

East Chapel Hill High PTSA Meeting

February 3, 2020

Members present: Elizabeth Welsby, Terry Fields, Kathy Shaw, Anne Clark, Rachel L, Carol Miller, Greg Dixon, Gary Byrd, Ken Proux, Juddy Mair, Leigh Copeland, Beverly Tyndall, Kathryn Chan, Laura Kline, Kulwadee Yung, April Harrison, Derek Harrison, MichelleVarma

Meeting was called to Order at 7pm

Elizabeth presented the December 3rd minutes for approval. Carol Miller voted to approve and Greg Dixon seconded

Principal Report-Principal Proux shared a brief update on the Starters Program. The group is transitioning from conversation circles to the beginning stages of brainstorming concrete actions. Fifty four students and two teachers advisors met over 4th and 5th period to start compiling their ideas for "Pillars for Change". Mr Proux is very excited and looks forward to sharing a few of the ideas at our next meeting. The second piece of good news is that he can tell the overall mood of the school has settled down and is confident we are off to a great 2020!

School Improvement Plan Presentation – Carol Miller our SIT Chair gave a brief description of the ECHHS SIT Plan that is linked to state and district-wide goals to improve academic performance. The ECCHS SIT has a prioritized focused on the climate, culture and environment of the school, linking with PTSA, the student "Starters" group, the school student support team, and the CCHS district diversity and inclusion specialists to identify activities to enhance the student experience. Miller reported that the SIT is working with Mr. Proulx, with input from the Starters Program, to administer the Postive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) "*School Climate Survey*". The survey, to be taken at least annually, will provide a measurement to assess perceived school climate and help to identify interventions to take forward in the next SIP.

Treasurer Report – Greg Dixon reported that YTD only 30 teachers have applied for reimbursement from the teacher discretionary fund. We will ask Mr. Link to send out one more reminder to the staff before the end of the school year. We don't want to end up with a surplus of funds in this line item and have a goal of rolling over no more than 10% from year to year.

The Audit Team lead by Sue Sept and Gary Byrd will be redoing the Q1 and Q2 books to sort out the reporting problem that arose with classifying membership versus donation.

President Report -Next meeting will focus on upcoming changes with student course selection. Some possible changes being discussed are allowing Freshman to take AP Science courses and combining two History courses to allow for a Personal Finance session.

Staff Report -Mr Link talked about the elections of the Orange County Commissioners that decide on school funding. The Superintendent is submitting the proposed budget which is slated to be presented on February 20th. Our teacher pay is falling behind which directly correlates our ability to hire qualified, top notch teachers. Please contact your local board members!

Advocacy Report- The Advocacy group has been meeting with Ms. Deliker for the **Greta Hurwitz Memorial Student Mental Health Symposium**. This event, will be open to students, parents and teachers, and will feature teen mental health experts, who will share activities, resources and opportunities to mediate stress and anxiety.

Hospitality Report (5 minutes) The Hospitality Committee has been very busy this month first hosting a teacher luncheon on Feb 5th and then a pizza dinner on February 12th for the Teacher Conferences and Curriculum Night.

Announcements – Volunteers and donations are still needed for Dance Marathon Night

8:00 p.m. ADJOURN

PTSA Meetings

March 3 – APs, GPAs and Course selection

April 14

May 5

June 2