

East Mecklenburg High School PTSO – Meeting 09/14/2021 (7:45 am)

Attendance: (24)

Mary Beth Ausman, Cynthia Bailey, Carola Cárdenas, Cassidy, Jill Federal, Ellen H, Christine Haynes, Quillie Hunt, Victoria Johnson, Jyotsna Maid, S.Y. Mason Watson, Chelsea Mellon, Hasty Millen, Ruth Nett, Genie Ombach, Mary Rantala, Stephanie Robin, Jennifer Sanford, Jamie Sheppard, Ava Stallings, Jenise Tate, Merritt Tracy, Eric Trosh, Mark Wilson.

Introduction:

- attending members of the board and participants

Review/Feedback past events:

- great success of past events (N.E.S.T, open house). Thanks to many volunteers available on short notice to staff the tables and be welcoming face.
- **Open house:** have Banner/sign with PTSO for the table, to identify, who is running it.
 - **To-do:** Locate the banner/sign (might be in the PTSO closet)

Website:

- Lots of changes done to improve, so page can be a hub for parents looking for information (see SIT and Student Services topic below). Genie Ombach is in contact with a professional photographer (also member of the PTSO) to work on pictures to further improve. She is open for ideas.

Finance: (Note: Fiscal Year runs from Jul 1 – Jun 30)

- PTSO budget is in good shape (Income: Yard sign sale and membership increased, donation from Harris Teeter, refund from fraudulent funds; Expenses: Banner, PayPal and Square fees, new staff lunch)
 - **To-do:** Investigate how we can lower/eliminate fees?

Membership:

- 106 registered members (+/- a few over the weekend). Only 14 people from the board have signed up.
 - **To-do:** Follow up to have remaining board members sign up.
- Sign up and response from Teachers and staff is good. All participants from this group will participate in a \$25 gift card raffle by end of September.

Upcoming Events:

- **Back to school Night (8/23):** will be all virtual. Teachers have pre-recorded info and parents can ask questions during the actual meeting time. PTSO has something from last year.
 - **To-do:** Mary Rantala will look and update the information if needed. Should be included in the information from Mr. Parker.
- **Campus Cleanup Day (10/23):** Merritt Tracy will have a walk through with Mr. Parker about areas that need attention. This walk through will be combined with the meeting to look at the courtyard.
 - **To-do:** Schedule one appointment for a walk through for both purposes.

Connections to large groups:

- **Marching Band:** Jyotsna Maid and Carola Cárdenas will be our contact. At home games we want to increase our presence at the entrance to reach more people.
- **Athletic Booster:** Contact persons are April Storey and Amie Brietz
- **Student Congress:** Staff contact Robin Cluse. Also involve our IB liaison and Ms. Hays to get community service/service project.
 - **To-do:** Find out about Fine Arts department contact. Genie Ombach has contact to theatre.

SIT-updates:

- Chelsea Mellon will provide condensed information from SIT meetings, goals, and updates about involvement to be posted on PTSO website.

Student Services:

- Jenise Tate informed about her position and goal to have valuable information from Student Services (e.g., what to do when you're in 9th grade) at hand (linked) for parents on PTSO website.

Communications:

- **To-do:** check Instagram account(s) for accuracy and channels of communication.

Next Meeting: October 12, **7:00 am** in person at East Meck. (! Corrected time RN!)

Closing: (8:44am)

Ruth Nett