

East Meck High School PTSO Google Meet Meeting 4/18/2023

Attendance: (13)

Mary Beth Ausman, Carola Cardenas, Angela Concha de Hernandez, Christine Haynes, Tatum Hobbs, Jyotsna Maid, S. Y. Mason-Watson, Ruth Nett, Genie Ombach, Rick Parker, Dayna Rogers, Danielle Stallings, Unknown (704?)

1. **Welcome** by Board President R. Nett at 7:05 PM

2. **Minutes** approved for March 14th meeting, motioned by J Maid, 2nd by C Cardenas and motion passed.

3. **Principal's Report:** by Mr. Parker

- Last chance week for registration for class schedules for the upcoming school year. Other electives available for upper classman ie. Dance, Peer Tutoring
- EOC testing coming up for 9th and 10th graders-these are state mandatory tests and count 20% of their grade and a score of 0 will be given for not taking the test. Tests will be given the last week of school. Teacher prepared tests start 5/25 and IB/AP tests start 5/14-5/15
- Campus Clean-up Day has been moved to 4/29 due to Parker traveling to Dallas, TX to attend the Magnet Recognition national event.
- JROTC will be awarded the Superintendent's cup on 4/22 which is the highest honor and will be the 7th year in a row that JROTC receives this reward.
- National Honor Society Ceremony will be held 4/19.
- Morning Drop off Traffic-Still working on coming up with a solution, not an easy fix. Still waiting to coordinate with Chick-fil-A and looking at next year to use the front faculty parking lot as an option as the bus lot will be difficult with the 38 buses that drop off in the morning. Not ignoring the issue and open to suggestions. C. Haynes shared the CMS Magnet transportation changes may also affect inflow traffic for next year and perhaps buses and carpool could be an option.
- Staffing for next year looks good. Teachers are transferring to East and teachers leaving are retiring. There is a CMS Career Fair this weekend.
- There are 27/28 instructional days left.
- Seniors must attend rehearsal to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Transportation-the CMS issue is funding, mileage costs, trying to consolidate stops. For some families it will be challenging and Mr. Parker willing to help how he can. R. Nett suggested a call or survey to parents to express their concerns about transportation. Parker stated there are not a lot of student drivers and he could create a link with a survey about transportation and how East can support families. C. Haynes shared concern is that magnet programs will be affected by having less diversity as it will be difficult for families to participate in magnet programs. Parker shared in the past principal meetings there hasn't been discussion on express stops and shared there is a push for magnet school options to be within home schools in the student's own community. *C. Haynes shared she is participating as East Meck's parent representative for the proposed new South Meck high school and CMS is working to have community engagement

sessions as although the South Meck doesn't directly affect East Meck and the 2nd part of the conversation is about Magnet Schools and transportation and if given the opportunity to participate we should to have our voices heard.

4. **Financial Report** by President R. Nett

- Provided reports prepared by Treasurer M. Rantala for review
- R. Parker asked if there are still funds in the grant program as Counselor F. Miller is planning Senior events and the Executive Board is aware of her request and there are funds available.
- Reports approved by motion by C. Haynes, 2nd by G. Ombach and J. Maid and motion passed.

5. **Nominations Committee update** by G. Ombach on behalf of C. Mellon-Committee has met once and committee is working on Board position descriptions and attempting to reach out to feeder schools to send a survey for open positions. Most of the Executive Board will be turning over and those positions are needed. Discussion during committee is that the Board would like more involvement in decision making meetings as currently the Executive Board handles grant requests. Interested individuals for positions are free to reach out to existing board members for their take of the positions and what it entails.

6. **Open Discussion** by President R. Nett

- The automotive dept is still in need of an old Windows XP tower to run diagnostics-request has been shared on all our platforms. G. Ombach reached out to the ED2 divide program and they only have laptops and they suggested Goodwill or placing the request thru Nextdoor Larkhaven.
- New Business-
 - Request from the SIT Meeting is for additional Security Officers, S. Y. Mason-Watson is drafting a letter and gathering a list of contacts to send the letter too. Request is for us to assist in getting the message out individually to flood their inboxes to express the request. Need for additional Security officers is due to our large campus and multiple buildings.
 - Upcoming events: Campus Clean up moved to 4/29, Teacher Appreciation Week 5/8-5/12
 - Test proctors needed
 - 5/9 is next PTSO meeting and location TBD as testing will be taking place in the Media Center. Will be posted on website and PTSO communications.

Meeting adjourned 7:47 PM