

Clarkston High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting
September 11, 2018



Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Meg Pardee

I. Welcome: In attendance were Amy Metz, Kim Hardtke, Janice Hubl, Andrea Rozman, Jamisen Sivak, Gary Kaul, Evan Hall, Mary Herzenstiel and Meg Pardee

II. Action Items:

A. Meeting minutes from the May 8 meeting were reviewed. Kim Hardtke motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Jamisen Sivak seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. In addition, **meeting minutes from the June 6 meeting were reviewed.** Jamisen Sivak motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Mary Herzenstiel seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Presentation of Proposed Budget 2018-2019: Andrea Rozman

The proposed budget for the current year was reviewed by Treasurer Andrea Rozman and items with significant change from prior years were addressed. A clerical change was indicated by Meg Pardee and Andrea Rozman to delete the \$1500 listed as a "Ways and Means carryover" as it should be reflected in the "Carryover for next year" line item.

Kim Hardtke made the motion to approve the budget as presented with the above change. Mary Herzenstiel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Ways and Means Committee: Kim Hardtke

Ms. Hardtke first requested volunteers for the Ways and Means Committee for the 2018-2019 year. The committee will be comprised of Jamisen Sivak, Janice Hubl and Andrea Rozman.

D. Ways and Means Requests: Kim Hardtke

Ms. Hardtke presented five requests for the board's consideration. As the committee had not yet been formed prior to the meeting, each request was considered by the entire group and voted on as a regular motion, without committee input.

First, Jordan Stoyek, Megan Aprile and Amy Quayle requested \$1200 for the Wolves Will program. This is a similar request to one made last year, for a program that is designed to purchase gift cards to reward students that demonstrate positive characteristics at CHS. T-shirts will also be purchased for staff members with approximately \$500 of the requested \$1200. The teachers reported that students responded positively to the program last year and that it is designed to strengthen relationships between the teachers and students. A motion to approve the request was made by Kim Hardtke and seconded by Amy Metz. The motion to grant the \$1200 request was approved unanimously.

Second, Carolyn Clarke requested \$500 to purchase items to be used as rewards for the PBIS (positive behavior interventions and support) program, which helps to improve social and behavioral progress of students with IEPs and, in certain settings, other students as well. These funds will go toward providing whole class rewards such as pizza parties, bagels and other items that will incentivize the students to improve behavior. The program is estimated to affect between 200-250 students. A motion to approve the request was made by Jamisen Sivak and seconded by Kim Hardtke. The request was approved unanimously.

Third, Ms. Clarke requested an additional \$75 to purchase snacks and water for the school social workers to use for students who are in need of extra support and or breaks that help to manage daily social/emotional needs. Ms. Clarke

estimates that these purchased items will benefit a minimum of 20 to 30 students throughout the year, and likely more. Ms. Hardtke reported that last year a similar request for \$150 to purchase personal hygiene items was approved by the group. A motion to approve the request was made by Kim Hardtke and seconded by Amy Metz. The request was approved unanimously.

Fourth, Brian Pierce submitted a request for \$204.00 to purchase gift cards to supply the School-Wide Stock Market challenge and the H&R Block Budget Challenge with gift cards used as prizes. Winning students will receive a \$25 gift card. In addition, \$24 of the request will purchase a book for use in Mr. Pierce's Personal Economics and Economics classes regarding the stock market crash. Ms. Hardtke noted that similar requests have been made by Mr. Pierce and approved in past years. Mr. Pierce estimates that the request will impact approximately 25 students total. A motion to approve the request was made by Kim Hardtke and seconded by Meg Pardee. The request was approved unanimously by the general membership in attendance.

Finally, a request was made by Chas Claus for \$150 to purchase American art prints for his classroom as well as an accompanying resource book. The set was produced by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Mr. Claus states that they will be a valuable history resource for his classroom. He estimates that approximately 30 students per year will be affected by the request. A motion to approve the request was made by Jamisen Sivak and seconded by Meg Pardee. The request was approved unanimously by the general membership in attendance.

III. Reporting Items:

A. Treasurer's Report: Andrea Rozman

See Financial Report and Bank Statement in meeting packet. Our checking account balance is \$12,634.85 and our cash balance is \$11,745.65. Our Ways and Means currently available balance is \$3694.65 (prior to today's approved requests).

B. Membership: Meg Pardee for Nancy Ritchey

We currently have 163 members, 39 of which are staff. The non-staff membership can be broken down into 42 senior parents, 41 junior parents, and 32 sophomore parents, and 9 uncategorized members. Meg reports that a table will be present at the upcoming open house with membership forms available.

C. Volunteers: No report

D. Web-site: Jamisen Sivak

Ms. Sivak reported that she will be updating the website, which will involve adding current minutes as they are provided, meeting agendas and financial statements each month, and that any other updates should be forwarded to her as they arise.

E. Advocacy: Mary Herzenstiel

Ms. Herzenstiel reported that the Michigan PTA Facebook page is active and providing useful information for our review. She indicated that a current controversial topic in the state involves the new social studies standards, which she encourages the group to review and possibly comment on through the MEA input process. This will be available until September 30th at www.mi.gov.mde, and allows for comments to be placed on the site for review. Next, Ms. Herzenstiel reported that a documentary, Backpack Full of Cash, about the privatization of America's schools, will be shown in Pontiac on September 13 at 5:30. The film is narrated by Matt Damon. The location for the screening is 1 South Saginaw, Pontiac. Finally, she reported that the Clarkston Champions will be hosting a "behind the scenes" tour in Lansing of the state legislative offices and facilities, including scheduled meetings with state government officials. Student Evan Hall is planning to participate, and possibly CHS student Nathan Clark as well.

F. Reflections: Jamisen Sivak

This year's theme for the Reflections competition is "Heroes Around Me." Ms. Sivak reports that she has checked on the impact of withdrawing from the MI PTA on the Reflections entries, and that if PTA membership is no longer in place, any submitted entries would not be eligible for consideration.

G. Kroger Community Rewards: Meg Pardee

Ms. Pardee reports that the quarterly Kroger check will be forthcoming shortly.

H. Health and Wellness: Amy Metz

Ms. Metz reports that two Clarkston For Life book studies are upcoming, the first based on Shawn Achor's The Happiness Advantage, to take place at the Clarkston Library on September 24 and 26 at 7:00 pm and 10:30 am, respectively. The second book study is based on Brene Brown's Daring Greatly, and will take place on October 29 at 7:00 pm, also at the Clarkston Library. Ms. Metz also reported that on September 11 Calvary Lutheran Church hosted a suicide prevention seminar, and this will be followed by a suicide awareness walk, "Out of the Darkness," taking place in downtown Detroit on September 29. The school district is considering arranging for transportation for interested students to the September 29 event. Two "Real Talk" sessions will be taking place on October 25 and 26, hosted by teachers from CHS and taking place at the local Methodist church and attended by Clarkston High School students and staff. In addition, a "Drugs 101" seminar will take place on October 30th, and a "Teen Mindfulness/Meditation" session will take place on Saturday, September 22nd at 10:00 am at Holistic Harmony on Dixie Hwy.

I. Principal's Report: Gary Kaul

Homecoming Week will take place beginning October 1st this year, culminating with the football game on Friday, October 5th and Homecoming dance on Saturday, October 6th.

Student count day and picture re-take day will take place that same week on Wednesday, October 3rd.

Senior meetings occurred in the PAC on Tuesday September 11th.

The CHS Open House is scheduled to take place on Wednesday September 12th with a parent meeting beginning at 5:30 in the PAC, followed by classroom sessions taking place from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Paying for College Night will also take place on Tuesday, September 11th in the PAC beginning at 6:30.

Roofing and electrical work continue, and the bond-supported portions of the school renovation are expected to take place in the summer of 2019.

The school store will open September 12th.

All CHS employees are receiving the ALICE training which prepares teachers and staff to effectively respond in an active shooter situation within the school.

J. President's Report: Meg Pardee

IV. New Business:

A. Changes to Career Day: Kim Hardtke

Ms. Hardtke reported that changes will be made to the career day format this year. It will be presented to 10th graders instead of 11th graders, and will be combined with the "career cruising" program in order to give students better direction in choosing which presentations to attend. Students will be attending the program through their respective

ELA classes instead of Economics, which will create higher attendance at the individual speaker's presentations. The Career Technical Education program and Oakland Schools are providing additional support and speakers.

B. Student Representatives: Meg Pardee

Ms. Pardee reported that additional student representatives are being sought for the PTSA board. It was suggested that Brooke Larkin is a possible sophomore class representative.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Amy Metz
Clarkston High School PTSA Secretary