

North County High School PTSA

General Meeting Minutes

Thu, Oct 7, 2021 @ 7:00pm via Zoom

Members Present:

Atkinson, Cindy	Ellis, Carin
Baer, Shelley	Ellis, Grace
Bixler, Kim	Furley, Genny
Carter, Susan	Hale, Laurese
Crittenden, Lisa	James, Andrea
Cullum, Tricia	McLaughlin, Renee
Doersam, Stephanie	

Guests Present: Ricardo Quinteras, Mr. Fowlkes, Mrs. Bange

Welcome & Introductions: Meeting started @ 7:05pm

Guest Speaker: Ricardo Quinteras, Admissions Officer Contact Info: requinteros@aacc.edu

- Enrolling for Winter/Spring soon
- Early Access College program req: 16 years old, 2.0 GPA
- Provides ½ price tuition, credits transfer to MD state universities
- Appx 50% of winter classes expected to hybrid (at least 1 day on campus)
- Contact Info: requinteros@aacc.edu

Principal's Report: Representative for Principal - Mr. Fowlkes

- Twilight School information went out. Starts 10/18, registration is limited, but it is free this year. Credit recovery for required classes.
- Pep Rally / Homecoming game 10/8. Pep Rally during school hours @ the stadium. Homecoming game is versus Glen Burnie. Request that parents pick up their children ASAP after the game to avoid students gathering/hanging out. **PTSA will make a Facebook post.**
- Parent/Teacher conferences – awaiting info from the AACPS. Expecting that this will be a Connect Ed message that parents check their students grades in Power School and be aware, unlikely to have official interims.
- Picture day – no date as yet, notices will go out. **Update – Picture Days are 10/14-10/15**
- Newsletters not going out or being received. Mr. Fowlkes will follow up with administration. Possible that the large contact tracing efforts are causing issues here.
- Bus issues – NCHS not affected as badly as southern county schools. Added 2 new buses to help with congestions issues.

- Students being marked late – with traffic congestion, if students are marked late in the morning classes, they should see their administrator. Most teachers are giving a 20-minute leeway.
- Construction – Construction is being done in one of the main hallways for COVID HVAC updates. The construction moves as it is completed and has been causing a crowding issue in already crowded hallways. This is a known issue, and the school is working on a new logistics plan to assist. The worst construction blocks should be completed in a few weeks.

After Prom Breakfast: Kim Bixler and Susan Carter

- After Prom Breakfast team has been meeting, but senior parents are welcome to join. If interested, please make sure your PTSA membership is current and send contact info to After Prom Co-Chairs Susan Carter (Junior parent), sncarte@yahoo.com and Kim Bixler (Senior parent) bixlerdog@cablespeed.com.
- Proposed After Prom Breakfast 2021/2022 Budget has been submitted.
- Approved After Prom Breakfast FUNDRAISERS:
 - Linthicum Community Fair - occurred on Sept. 25. After 20% donation, we raised \$700.80
 - Dunkin' & Baskin fundraiser - occurred Oct. 6; We raised \$166.
 - Italia's Corner Cafe - Occurs Oct 28, 4-9pm.
- Communication with Senior Class Co-Advisors - we have been communicating with the Class of 2022 co-advisors, Ms. Cammuse and Ms. Poynter. Class officers have been elected (with the exception of a secretary which they will hold re-elections for that position later this month). They are looking at 4 prom venues, and scheduling tours with these venues for this week and next week. They are looking at May 7th, 14th or 21st for prom dates. (May 7th is a last resort because of Mother's Day)

Senior Banners: Stephanie Doersam

- 1st round of banners (96) ordered. 3–4-week turnaround
- Expect a large 2nd order after the first round go up at the school

Craft & Vendor Fair: Lisa Crittenden

- Cannot do the event at the school. Ferndale Fire Hall very expensive
- Need a chairperson to run this and check out other possible venues

Hospitality: Susan Carter

- Back to School breakfast – parents were very generous with their donations; teachers & staff were very appreciative.
- Sheryl Parks made bags for bus drivers, health room, and crossing guards with the extra items, parents helped hand them out. They were very appreciative as well.

Membership: Lisa Crittenden

- 58 members at this time
- Mr. Fowlkes will send a flyer out via connect ed if we send to him. Would also like it in Spanish to include those families

Budget: Simone Tesheira & Lisa Crittenden

- After Prom budget approved. Will make necessary grouping adjustments, but the total funds and expenses will remain the same.
- General fund budget voted on and approved.
 - Amount of budgeted membership funds may need to be adjusted
 - Amount of budgeted income from Craft/Vendor fair may need to be adjusted
- **Any budget changes will be voted on before they are official**

Old Business: Lisa Crittenden & Genny Furley

- Trunk or Treat – PTSA was invited to join the Chick Fil A Trunk or Treat held on 10/27 from 5-7pm at the Nursery Road / Linthicum CFA. Genny Furley and Carin Ellis have donated the candy and will setup and hand out candy for the PTSA

New Business: Various

- Vacancies that we need to fill with PTSA volunteers:
 - Craft & Vendor fair (Tricia Cullum volunteered, Lisa will contact)
 - Fundraising (Tricia also volunteered to help with this)
 - Membership
 - Scholarship Committee – non-senior parents needed
- AACPS is showing (virtually) the mental health and wellness films discussed last year. **Update - Connect Ed link/notice went out 10/8**
- Updated guidance on gift cards donated to / purchased by PTSA. Info will be passed onto the PTSA Board members

Meeting ended @ 8:25pm. Next meeting is Nov 4th @ 7pm via Zoom.