

PTSCO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 · 5:30 – 6:30pm

Meeting Notes 8/23/23:

Attendees: Cristina Garcia-Glover, Kate Helfer, Maureen Chapman, Danielle Gryzmala, Paola Teegarden, Elizabeth Masarik, Tava Shanchuk, Anthony Marshall, Maihi Uddin, Amanda Kulinski, Angela Hannah, Carlie Todoro-Rickus, Mau Tripp, Rebecca Gandour, Rosaleen Nogle, Molly Joslyn, John Dorn, Tracy Rosenhahn, Bill Kresse, Ellen Farrell

Call to order at 5:34pm.

Old Business/Past Events:

- Class of 2027 Moving up Day Ceremony & Luncheon
 - Advise that Meg (2028 Class Rep) should check in with Kresse and Mr. Sharatt to start talking about this event.
- Graduation:
 - Maureen collected 30 gowns after graduation as part of a re-use program
 - Brainstorm how to support and expand this gown collection program
- Anything else?
 - Carlie: The fundraiser for the senior class is the Talent Show. Would like to get more parent involvement and make more money for the class
 - Maureen and Mau are the Class Reps for 2024.
 - Kresse: Moving up day was great. He needs to get Mr. Sharatt more help so Kresse is forming an 8th grade teacher council to assist. Agrees with more parental involvement for the Talent Show. Had a few hiccups at Graduation but have fixes for next year.
- New Business/Upcoming Events
 - **Events Confirmed:**
 - **September 7th - Staff Back to School appreciation breakfast.** Committee chair: Matt Low matt.low@crowleywebb.com
 - Looking for donations & volunteers- List in recent Hilltop notes
 - **September 22 - Back to School Food Truck Night.** Molly Hulbin and Amanda Kulinski (2027 parents) will help Cristina
 - All food trucks confirmed: Dirty Bird, Coyote Cafe, The Yummm Sweets and Snack Truck, Cheesy Chick
 - Clubs/Sports/After-School Groups will have informational tables in the Atrium
 - Needs volunteers for the PTSCO Table. Need new blood and need to advertise to the school. Want this to be team building and collaborative. If you have an idea, please send to Cristina, cgarcia4268@gmail.com
 - **10/27/23: Tentative Date - Haunted Locker and Ice Scream Social**
 - No date planned. 5th and 6th grade class reps plan this event.

- Kresse said there is funding for this specific event for faculty to chaperone and provide support.
 - Want to have Middle School Faculty at Haunted Lockers.
- PTSCO usually buys the ice cream and candy for Student Council kids to hand out in the lockers.
- Molly Joslyn and John Dorn volunteered but not to chair the event
 - Molly.b.joslyn@gmail.com
 - meszaroscolleen@gmail.com
- **December 13th - Winter Bazaar.** Committee Chairs: Jennifer Cox <cox.jennifer@gmail.com> and Kate Sellers <katetrey@verizon.net>
 - Seasonal shopping event for the kids at school. Shopping center set up by different clubs and organizations to sell items at.
 - Grade level parents each host a table. Please think about what kids would like to buy.
 - Add to the next agenda to discuss what each class/clubs will sell so there's no duplication.
 - Ideally try to get donations but PTSCO may provide funds as a loan and then deducted from net profits
 - Reminder, 5/6 grade will make some money at Ice Scream Social that can be used to buy items for this event.
 - Need a parent rep at each level and additional volunteers from each class so certain classes aren't missing out
- **May 7th- Staff appreciation breakfast.** Committee chair: Matt Low <matt.low@crowleywebb.com>
- **Class of 2028 update**
 - Dance #1 semi formal January 19, 2024
 - Dance #2 spring fling May 10, 2024
 - Meg Marshall: Yes this will be 7th and 8th grade. Class 2029 will help with the events (Class reps are Kate, Tava, Molly and Jillian)
 - Discussed Halls, DJs and prices
 - **Future of Moving Up Day:** Location, cost, etc.
 - **2028 Class Hoodies:** May want to consider a design contest and will be looking for parents to help coordinate this with Mr. Sharatt
 - **Camp Pathfinder:** PTSCO supports CHS attending. Huge event. Need sufficient help from class of 2028 and PTSCO.
- **Vacant Officers Roles:**
 - Secretary, VP positions need to be filled immediately.
 - VP: Act as a liaison to the president, money/communication tasks, not a very demanding role.
 - Treasurer spot will be vacant after the school year of 2024.
 - Instructions and guidance will be provided for all positions.
 - Also need grade level parent reps

- Please volunteer!
 - Danielle Gryzmala is the Parent Engagement Liaison and wants to support getting more parents involved. dgrzymala@buffaloschools.org
- **Reviewed 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule: Schedule and Hybrid Model**
 - WED OCT 11 2023: 5:30 – 6:30 pm (Virtual): Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/usa-urwd-xnn>
 - WED NOV 8, 2023: 5:30 – 6:30 pm (In-Person) City Honors LGI ROOM
 - WED DEC 6, 2023: 5:30 – 6:30 pm (Virtual) Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/usa-urwd-xnn>
 - WED JAN 10, 2023: 5:30 – 6:30 pm (In-Person) City Honors LGI ROOM
 - TUE FEB 13, 2024 **** NOTE THIS MEETING IS ON A TUESDAY****
5:30 – 6:30 pm: (Virtual) Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/usa-urwd-xnn>
 - WED MAR 13 2024: 5:30 – 6:30 pm: (In-Person) City Honors LGI ROOM
 - WED APR 10 2023: 5:30 – 6:30 pm (Virtual) Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/usa-urwd-xnn>
 - WED MAY 8, 2024: 5:30 – 6:30 pm: (In-Person) City Honors LGI ROOM
 - WED JUN 12, 2024: 5:30 – 6:30 pm: (Virtual) Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/usa-urwd-xnn>
- **Update from Administration - Dr. Kresse**
 - Back to school packets being mailed soon
 - Great news, City Honors received funding from Buffalo to pay for staff to attend/chaperone/support 4 events. Back to school celebration and ice cream socials. Makes it easier to get help. Will canvas staff.
 - Repairs and enhancements have and continue to be done on the campus
 - BPS funded \$5.5M for the interior of the school (special needs, cloud ceilings, electrical and systems work). Auditorium has all new electrical and rigging systems and some lighting on the stage. Bids go out in September. State has approved all the plans for this
 - Ms. McDow back fulltime
 - Athletics: There has been a disconnect between families getting the physicals and questionnaire completed and that info getting reviewed and cleared by nurse before sending to a coach.
 - New staff members are coming on board. District allowed staff to hire an additional Spanish teacher and a PT reading coach. Full list of teachers in back-to-school packet
 - Orientation for new 9th graders: Actually, happens in May. New 9th graders and their parents spend two hours at the school and then students shadow for the day in May. Ms. Hannah offers this for late assigned students. If you could not attend orientation, please contact Ms. Hannah (ahannah@buffaloschools.org)
- **No Update from Student Council:**
 - No update as school has not started. Will make sure Mr. Shararrt has meeting dates.
- **Update from DPCC - Bob Roeder (could not attend)**
 - Representative for CHS
 - Will attend DPCC meetings and provide updates to PTSCO

- Update from Danielle Gryzmala:
 - What is the DPCC? The District Parent Coordinating Council. Every school has a rep and an alternate that attends every meeting. Also, the district has 6 parent groups that are district approved. You may want to do research on what group you'd like to be included in.
- Danielle attended all the meetings. The last meeting of 22/23 was about athletics. Some favoritism of some sports over others. Discussion to continue. Going into this year, Health and Wellness and Restorative Justice will be the focus. Goal is that all schools will have salad bars. Also working to create a food commissary: create culturally relevant fresh food.
- Buffalo Parent Teach Organization (BPTO): Suspension, Wellness and Food
- **Update from SBMT:** Carlie Todoro-Rickus and Danielle Gryzmala
 - What is SBMT: School Based Management Team. Driven by Associate Principal, Tandy Hamilton. Talk about logistics and the business of running the school for events that happen at school. More teachers attend this meeting.
 - East Side Coalition to interact with the community. Danielle has gotten Denise Bar from Fruit Belt Coalition to attend these meetings as well.
 - Cristina will start attending these meetings once she gets the dates and will be able to vote.
 - End of year work revolved around time change at school. Still no published time kids can be dropped off in the AM.
 - Kresse: Will be in the back-to-school packets. 7:30am is the new time. Will also have buffer time at the end of the day.
 - Anyone can attend these meetings, but only specific people have voting rights.
- **Pelion Garden Update - Caesandra Seawell** (could not attend but provided the below updates)
 - Caesandra would like to meet with 6th grade parent reps to discuss the Ice Scream Social
 - May combine garden club afternoons back into one afternoon again (as they did pre-Covid). Still working on which day of the week.
 - Still working on pinning down dates to host the 3 Sisters Potluck, a honey harvest demo, a Rot in Pieces/Worm Composting + Pumpkin Carving, and the final outdoor event of the year is a Cookie Exchange.
 - https://youtu.be/v3igV_alBHc?si=A5fMqnuBehgJBP1F
- **Miscellaneous Discussion/Notes:**
 - Transportation: NFTA and new 9th graders riding the buses and trains. Danielle worked with district on bus pass situation and the passes are still currently routed (limited) but she hopes to change that in the future. Passes will be handed out at the beginning of school year and they will tell students which buses they can ride home from school. Must be approved to use the train. Must be coordinated with security at school to make changes to that. Back to school packets also contain advice for families about metro for the first-time. Advice to parents is to take bus and actual route with them. Make sure to turn on location GPS tracking on their phones. Students will feel out of their comfort

zone especially if they have to transfer. Develops good life skills by using public transportation.

- Danielle Grzymala - Parent Engagement Liaison - call with any questions: 716-228-1195, dgrzymala@buffaloschools.org
- Anthony Marshall would like to volunteer for any setup or break down help and monitoring events. almarshall32@yahoo.com
- Meeting Ended: 6:51pm