

Central PTSA Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019, 7 p.m.

BCSD Central Office Building

Attendance: Emily Minerva, Natalie Pincus, Alissa Chilson, Maranne McDade Clay, Tara Minor, Stacia Rush, Deborah Pulley, Wende Domm, Kelsey Rinella, Daniel Goldman, Dr. Tom Hall, Stephanie Bush, Denise Kotalik, Sangita Patel, Heather Coyne, Leslie Seltzer, Jen Allen, Christina Lee

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

I. Secretary's Report

Approval of March Minutes:

Motion: Alissa Chilson; seconded by Tara Minor; Approved as written.

Snack Reminder – May is CRPS

II. Building Reports

FRES:

- Discussion of cuts – Challenger Program is ending (over \$10,000 for all classes), as well as Stream Study. A new teacher position is being eliminated. Some specials will change. Smithsonian Kits were already purchased, so that will replace some of these things.
- Low attendance at Meet the Principal meetings, so March one was canceled. Plan is for virtual Q&A, with questions sent in for Dr. Rioux to answer in electronic form.
- Family movie night: less crowded, but a nicer situation. Mr. McVey, the librarian, spoke before the movie and he was given lemon-shaped cushions for the library. Next Movie Night is for 3rd grade transition.
- FRES Teacher Appreciation lunch, May 10 (Harry Potter theme), during Teacher Appreciation week.

BHS:

- March 1 Ham Jam – well attended – (on YouTube channel)
- March 11th – Vocal prism concert in the BHS gymnasium – (on YouTube channel)
- March 13 Spring Athletic Parent Meeting
- March 19 BHS & SPED Meeting with the Principal, Navigating College Choices for Atypical Students. 3 panelists from 3 colleges, challenges for kids with IEPs or 504s. Sleep hygiene was discussed. Should kid wait a year, structured Gap Years, etc.? Fodder for more conversations. Meeting can be found on YouTube. Start having kids go to college nights as

9th graders? College recruiters are there to discuss realities of college, might be helpful rather than waiting until junior year.

- March 26, 3:30 Springfest Meeting
- March 29 – Galaxy hosted “Soiree” – (on YouTube channel)
- Lots of energy right now around continuing blue ribbon theme through Springfest – committee has been meeting to plan special events for Springfest 2019.
- Planning also continues for Bash, Senior Bus Trip, and Quinlisk Reading Lunch before the end of the year.

Upcoming dates / events

- April 12 Building Chairs meeting with Tom Hall
- April 23rd Meeting with the Principal, Topic Mental Health and Exams.
- BASH: Pleas for kids to pay, only 25 kids have bought tickets so far. Student Council to make a plea to students. Price increases on May 1. Lots of volunteers needed. Thursday, May 23rd.

TCMS:

March/early April Events

- The 3rd and final activity nights were held for the Gr 6 and Gr 7 classes.
- Gr 7 class trip to Washington DC went smoothly.
- Gr 8 French Trip went well and the kids had lots of winter fun!

Upcoming Events

- April Meeting with the Principal will be Wed 4/24 7pm. Topic is Surviving Middle School: Vaping & Screen Time. We have 3 doctors coming to present on the topics.
- TCMS Talent Show will be held 4/25.
- Last activity night for the Gr 8 class will be held at BHS on 5/3.
- TCMS Staff Appreciation lunch will be held on 5/7. It will be a Harry Potter theme.
- The Gr 8 German and Spanish trips are coming up in May.

CRPS:

- We hosted an Extracurricular Activities Fair on March 5 (rescheduled from Jan 30), hosting over 30 community organizations to share information on various opportunities for school age children. It was very successful and well attended by over 30 parents. We shared a contact list of resources with all CRPS families following the event and plan to host again next year.
- Kindergarten/New Student Registration was held March 7 & 9, with PTSA volunteers assisting.
- Two of our Open Houses/Ice Cream Socials (for kindergarten and first grade) were held last week and second grade’s event is this Thursday, 4/11, 6-7:30pm. Thank you to the parents, Helping Hands volunteers and Board of Education members who graciously volunteer for these events!

- CRPS will be a water station for the Race for Missing and Exploited Children. Students will cheer on runners as they stop for a water break. We have been a cheering station in past years and it is a fun event for the students.
- Field trips for all grades will be coming up this spring: Kindergarteners go to Highland Park, First Graders go to Tinker Park, and Second Graders go to Mendon Ponds.
- CRPS celebrates Earth Week this year with the theme of Air. Students will do experiments and projects addressing the theme and attend an assembly by Wild Wings. The following week families will have the opportunity to send in donations to benefit Wild Wings.
- Fun Food Friday was held on March 15. Dates were handed out to students interested in tasting them. This month's volunteers will facilitate the tasting of apples.
- We are actively recruiting for next year's building chairs and implementing use of the PTSA Committee Chair Guide.
- We received the video of our Let's Chat Meeting in conjunction with SPED from November on the topic of Independence in Children. It will be posted online for anyone interested.
- Planning is underway for Bike/Walk to School Week (May 13-17) and Staff Appreciation Luncheon (May 17) with an Alice in Wonderland/Mad Hatter Tea Party theme.
- We would like to host a Fall Welcome Picnic for families in late September/early October to increase PTSA outreach and engagement with a broader range of families and build a greater sense of community. Given the construction at CRPS and the planning required for this larger new event, we will use next year as a planning year and target Fall 2020 as the launch date.
- Meeting with The Principal is May 14; topic is transition to FRES.

SPED:

- BHS/SPED Meeting on planning for college for students with different needs was held on 3/19. It was well attended and families seemed happy about the topic.
- SPED will be hosting Staff Appreciation Luncheon for Building and Grounds on May 1.

III. Bylaws

Two Proposals to be voted on today:

a) Officers' Terms:

Current Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, c.:

"Officers shall assume their official duties on July 1 and *shall serve for a term of two years* or until a successor is elected.

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Motion made: Kelsey Rinella; Seconded: Sangita Patel

Vote: Yay: 16, Nay: 0

Bylaw amendment approved unanimously.

b) Notice of Nominating Committee Report:

Current Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3, e.:

“The nominating committee shall present its report at the regular meeting of the association in April at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. The report of the nominating committee will be published *one month* prior to the meeting.”

Proposed Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3, e.:

“The nominating committee shall present its report at the regular meeting of the association in April at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. The report of the nominating committee will be published *two weeks* prior to the meeting.

Motion Made: Maranne McDade Clay; Seconded: Deborah Pulley

Vote: Yay: 14; Nay: 2

Bylaw Amendment Approved

IV. New Business

- Discussion of attendance at meetings. Maranne suggested recording meetings to make them more public. Kelsey explained that Dr. Rioux likes interacting with parents as they are doing a project, like Foodlink. Further discussion of PTSA doing more community service type meetings to bring people together. Deborah read East House thank-you letter to board and suggested doing something bigger for the community. Helping grow libraries in city schools? Or books for home for kids in city? Grassroots committee?
- Life Membership Award: Deborah says committee picked 9 honorees; speeches will be shortened to ensure smooth ceremony.
- GVPTA encouraging people to get more involved. Deborah has been nominated for a board position.
- Nominating Committee: Recommends Sangita Patel for PTSA President and Tara Minor for Secretary.
- Spring Spirit Wear: baseball caps, t-shirts, rain jacket, hoodie, half- zip, polo shirt, jersey knit shorts, umbrella.
- PTSA Budget Presentation April 12, Noon-1:30 p.m.

- Meet the Board of Education Candidates Night, May 9, 7-8 p.m. – televised, recorded.
- Election Day – no PTSA volunteer election tellers, it is now going to be done by Monroe County workers.
- Fundraising Committee: Alissa suggests PTSA members active in the various buildings sit on the committee.

V. Treasurer's Report

- Ice cream social reimbursements not paid yet.
- Movie night also needs reimbursement.
- 3 small Ice Cream Socials at TCMS with Brewsters.
- Budget Committee: need members to work on budget for next year. Will send out an email to put together a budget.

VI. Dr. Hall Vaping Presentation

- Dab pen use in school: assumed to contain THC. School has kits to test substance. Violation calls for 5-day suspension, Superintendent's hearing, drug testing, entering a program, etc. Four or five kids have been suspended for drug related offenses. Part of concern is that dab pens provide significantly higher potency than a marijuana joint. Dr. Hall showed paraphernalia.
- Discussion of Youth Risk Assessment Data:
 - 2.1 million middle and high school students are vaping according to national data.
 - 11% of students admitted to smoking cigarettes, but 28% said they had vaped at least once.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m. at Central Office.

Meeting adjourned 8:53 p.m.

Budget 2018-2019 - April 2019

Fundraising Projection

School Pictures: \$7,000 (\$7,596.45)

Calendar Sales: \$8,000 (\$7,969.46)

Spirit Wear: \$4,000 (\$2,383.66)

Art Sale: \$1,200

FRES Movie Night: \$800 (\$1,452.72)

Ice Cream Socials: \$1,500 (\$1,393.37)

Book Fairs: \$1,000 (\$1,334.47)

Community Fundraisers: \$1,500

 Food Truck Rodeo: (\$1,171.54)

 Amazon Smile: (\$101.72)

 Qdoba: (\$482.46)

Total: \$25,200 (\$23,885.85)

Checking: \$33,604.26

Savings: \$22,258.30

Class Accounts: '23: \$4,000.71 '24: \$4,131.93 '25: \$2,001.76

Obligations & Allocations

Hardship Grants: \$10,000 – (CRPS: \$2000, FRES: \$2248, TCMS: \$2552, BHS: \$3200)

Author Visits: \$3,000 (\$3,000)

Membership Dues: \$3,200 (\$1,957.00)

Building Funds: \$1,650 - BHS \$600 (\$437.08), TCMS \$300 (\$72.92), FRES \$300 (\$47.10), CRPS \$300 (\$52.00), SPED \$150

Grants: \$4,000 (\$2,447.16)

Central PTSA: \$400

- Donations/Sunshine (\$75)
- BOE Appreciation Night (\$200 to Brighton Food Cupboard)
- Miscellaneous (\$328.98)

Fun Food Friday/Tasty Tuesday: \$550

- FRES: \$300
- CRPS: \$250 (\$82.31)

Staff Appreciation: \$1500 (\$2 per person) BHS: \$283.13, SPED: \$115.48

Scholarship: \$1000

Life Membership Awards & Ceremony: \$700 (\$495)

Retirement Gifts: \$550

Software: \$500

Postage: \$225

Printing: \$300

Bank Fees: \$250 (\$35)

Tax Prep: \$500 (\$500)

Insurance: \$900

Total: \$29,225 (\$20,128.16)