
General Membership Meeting
October 18, 2016
Library, 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Barb Waldmiller. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Barb Waldmiller, Sharon Stemme, Christine Smith, Annette Koklauner, Melissa Coughlin, Karyn Cram, Dave Jagels, Stephanie Sursi, Sandeep Saxena, Farah Chohan, Nina Naimy, Heather Bridman, Michelle Logue, Bosebodu Ravula, Bhann Shingala, Derek Rummer, Marion Rantis, Jim McIlwee, Jennifer Bills, Amy Balint, Vin Menon, Suzanne Plummer, Isa Sarac, Donna Rogers and Ken Waldmiller.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 2016 General Membership Meeting were presented. Annette motioned to accept the minutes and Christine seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: \$4219 in income from Membership and No Fuss Fundraisers. No expenses in October. Budget:

ANGP is part of PTA

Board increased money in conference and training for board to get more knowledge and support

Board increased money in education grants to assist staff at CVHS

Board increased Wildcat Wish Fund-demographics are changing and more students need help to pay for tickets and possibly other items

The increases make for a net loss but Melissa will monitor revenue and expenses carefully throughout the year

Will do a second push for No Fuss Funds to offset increases

Motion to approve the budget: Bose Second: Barb

Discussion: Donna commented that the increase for ANGP is good idea based on last year. Donna asked about yearbook being part of Wildcat Wish fund, at this point it is not, many staff are "anonymous donors" but it could be an option. Donna asked about scholarship-Barb stated that the guidelines will be out soon but that the plan is to offer five \$1,000 scholarships, one of which will go to a special education student. No more discussion, budget approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Christine reported that we have 213 members since the last meeting-2- faculty, 1 community member, 120 parents and 72 students. Total so far this year is 21 staff, 1 community member, 273 parents and 144 students. Total income between membership and No Fuss is \$9,270.

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP REPORT: Christine reported on the directory. We have 4 ads so far and it will cover the cost of the directory. 2 ads are regular sponsors and 2 are new. Total ad revenue so far is \$1,195. Directory will be out by Thanksgiving.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Barb reported on the homecoming parade. Melissa did an amazing job riding a unicycle and handing out candy. We went through 15 bags of candy. Upcoming dates to be aware of: PSAT Day and senior picture day (early dismissal), End of quarter on 11/4 (early dismissal) and Quarter break on 11/7 and 11/8 (No school for students). Progress reports will be out. We still need a hospitality chair and a treasurer, please contact Barb if interested. Countdown to graduation for seniors and their parents will be on 3/6/17. There will be information on ANGP, mulch, volunteer opportunities, dues, if students owe money (library, etc.), class rings and more. On Election Day on 11/8 there is a vote on meals tax. Board of Supervisors is requesting a 4% tax on meals. 70% of the tax should go to FCPS and 30% will go to county for their services and renovations. Other counties in the area range from a 2.5% to 10% tax. One parent stated that these are the pros and there are cons to the tax-as of now there is no guarantee that the money will go to the schools.

ANGP: Karyn spoke about the event. Ticket sales have started and we have sold 65 so far and 40 yard signs. The first meeting for the event was held on 10/12 and the next meeting will be on 11/9. Price is \$30 now and will go up throughout the year.

PROGRAM:

Barb introduced the program for the evening-"State of the School" with Principal Dave Jagels. Mr. Jagels introduced Michelle Pillor, a teacher and Amy Balint, an instructional coach. Mr. Jagels presented a version of what he presented to staff at the beginning of the school year.

- "Enrique's Journey"-we have students like Enrique and we need to build collective responsibility and understand the issues students are facing
- He asked staff to remember their best teacher and why and use that when teaching
- He referenced the movie Buck, a documentary that talks about how to treat kids
- He wants staff to take a gentler, kinder, more accepting approach with students
- Focus on relationships-be out and about, say him, know students by name and need
- Set high expectations for teaching and learning
- We have many students at risk with social and emotional needs
- Project AWARE will help with this, more on that at next PTSA meeting
- The county is pushing innovation and engagement in classes-Executive Functioning and building a growth mindset
- Love your people-you must treat all with kindness
- How do we measure success? Test scores are one way and we are successful but that is not the only way
- Education is messy, it is not a business-try to have an answer for every question and make decisions that are in the best interests of the students
- World is moving fast-what does it look like in 5 or 10 years? We did not have cell phones in school 10 years ago!
- Demographics of CVHS:
 - 50/50 Male/Female
 - 38% Caucasian
 - 32% Asian
 - 17% Hispanic
 - 9% African/American
 - 4% Other

- 27% of students are on free or reduced lunch program and they tend to need more supports
- Reviewed SOL Data-we did well and Mr. Jagels has specifics if anyone wants them
- Goal is for each student to take one AP course
- 96% graduation rate
- Concerns:
 - 44 suicide attempts last year and 6 so far this year (we are higher than others in the county)
 - Substance abuse (15 cases went to hearings office last year)
 - Chronic absenteeism
 - Changing demographics
- Things being done to address these concerns:
 - All staff receiving Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
 - Stress Less Weeks
 - Additional Clinical Staff
 - Cultural Literacy-understanding needs of 217 ESOL students
- Data on school and scores all available on FCPS website under school profile
- Reading and Writing SOL's in 11th grade critical for graduation
- Providing extra support (Lit Lab, paired passages, literacy strategies and more)

Questions for Mr. Jagels:

- Why is there not more required reading? School does not have enough books for all students, working on this
- Is there talk of no SOL? No at this point, there does need to be some measure but the test should not trick the students. The FCPS Portrait of a Graduate may change and give students multiple ways to pass (possibly a certificate of completion but not a diploma)
- What is college acceptance percentage? About 90%
- Do you see the stress in students in all grades? Yes, we need to promote a work/life balance and have conversations at home as well as school about stress and how to deal with it
- Course registration-how does it work? Teachers give recommendation to counselor for next year. Teacher also lets student know. Counselor and student discuss and set course list which is sent home for approval. Question was if parents could get that information that counselor gets. It would be a process but will look into ways to provide more communication.
- Seniors have a lot of stress-how do they know that counselors will submit recommendations on time? They will, they do it every year and know how important it is. One parent suggested that in addition to the parent nights for juniors and seniors that a KIT is sent out with the information presented so that if you miss the night you have talking points with your student. Suggestion: start early as freshman and share information as much as possible and do refreshers for students to help reduce stress as they move through their years at CHVS.
- Will Touching Bases come back? It was a good program but less than ¼ of parents showed up.
- SIS/Parent Vue-it is a work in progress but will be a great tool. It was suggested to use the comment feature more for passing on information. As of now 77% of parents have accounts.

Barb thanked Mr. Jagels for speaking and thanked all for coming. Next PTA meeting is November 15 and it will focus on Project AWARE. December is Pastries with the Principal.

Adjournment: 8:35 pm.

The minutes were approved on _____. The motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____. Sharon Stemme, Recording Secretary

Announcements:

- ~October 19-PSAT Day and Senior Breakfast and Picture Day**
- ~November 4-End of quarter, 2 hour early release**
- ~November 7th and 8th-Student Holidays**
- ~November 9th-Junior Parent Night**
- ~November 15th-PTSA Meeting-“Project AWARE Update”**