

East Meck High School PTSO – ZOOM Meeting 04/19/2022 (7:45 am)

Attendance: (23)

Mary Beth Ausman, Cynthia Bailey, Carola Cárdenas, Jill Federal, Dr. Govan Hunt, Amy Harris, Christine Haynes, Jyotsna Maid, S.Y. Mason Watson, Chelsea Mello, Hasty Millen, Keisha Murray, Ruth Nett, Genie Ombach, Maria Papanikolaou, Rick Parker, Mary Rantala, Deyna Rogers, D'yette Spain, Paola Strand, Jenise Tate, Nina Toth, Danielle.

2) Approval of minutes:

- Approved. Minutes for March can be found on the PTSO website.

3) Principal's Report:

- Three **scanners** (each requires 4 persons to operate) were installed: Front entrance, 500 & 600 building. Bus riders would enter through 500, car riders/walkers through 600 hallway (entrance near Media center). Training for teachers will be provided. Until “show pros” could be hired by the district to staff scanners, teachers without a 1st block class, would be the temporary solution. Consequence until completely staffed: No early entry before busses release students (6:45am).
- District approved funding for a **new marquee** (approx. \$30K) but is looking at less expensive options.
- **Campus Clean Up: Sat 04/23 @9am-12noon** – all clubs involved; art club has re-painted yellow hump.
- **Junior/Senior Prom (05/21) 8pm-12am @The Filmore:** Tickets \$80. Junior-Board responsible to set up, Sophomore-Board to clean up. Photobooth option and drinks available – less food since kids go to dinner before. Lots of chaperones present, also administrators, staff & spouses. Information: social media, Friday weekly update, and school website.
- Getting aligned in testing mode. **Proctors are needed – sign up on website.**

4) Financial Report:

- **Direct Give** campaign is up to \$12K, compared to last year we had \$18K (including a one-time donation of \$10K). Continuously improving year after year.
- **Teacher Grants: Still funding available.** So far, we have spent around \$6,500 for various applications (clay roller for visual arts, French teacher conference, Field trip for ROTC (they lost their funding), auto mechanics department, journalism class, picnic tables, sheet music). Declined only parts of some requests. See website for details.

5) Nominations Committee Update:

- **Board positions** are filling pretty good, still seeking to fill position of secretary. Good number of newcomers and potential candidates. **Members of the nominations committee:** Mary Beth-Ausman, Jyotsna Maid, S.Y. Mason-Watson, Chelsea Mellon, Genie Ombach. **Contact them if you like to be involved. Voting at the next meeting.**

6) Update from Student Services:

- Student Services has good information on website and diverse representation by grade levels. Our information shared is spreading out way beyond East to other schools. Preparation for upcoming school year flyers with Spanish translation for sure.
- **Top languages** (info after the meeting): Spanish (77%), Vietnamese (3.6%), Nepali (1.8%), Arabic (1.7%), Chinese (1.6%), Amharic/Ethiopian (1.5%), Portuguese (1%).

7) Open Discussion: Student Representative

- **Comments** on draft provided at the meeting: Elections should be open to entire student body – reducing number of representatives to one student is not representing school’s diversity - students don’t want to miss out on class – people also work during our meeting times – Zoom option should be available.
- **Open questions:** Have we done enough to get student representatives? Do students want to be on PTSO? How are we going to be better if we want to reach more people?
- **Ideas:** reach out to families about meeting times – one survey for students, one for parents. If interested, Mary Beth (marybethausman(at)bellsouth.net) and S.Y. (symw10(at)gmail.com) are willing to take questions/work with you.

8) Grants update:

- We did not receive the grant we applied for. Looking for other funding.

9) upcoming events: Please check website for exact dates!

- **Campus clean-up 04/23 @9am.**
- **Help needed for Staff BBQ:** once school is out for the summer, the staff will have a BBQ. Help is welcome and needed! Be on the lookout for more information.
- **Next Meeting: May 17, 2022 - 7:30 am IN PERSON @EAST (Media Center -please check in at Main office first)**

Closing: 9:00 am

Ruth Nett