

Minutes East Chapel Hill HighPTSA Meeting October 2nd, 2019

Members Present: Elizabeth Welsby, Gary Bird, Laura Philpot, Kathryn Chan, Greg Dixon, Anne Clark, Marissa Kathard, Tru Adams, Jihong Wu, Yiwen Wang, Brian Link, Kulwadee Yung, Michelle Varma, Lisa Kay Lie, Xiuping Liu, Andrea Narbut, Chris Pei, Leigh Copeland, Gayathri Bala, Ting Ting Chu, Judy Mair, Julie Slocum, Carol Miller Linda Gilchrist, Jian Zheng, Lori Black, Browyn de Figuredet, Donmei He, Qiapoing Wang, Meng Wang, Rachel De SantasteFauro, Beverly Tyndall

7pm Meeting Call to order

Elizabeth presented the Sept 3rd minutes and asked for a vote of Approval
tMinutes Carol Miller voted to approve and Gary Bird second. She then introduced Laura Dellicker the new Mental Health Specialist.

II. Mental Health Initiatives at East - Presentation and Q&A (20 mins)

Laura Dellicker, MSW, LCSW
Social Worker and Mental Health Specialist at East

Laura Dellicker, introduced herself as a licensed therapist whose background focuses on child/parent therapy. Located next to the infirmary she can meet with students but does not provide ongoing one on one therapy. Instead she will connect the student with outside support within the community.

What do you see as the biggest needs in the school? Anxiety and depression and the stigma of mental health. Working with teachers to identify the struggles in the classroom. (BL)There is a desire on the part of the faculty to have meaningful interaction with their students. Talk about reinstating 3rd period advocacy on late arrival days. How do you identify when your child needs help? Parent's intuition, change in behavior, change in demeanor. Laura encourages parents to reach out to school staff. Looking into mental health stress kits to use during exam time.

MHCC-Mental Health Community Connections looking to plan a health conference in Oct 2020. It will equip students to be leaders in their school

III. President Report (5 mins)

We have been in fundraising mode and still about 6K short. Brian Link approves the budget and Carol Miller seconds. We voted to approve

IV. Treasurer Report (15 mins)

Overview of budget and budget approval VOTE. As a non profit, we can't hold over more than 10K. Year to date, we have already spent about 10K. Our expectation is to raise about 32K. No big changes from last year's budget to this year's budget. The only change is \$800 to \$500 in Administrative Expenses and the extra \$300 will be allocated to the Mental Health Dept. Teacher Assistance was raised from 11K to 12K.

V. Principal Report (5 mins)

ECHHS was recognized as having the highest SAT score in NC. This was announced on ABC News. We were given a grade of an A on our school report card. ECHHS also received a 6.6% student growth and all sub groups also saw an increase of 3.8%. Proud of our teachers and students.

Students will meet with Tru Pettigrew next week and discuss the issues that are going on at ECHHS. We hope to have him come in November to speak with the community. When all students are succeeding, it is better for everybody.

Only one teacher vacancy in EC, a long term sub is in place.

Decrease in fights due to outside supports and additional structures. Parents are looking for a blue print and assurance of the procedures when a fight occurs. There is a link on the district website. When Mr. Proux sends out a district email you can reply back and it will go to his inbox.

VI. Staff Report (5 mins)

Brian Link on behalf of the faculty supports the transparency and commends Mr. Proux on his communication with the teachers. Thanks the PTA for their support and generosity. There is an election coming up and he encourages people to get out and vote.

Education Elements is the consulting firm that is looking to promote personalized learning. Ask Question and research what this will look like.

VII. Standing Committee Reports (15 mins)

Membership- Announced the three winners of our raffle drive. Yiwen did an incredible job increasing our membership especially among the Chinese.

SGA-Chris the treasurer spoke about trying to get the student body involved. They are very aware of the achievement gap, elevating stress, promoting school sanctioned fun activity, Oct 15 Pep Rally and Oct 18th Homecoming Dance.

Hospitality- next event is Oct 2nd. Serving lunch to the faculty tomorrow.

Advocacy- Carol recognized that Great Hurwitz, former Chair of Advocacy passed away. We would like to name a lecture or event in her honor. Carol will be meeting with Laura Dellicker to organize an all school event and will be looking for members to form a sub group.

PTA Council- The PTA Thrift shop has finally agree to change their name. Hopefully they will be more transparent with where the money is going and not going. Family Engagement Summit Oct 5th.

8:15 p.m. - ADJOURN

Brian Link motions to adjourn and Greg Seconds. Adjuour and 8:25

Upcoming Dates:

October 10th - PTA Council and NAACP Board of Ed Candidate Forum, 7pm

PTSA Meetings

December 3

February 4

March 3

April 14

May 5

June 2

* note: no mtgs in November or January