

East Meck High School PTSO Board In Person/Zoom Meeting 09/13/2022
(7:30 am)

Attendance: (38)

Mary Beth Ausman, Laurel Bacogorge (Z), Cynthia Bailey, Carola Cárdenas, Gloria Chambers, Angela Concha de Hernandez, Amy Harris (Z), Christine Haynes, Phanta Lansden (Z), Jiwon Lilly, Erin Lind (Z), Mimi Neuman (Z), S.Y. Mason Watson (Z), Jyotsna Maid (Z), Carrie Masto, Chelsea Mellon, LaSonya Moore (Z), Maya Myers (Z), Keisha Murray, Ruth Nett, Genie Ombach, Olivia ? (Z), Maria Papanikolaou, Rick Parker, Lisa Parsons (Z), Cindy Pearson (Z), Jennifer Peele-Gray (Z), Pilar Pohlheber, Mary Rantala, Lorree Riley, Deyna Rogers (Z), Jennifer Sanford, Jody Sidranksi, Danielle Stallings (Z), Serenity Stokes, Paola Strand, Jenise Tate, Juanita Worley(Z)

1. **Welcome** by Board President R. Nett and introduced Staff Member Paula Strand, Bilingual Family Advocate who has assisted with Spanish translation.

2. Principal's Report:

- 2425 Students with 2500 enrollment, Social workers are looking for the 75 missing students
- 27-35 students per class
- Retired CMS teachers will return next Semester for additional academic support
- Some teachers are taking on extra classes in lieu of their planning period
- 9/22-Back to School night from 4-6pm, opportunity to follow student's schedule, each teacher will also have a video with their syllabus on the school website, open to all grades and student services will also have a Zoom available. Spirit wear (Shack), SIT and PTSO will also participate. This is a CMS required event to be held in person with a virtual option. A police officer will be on site to assist with traffic.
- September Connector is in English and Spanish and is a living document that can be updated throughout the month.
- Chromebooks-all students will have one by end of day as additional chromebooks were delivered on 9/12
- SARS reporting training (Say something anonymously) training has started for students and it is a website as an additional resource for students
- 9/23-Football game against Garinger and will be an East Community night and feeder schools will be invited
- Title IV training has been conducted for students
- Homeroom will be used when needed such as for testing, surveys
- EAST 495 Connection Time will be held on Fridays during 3rd period, SEL curriculum
- Dress Code-Has been explained to students and the why behind the dress code

3. Membership update

Currently 175 members of which 27 is staff

4. Financial Report

- Provided report for review
- \$5000 is designated amount for carryover for start up costs for the next school year
- Goal for Direct donations is \$15,000 and will adjust budget once the \$10K goal has been reached. YTD direct donations of \$4,422.50
- Budget was approved last PTSO meeting of the 2021/2022 school year
- Fiscal year runs 7/1-6/30
- Teacher Grants are the last budget item to fund and there are two requests so far and Executive Board reviews these requests

5. Nominations

- Motion made by M. Rantala to approve A. Concha de Hernandez as secretary, J. Tate 2nd motion and motion passed with 21 in person votes and 10 votes per Zoom
- Hospitality Co-Chair will soon be named
- Beautification still open and Jyotsna stated there is interest by new members

6. Student Services

- Mantra is Create AWARENESS, Drive BEHAVIORS, influence CHANGE
- Reaching the whole child and increasing graduation rate and after graduation-college, military, career
- Have parent representation for all grade levels
- All are welcome to join and participate to raise awareness and implementing the four year plan for students and influence change
- Would like to introduce listening sessions for families
- S. Y. Mason-Watson shared idea to implement Audio/Video to enhance the message and posting videos to the website even perhaps a podcast to interview parents and students to increase their participation. The media center has the equipment to implement this. Perhaps a google form could be generated to see if any interest.
- L. Riley shared the Mecklenburg County Library is giving away refurbished laptops to students 18 years and older however they the link is currently closed and will revisit in February once laptops are available again.

7. Open Discussion

- M. Ausman-Grant Chair-School awarded a \$750 grant from the City of Charlotte and funds will be used to paint a mural representing the four grade levels, 495 and Mr.

Parker. Mural must be done by the end of the year for the City of Charlotte's budget. Would like to coordinate to have the painting completed on the Fall Beautification Day.

- C. Haynes-French Teacher (President of French Teachers) looking for 20 families to host 20 students from France from 2/10-2/24. Families do not need to have a student enrolled in French. Interested families should reach out.
- P. Strand-Shared about two families in need and if a family hardship fund could be implemented to assist with food, gift cards, meal delivery, sign up genius for meal delivery options/door dash. Also, an idea to create a directory of small businesses that are families to help promote their local businesses and could possibly work hand in hand with the Booster clubs and could even be a part of the East/Garinger Community event. Could also have them pay a small fee for advertising in the directory similar to the ads in the yearbooks
- R. Parker had thought of having East Meck Alumni spotlights. They could be present during lunchtime to share their successes and could possibly promote and share their highlights on Instagram.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Spirit Week at Piada Italian Street Food 9/19-9/25 main day the 24th
 - Back to School night 9/22 4-6pm
 - Spirit nights for Oct/Jan/Feb at Hungry Howies
 - Diversity Week-School congress is heading up this initiative and PTSO is involved
- SIT is looking for additional members and during Curriculum Night there will be opportunity for parents to express their interest or interested individuals can contact M. Papanikolaou or Asst Principal J. Edde. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month 6-7pm per Zoom

Meeting adjourned 8:58 am.