

NCHS PTSA General Meeting February 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm via Zoom
Minutes

Attendees:

Lisa Crittenden, President
Genny Furley, Vice President
Erin Bezek, Secretary
Stephanie Doersam, Senior Banners
Cindy Atkinson
Grace Ellis
Andrea James
Jamenise Walker
Mr. Fowlkes
Bethany Spore
Judy Van Horne
Caleb James
Kathy Baker

Welcome & Introductions @7:05pm

Minutes from January meeting reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

- General checking account current through 2/2/23-\$12,667.17
- After Prom Account-current through 2/2/23 - \$2,002.37
- Treasurer's report was approved.
- Lisa and Susan met and went over budget numbers.
- Maryland Fundraising Notice was submitted.

Principal's Report- Mr Fowlkes

- 3/1 is last date to order cap and gowns. Notice will go out to remind seniors to get their orders in.
- PSat is being held in March or April. There will be a 3 hour delay for students not taking the test. Seniors should use that day to do college visits.
- New football coach has been hired. Officer Ron Gamble is our SRO and new football coach.
- Working on getting information out to seniors regarding graduation and speakers at graduation.
- Concentra-works with students to assist students who have issues with attendance.
- We are not going back to having a 2nd flex period.
- Question regarding bullying video at Severna Park. Parent expressed concern that unity day isn't being promoted enough. We have 3 unity days built into our calendar. Our unity days are often part of our spirit weeks. We have one of the top unified sports programs and have just received an award for this. North County is a very diverse school and makes a lot of effort to promote unity but there is always room for improvement. PTSA will try to help advertise future unity days.
- Is there something similar to parent connect messages that could be sent to students? NCHS does have announcements and things can be promoted through those.
- Dr. Bedell's be present initiative-excelled idea. Will have the community ambassador reach out to our faith based community to see if we can bring some people together to discuss this. Volunteers are always a great idea, but we find that it is hard to get people to come in and volunteer. Being in the school building will give volunteers a great understanding of what is actually happening in schools and why things are being done or requested. School is not the same as it was 20 years ago. Our new

business manager can help sign people in properly as volunteers. Mr. Fowlkes will talk to Ms. Brown about making signups easier and more welcoming.

- A parent commented that T hallway can be scary, kids congregate there to skip. Her student changed his elective to avoid that environment. Concern was expressed that students might skip classes held in that hallway to avoid the environment. Mr. Fowlkes noted there are a couple areas where there aren't cameras and students congregate there. Teachers try to man those areas during transitions, but they are aware that cameras, or even mirrors, are needed for those areas. Mr. Fowlkes is going to bring this up again with our advocates to see what can be done to improve the situation.

Old Business

New Business

Pam Beidle is initiating a bill to allow students who are participating in virtual academy to participate in athletics and extracurricular activities at their home school. Current law states you can only participate in athletics at the school you are registered for.

Committee Reports

- Banners – Stephanie
 - The link to order is no longer active but you can still pay for a banner you already ordered.
 - 185 banners have been paid for this year so far.
 - Stephanie will need someone to take over banners next year as her student is graduating.
- Membership-
 - 135 members currently
- Craft & Vendor Fair – Beth Hancock
 - March 25, 2023
 - Lisa reported a lot of payments have been coming through. More information will be available next month.
- After Prom – Lisa & Genny
 - Community hiring event at school 3/29-afterprom to provide concessions.
 - Proposed changes to after prom account: Lowering expectations for bull roast and moving the venue back to school so our only venue expense would be custodial fees. Entertainment budget will increase by \$1000. This would make our fundraising requirements less. We will need to raise close to \$6,000 to meet the current budget. After Prom committee meets next week. Proposed changes will be discussed further after that meeting.
 - Bull Roast-4/14 is available at Ferndale Fire Hall. 7-11 is the anticipated time frame.
- Scholarships – Lisa
 - Applications are being received.
 - Will advertise through email and social media again.
 - Lisa will reach out to find out how to have it listed in Naviance.
 - Deadline is April 12, 2023
- Fundraising
 - Check out Ledo's, Bubba's, Texas Road House, Buffalo Wild Wings, Italia's Corner Cafe
 - We now have an Instagram page where we are also advertising our fundraising efforts.

Upcoming Events

Greene Turtle Dining for Dollars (After Prom Fundraiser) – February 8th Need to show electronic or paper flier to receive credit Arundel Mills Location-looking for some student help to put up fliers around the school-Email Lisa if interested.

Chipotle – March 7th 4-8 pm

Spring Craft & Vendor Fair – March 25th

Meeting adjourned at 8:31

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