

NCHS PTSA General Meeting January 13, 2022 at 8:00 pm via Zoom
Minutes

Attendees:

Lisa Crittenden, President
Stephanie Doersam, Senior Banners
Genny Furley, Communications
Erin Bezek, Secretary
Susan Carter, Prom Breakfast
Simone Tesheira, Treasurer
Kim Bixler, Vice President
Grace Ellis
Laurese Hale
Jennifer Hartlove Shaffer
Michelle Mills
Andrea James
Mr.Fowlkes

Welcome & Introductions at 8:03

Lisa thanked everyone for all the great teamwork this year.

Principal's Representative Report- Mr Fowlkes

- Covid Update-There are approximately 20 teachers out due to covid-No major staffing issues currently, many were able to quarantine over winter break.
- Other high schools in the area are sending out daily covid updates. NCHS parents expressed a desire to have these updates as well. Mr. Fowlkes is going to talk to Mr. Jefferson and work with the new attendance secretary to try and get this communication going.
- AACPS is prepared to go virtual but is doing their best not to shut down. If 5% of the student body tests positive the health department will be consulted on staying open vs going virtual.
- Teachers are in good spirits and doing well with the constantly changing guidelines.
- New guidelines regarding absences are being given to schools. Keeping your child home because of concern over rising covid numbers is not an excused absence but there is a legal debate going on regarding this subject. NCHS will do their best to work with parents on this issue (being out 2-3 days would be reasonable, 2-3 weeks would not). If you have concerns please contact administration.
- Parents expressed concern about the impact to grades for students who have to be out due to covid. Mr. Fowlkes reported that grades are to be frozen while the student is out and there is no penalty for missed work. Students will have 10 days to make that work up once they return to school.
- Mr. Fowlkes acknowledged everyone's frustration with Brightspace.
- Parents should reach out to their student's teachers and counselors if their student is struggling.
- Scheduling for next year is being done online during the next couple of weeks. Reach out to Ms. Thomas if help is needed.

- There is a Virtual Academy, however it is a separate school with it's own staffing. Parents cannot just opt their child in at any time. You must apply and be accepted at the beginning of the year.
- Juniors will be taking the SAT on 3/23. As of now, Mr. Fowlkes has not heard about any changes to that schedule. Check with your child's counselor if you have questions. You can also contact Ms. Nicole Trigg.
- The link for student testing locations that was recently sent doesn't work. That is being fixed.
- Mr. Fowlkes thanked the PTSA for everything they do for the students and teachers at NCHS.

Minutes from last meeting-approved with corrections

Treasurer's Report-updated through 1/11/22

- Report reviewed- General account \$6,528.14, Prom Breakfast account \$5,126.25
- No questions asked-report approved

Committee Reports

After Prom Breakfast (APB)-

- Upcoming fundraisers:
 - 12/1 Mod Pizza
 - 1/8/22 Value Village drive-we get paid by the pound.
 - Craft and Vendor fair
 - 1/24/22 Panera in Glen Burnie
 - Save your receipts from Glory Days the entire month of February
 - 3/19/22 Italia's Corner Cafe
- The Donation request letter has been finalized and given to committee members to approach businesses to request donations of money or swag.
- Prom Venues: The school gym has been reserved as a back up plan. (Arcade theme). We have a quote from Hoyts from 11pm-2am and a quote from AMF Southwest Bowling. All three options will be given to administration for approval. Approved choices will then be given to the students to make the final decision.
- Help is always needed and appreciated! Contact Carter_Susan@verizon.net if you want to help.
- Make sure your background check is completed if you would like to help. Also, make sure you are a member of the PTSA for liability purposes.
- 4/2/22 Elvaton Baptist Church is doing a free prom dress giveaway. We are looking into getting \$40 off coupons for tuxes from Men's Warehouse as well.

Banners-

- 145 banners have been hung around NCHS. 6 more have been paid for. The last deadline to order is 1/31/22. The goal is to make enough to cover the scholarships. Stephanie will ask Mr. Fowlkes to send out a notice just before the deadline.
- Do we want to sell yard signs this year? A few people have asked but not a lot. We may not make much money on them. Will discuss in February.

Craft & Vendor Fair-

- The Craft and Vendor Fair was small but successful. Looking into an outdoor event in the spring, likely on 4/2/22.

Hospitality-

- Contact Sheryl if you want to help

Membership-

- 85 total memberships. 8 NCHS staff, the rest are parents and students.

Old Business

Committee Vacancies

- Fundraising

New Business

Hispanic Outreach Event

- Held 12/14, Potluck for Spanish speaking students and families. Very Well attended. Food was amazing! Goal of the event was unity and they expect to host more of these events throughout the year. Carol Quezada will be the liaison between the PTSA and the Spanish speaking community.

Scholarships

- Online application (google form).
- 3-5 people are needed for the nominating committee. Underclass parents are needed for the scholarship committee. Lisa will chair the committee. Bethany, Jen and Andrea all volunteered to serve on the committee .
- Application will be updated for this year. Volunteer time question needs to be clearer. Would also like to include a question about the number of years the student has attended NCHS to include more military families.
- PTSA membership due date is 1/31/22 to be eligible for this scholarship.
- Due date for application is 4/18/22 in order to be able to announce the winners at the Senior Awards Ceremony on 5/19/22.
- Will advertise the scholarship though email, website, ConnectEd messages and will share with counselors to recommend to students.
- Two \$1,00 AACPTA Scholarships are also available for students to apply for. Lisa will send out an email with the information.

Meeting concluded at 9:25.