

# East Meck High School PTSO/In person/Google Meet Meeting 5/9/2023

## **Attendance: (24)**

Mary Beth Ausman, Beth Brown, Carola Cardenas (G), Angela Concha de Hernandez, Beth Hair (G), Christine Haynes, Quille Hunt, Jiwon Lilly (G), Jyotsna Maid (G), S. Y. Mason-Watson, Lakisha McMillian (G), Chelsea Mellon, Hasty Millen, Ruth Nett, Genie Ombach, Maria Papanikolaou, Rick Parker, Lorree Riley, Kelly Simon (G), Danielle Stallings (G), Paola Strand, Jenise Tate (G), Isiah Williams, Earnest Winston (G)

1. **Welcome** by Board President R. Nett at 7:36 AM

2. **Minutes** approved for April 18th meeting, motioned by M. Papanikolaou, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G Ombach and motion passed.

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

- Thanks to PTSO for gifts for Teacher appreciation week. Makes a difference for the teachers.
- Testing Schedule posted on Parent Square/School Website, QR code avail for parents and students. Teacher prepared tests start 5/25 and are full days. 6/5 starts EOC testing and those are half days with dismissal at 12:15. Recovery ends 5/26. Should a student be on campus and they do not have an exam they will be fed (I. Williams) EOC's are required (Math 1, Biology, English 1) and make up 20% of the grade. 0% score if they fail to take the exam and are not eligible for summer school if they do not take the exam. AP/IB testing already underway. Administration can't say students are not to be on campus if they do not have an exam-it is a message between the lines and a sensitive issue and can be a safety issue. Message should come from district.
- The enrollment for 2022/2023 was 2300 and the estimated enrollment for 2023/2024 is 2545. June/July should have final numbers to plan for staffing and EMHS has a 98% retention rate. Need a CTE and Math Teacher.
- There is still a request for security officers and a letter is being prepared to share with the East Meck Family to individually send to appropriate persons (School board members, etc)
- Awards Ceremony to be held 5/26 from 8:30 a.m. -10 a.m. and the 25<sup>th</sup> is the Seniors Carowinds trip from 8:30-1.
- Elections/Bond Referendums should not be forgotten. CMS has a lot of projects including talks of satellite fields instead of home fields. Preference is for every home school to have their own home field for the high school experience and school spirit. Transportation could be an issue and Booster clubs could be affected.
- Voting on school calendars for upcoming school years available on CMS website-please evaluate the options for breaks in instruction.
- End of Semesters will not end before Christmas-State is unable to do that.

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

- We need a treasurer for 2023/2024 school year
- Provided reports prepared by Treasurer M. Rantala for review
- Beautification Spring Campus Cleanup day was cancelled, and Garden club may be using the funds. Other possible use of the funds would be to create a pathway from Student parking lot to the front office. Currently there is not a path and requires walking in the mud/dirt/grass. Project would require volunteers and should be open to the entire East Meck Community. Signage could also be requested by CMS to advise "All Visitors to Front Office"
- Reports approved by motion by C. Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Ombach and motion passed.
- Budget for 2023/2024 presented. Discussion on how no funds were allotted for Sunshine and Hospitality and that is because funds have not been used in years past. M. Ausman presented idea to provide jeans passes for Faculty as a perk of becoming a PTSO member and additional discussion on how to build relationships and possible membership perk cards for local businesses. C. Haynes stated we need a new Treasurer and M. Rantala has provided a good starting point for the upcoming school year. She motioned to approve the budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Millen, Motion passed.
- East Meck Family Business owned directory still in process and will need disclaimer that no companies are being endorsed.

5. **Nominations Committee update** by C. Mellon- Ongoing process. Committee is J. Tate, M. Ausman, G. Ombach, and SY. Mason-Watson. Executive Board positions still available, President and Treasurer. There is still some recruiting time before the School year ends and suggestion for a Virtual meeting to vote for incoming officers. Discussion on staff membership options and P. Strand shared staff loves to wear jeans. Decision regarding membership pricing/incentives will be left for the next Board.

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

- Currently celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week.
- S. Y. Mason Watson shared gratitude for the grant program for the Robotics Team
- C. Haynes/C Mellon shared enjoying received the emails about how PTSO has helped. G. Ombach looking for a way to share in the Yearbook.
- S. Y. Mason-Watson working on flyers to promote PTSO and what we do for the school.

Meeting adjourned 8:59 am