

Paul Duke STEM PTSA General Meeting
February 5, 2020
Paul Duke High School Cafeteria

Call to Order: 6:16 p.m.

Call to Order: President, Andrea Antonowich, welcomed everyone. There was a quorum so the meeting proceeded.

Attendees: Andrea Antonowich, Tina Budnitz, Tisha Tomsik, Chad Shell, Marlene Sheppard, Heather Niemann, Tracey Shell, Dee Childers, Leonard Jack, Jr., Quinn Watch, Jordan Mai, Lisa Grogin, Seana McPherson, Angie McCann, Lee Conger, Dan Watch, Laurie Gilmore, Courtney Baum, Diane Hughes, Cheryl Flanagan, Dr. Wetherington, Helen West, plus many more. We have a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance (Andrea Antonowich): The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes (Helen West): The minutes from our August 28, 2019 General Meeting are posted on the PDS PTSA website, on the large screen in the Commons, and there are also copies available in the Commons. There were no corrections to the minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

Financials (Helen West on behalf of Archana Mehta): The current financials are on the large screen in the Commons and copies are also available. Our current income is \$36,201.22, which includes our carryover, and our current expenses are \$12,638.76 for a bank balance of \$23,562.46. There were no questions. The report will be filed for audit.

Announcements (Tisha Tomsik):

We have 346 PTSA Members (100% staff; 122 students).

PDS PTSA is the recipient of a \$1,000 National PTA grant. Included in this are tonight's Build Your Own Mousetrap Car and Build Your Own Catapult activities.

PTSA congratulates our five Student Representatives: Bella Andean, Ella Mock, Sahana Parekh, William Tomsik, Aiden Ventimiglia and Quinn Watch. They successfully introduced PDS lanyards which are on sale this evening, implemented a Halloween student luncheon, and created videos, programs and other items for this week's Staff Appreciation Week.

Our 2nd Trivia Night was hugely successful with Dr. Wetherington's team capturing first place!

We had 30 Reflections participants with 9 advancing to the state level competition.

Our PTSA has hosted a breakfast, lunch, and holiday treats for our staff. Our last staff luncheon will be on April 17th.

PTSA secured panelists for the Career Exploration Speaker Series held for our freshman class.

Announcements and Upcoming Events (Tina Budnitz):

New this year, we are offering four PTSA student scholarships. If you are a senior matriculating to college or a trade school, please apply. We also have community and Trailblazer scholarships open to students in grades 10-12. Please visit the PTSA portion of the PDS website to learn more and apply.

PTSA has awarded over \$3,000 in teacher and school academic grants through your generous donations as well as Microsoft and area business donations.

Through substantial grants from the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia and the Peachtree Corners Business Association and an individual donor, we were able to fund Exam Lunches for three days in December and three days in May. We have also purchased loaner laptops for students to check out.

Our Kick the Flu to the Curb fall drive was hugely successful. Thank you to all who donated.

PTSA hosted a mock SAT/ACT test in conjunction with Applerouth tutoring in the fall. A mock ACT/SAT test will be held at the school this Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020.

PTSA hosted a coffee webinar with Dr. Wetherington last October. Our next coffee webinar will be on March 17, 2020.

Elections for next year's PDS PTSA Executive Board will be held at our final General Meeting on April 30th in conjunction with our spring band concert.

We encourage you to attend GA PTA Day at the Capitol on February 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nominating Committee Election (Andrea): The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to recognize and seek qualified nominees for the elected leadership of the PDS PTSA.

Per Article VI, Section 8: There shall be a nominating committee composed of 3 members and 1 alternate who shall be elected tonight. All members of the nominating committee shall be a member of this PTSA.

Three names have been submitted to the Nominating Committee: Jordan Mai, Dee Childers, Heather Niemann and Leonard Jack, Jr. were nominated. No other nominees were named. The nominations are closed. Many in favor said, "Aye!" No one said "Nay!" By acclamation, these members were elected to the Nominating Committee: Ms. Mai, Ms. Childers, Ms. Niemann, and Mr. Jack, Jr.

Adjournment (Andrea): 6:27 p.m.

Secretary's Signature: Helen West (digital signature)