

**\*Pending\* Minutes**  
**East Chapel Hill High PTSA Meeting**  
**September 15, 2020**

**6:05 Meeting Called to Order (Virtual Meeting on Zoom)**

**Attendance:** Elizabeth Welsby, Greg Dixon, Leigh Copeland, Marisa Kathard, Michele Varma, Monica, Sandy Alexander, Tabitha Alexander, Yiwen Wang, Adele Kelly, Cherie Scheer, Colleen Lee, Denise Pascarelli, Kim Hoppin, Jaada Bowens, Jamie East, Janini DeMasi, Gary Byrd, Kulwadee Yung, Karen Alexander, Laura Kline, Ken Proux, Alexis Poss, Linda Gilchrist, Rachel Disantostefano, Brian Link

**Principal's Report**

- Pleased with the start of this strange year
- 1500+ Chrome books. All students have new devices for remote learning plus 150 mifi hot spots
- The first few weeks have been hectic with many student schedule changes.
- Attendance is the number 1 success predictor. VERY important for students to attend.
- Big thank you to school Social Workers and mental health worker. COVID is affecting people in different ways.
- Appreciate the PTSA for raising volunteers as needed
- Celebrate some milestones despite the general negativity.
  - Graduation rates have increased significantly last year, particularly for Black students and students with disabilities.
  - Call out to staff and PTSA on these results
  - Celebrate but need to keep it that high this year
  - National: 502/24000 (top 3%)
  - NC: 12/534 (top 3%)
- NC has postponed the immunization requirements given COVID
- Some flexibility in seniors transcripts but prioritizing for date of early college apps

**Presentation on Remote Learning and Technology - Jamie East**

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10CxliHRtBsd9Jv1Jws4xBnWVmluWScDcEel3NU57hFA/edit?usp=sharing>

- Sync learning: Started on Google Meet but now students are making their own choices to suit preference. (Google Meet, Canvas)
- Other platforms for assync learning
- New Chrome-books that convert to tablet for handwriting
- Parents reminded they have access to Powerschool, Google Classroom and Canvas. Access details in the ppt.

### **PTSA President Report**

- PTSA meetings will be held every other month, so next meeting is in November
- We are recruiting a Secretary and a 12th Grade Committee Chair.
- Elizabeth to solicit 12th grade families of common questions/concerns to present to Mr. Proulx
- We need volunteers for the textbook distribution. Sign up genius linked on email from school and ptsa
- SIT Parent Applications are live and will be accepted through the 21st, with voting on the 23-28th.
- Supply Drive - thanks to the generosity of the University Methodist Church, the PTSA purchased \$1175 worth of school supplies to support students who need financial assistance to obtain these items.

### **Treasurer Report**

- We have raised 2/3rds of our budget income, which is good but the budget was set lower than last year's, and we need people to continue to donate.
- Increased the Social Worker budget to support families in need
- Special Projects - \$5000 total
  - \$1250.00 for mental health initiatives
  - Remainder held in reserve for COVID related projects
- We will amend the budget at the November meeting to reflect fundraising income
- Teacher Assistance is covering home office in relation to teaching requirements
- We have multi-language and manual payment capabilities from the donation page

## **Membership report**

- Yiwen provided data on membership comparisons year on year
- Call to action for new members. We currently have 260 of the 320 goal.

## **Teacher Rep Report - Brian Link**

- Now also on the State Board of Directors for the NC Association of Educators
- Please vote in the elections and do so safely
- COVID impacting budgets so important that education funding has an even stronger voice this year
- New code of conduct to help address inequity is coming
- This year we don't have the normal 'back to school' so please encourage others to join PTSA

## **Two motions**

### **Motion 1: Approval of the June PTSA meeting minutes**

Motion Moved by Brian Link, seconded by Kim Hoppin

Motion passed unanimously

### **Motion 2: Elect Linda Gilchrist as Vice President of PTSA**

Motion Moved by Brian Link, seconded by Kim Hoppin

Motion passed unanimously

## **Hospitality Report**

- Different this year of course with COVID
- Welcome new volunteers etc via email
- Suggestions welcomed for how to provide hospitality and appreciation in the distance learning environment

**7:16 meeting adjourned**