickets were sold at the door, and yes there will be tickets available at the door.

- VI. Next meeting : Our next meeting will be a "Coffee With the Principal Event" on December 14th at 8:30am. Location to be determined.

VII. Funding Request

- A. Harper Davis and Lena Reeves
Harper and Lena would like to create an event to raise funds for the Auditorium renovation. Their idea is to have a Lip **Sync show** involving the City community (staff and students), They would be selling entrance

tickets and possible concessions which is where some of the profits would come from. They are also hoping for donations from the spectators on the day of the event. They have 2 staff committed to participating and will be working on curating their performer list next week. Their request was for Costuming and seed money for Concessions, and they were asking for \$500. This event is scheduled for January 26. After some discussion about feasibility of the event in a short time frame, as well as suggesting a larger group working on the project; a motion from Elizabeth Topliffe was made to provide \$500 with the request that half of it (\$250) be paid back from profits of the fundraiser. Gaelle Thibault seconded the motion. The members asked Harper and Lena to reach back to us after Thanksgiving break once they have made a little more program on their planning.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

Respectfully submitted by Gaelle Thibault, Vice-President1