

Minutes East Chapel Hill High PTSA Meeting Sept 3rd, 2019

Members Present: Elizabeth Welsby, Frederick Smith, Sheri Carmichael, Julie Slocum, Traci Adams, Shannon Grabowski, April Harrison, Mandeeo Bharia, Bindu Gill, Kalwadee Yung, Imelda Migaly, Rachael Di Santos, Yiwen Wang, Heather Albrecht, Chuck Albrecht, Alexandra Fleury, Bveverly Tyndall, Carol Miller, Brian Link, Linda Gilchrist, Michelle Varma, Kathryn Chan Bill Vincent, Peter Lutz, Mary Lutz, Ting Ting Chu, Sarah Tavoires, Francis Tavoires Juddy Mair, Raina Elsner, Leigh Copeland, Sue Sept, Meera Gowda, Laura Kline, Geriel Thornburg May, Greg Dixon, Ken Proux,

7:00pm Meeting call to Order

Business and Announcements

Elizabeth opened the meeting by introducing the 2019-2020 Board, SIT, Audit Committee, Eblast and Hospitality officers. The May minutes were presented for review and approved by Carol Miller and seconded by Brian Link

Principal Report

Mr. Proux opened with a short introduction of his background in education and his philosophy on being a “Service Leader” and then moved into his initiatives for this year. Last year he spent evaluating systems, procedures and the student experience at ECHHS and concluded that the number one predictor of student success is attendance. He has communicated to students, teachers and parents that they will focusing on attendance and have already implemented a new policy and procedure that prohibits students from being out of class without a pass from a teacher.

Mr. Proux then thanked the PTSA for funding the Racial Equity seminar led by consultant Tru Pettigrew. Teachers and Staff were able to receive training and discuss institutional biases and misconceptions, student focus groups shared their experiences and a group of teachers were chosen to implement a “ Starters Program” consisting of groups of peers beginning to work toward “restorative circles”.

During a brief Q&A Mr. Proux addressed the issues of the fighting and what actions have been taken to prevent future incidences. Students involved in these disruptions will meet with the school social worker, clinical welfare counselor and attend a 3 day off site Boomerang Program, an alternative option to out of school suspension.

Teachers Report

Mr. Link thanked the PTSA for their continued support on behalf of the ECHHS Faculty and Staff, funding the Equity Training seminar and the incredible spread of food every month. The teachers were particularly impressed by the new website and in awe of how easy it will be to track and submit expenses.

President Report

We have 210 PTSA members signed up with the goal of reaching 320 by the end of year and have raised 12k of our intended goal of 25K needed to fully fund our 2019-2020 budget. With such a healthy budget from last year, we were able to raise teacher discretionary fund from \$100 to \$120 and include non teaching staff such as the social worker, nurse and clinical welfare counselor.

Treasurer

Greg gave a presentation of all the bells and whistles with our new website. The new site has streamlined our reimbursement process and now members and teachers can easily access budgets, meeting minutes, volunteer opportunities, forms and a list of our upcoming events.

The audit committee completed their 4th quarter audit in July with the aim next year to carry over less money from year to year.

Member Chair

Elizabeth Introduced Yiwen Wang who will take over as Member Chair. She is looking forward to working hard to increase our membership among parents, teachers and students.

Hospitality Report

Hospitality is constantly trying to improve our teacher's work environment and started the year off with a "Welcome Back to School" lunch before the first week of school. Wednesday, they hosted a "Football Game Day" lunch and are planning a Moe's dinner for the Sept 19th ECHHS Open House. Hospitality needs and volunteer opportunities can be found on Facebook and in the Eblast.

Eblast Report

Mel was pleased to share that Lincoln Center provided our Eblast Administrators with the contact information for the parents and guardians of the current class. The Eblast has a 28% open rate and a bounce back rate of 5%. The deadline for weekly entries continues to be Friday @7pm.

Advocacy Report

Advocacy is a committee that is looking to present more programs that will engage the students. After the successful screening of "Screenagers", they are reviewing other issues such as gun safety, stress and anxiety and juling on campus.

8:30 pm-Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting will be Oct 1st.