



## Paul Duke STEM PTSA General Meeting September 3, 2020

**The meeting was called to order at 6:47pm.**

**Call to Order (Laurel Berenguer):** The meeting will come to order. Good evening. We thank you for attending this virtual Parent Teacher Student Association General Meeting. We have a quorum so may proceed with our meeting.

**Minutes (Christine Pulliam):** The minutes from the May General Meeting have been posted on the Paul Duke STEM PTSA website and have been emailed to the membership. Are there any corrections to the minutes? There being no corrections, the minutes are approved as written and will be filed for audit.

**Current Financials (Brendan Sheppard):** As of July 31, our current income was \$32,118 and our current expenses were \$26,964 for a bank balance of \$11,782. Are there any questions? If not, the report will be filed for audit.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Laurel:** Our first order of new business is the adoption of our Annual Audit report.

**Audit (Tisha Tomsik):** The Annual Financial Report for the year ended 5/31/20, and the audit of the 2019 - 2020 school year was completed over the summer. The books were found to be correct and in good order. I move to adopt the audit report.

**Laurel:** It has been moved that the audit report of the 2019 - 2020 fiscal year be adopted. Do I have a second? There is a second. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, we will proceed with a vote. I remind everyone that only PTA members can vote on official business. All in favor signify by typing "yes" in the chat. Thank you. All those opposed please now signify by typing "no" in the chat. The ayes have it, so the Audit Report has been adopted and will be filed with our permanent financial records.

**Laurel:** The second order of new business is the adoption of our budget for the 2020-21 budget cycle. I will ask Brendan to join me again to present the proposed budget for the upcoming year.

**Budget (Brendan):** The budget has been posted on the Paul Duke STEM PTSA website and emailed to the membership. Total projected income is \$27,345. Total projected expenses are \$30,986. This reflects a decrease in income due to the impact of COVID-19 and increase in expenses also due to the impact of COVID-19. While it does mean the PTSA will run at a deficit of \$3,641 this school year, due to the remaining balance of \$11,061 from the 2019-20 year, we still anticipate ending the year with a positive balance. The carryover is projected to be \$7,420. By direction of the Board of Directors, I move that this budget be adopted as presented.

**Laurel:** There is a motion on the floor to accept the proposed budget. Since it came out of committee, it does not need to be seconded. Is there any discussion? There being none, we will proceed with a vote. All in favor of adopting the budget as presented signify by writing “yes” in the chat. Thank you. All those opposed please now signify by typing “no” in the chat. The ayes have it, and the budget is adopted.

**Membership Update (Kim Sidey):** So far our membership campaign has resulted in 201 members, 84 parents, 69 students, and 48 staff members. It’s not too late to become a PTSA member. In addition to supporting our school, membership has its benefits. We are still working on the activities given these unprecedented times; however, in the past year benefits have included parent and community memberships including a biannual coffee with Dr. Wetherington, special seating at school events, and GA PTA and National PTA discounts at companies such as Hertz, Office Depot, and LifeLock. Student members enjoyed a Halloween-themed and spring-themed outdoor lunch, stress-busters in December, and eligibility to apply for scholarship opportunities. Student members will also receive entry into the Reflections program.

**Accomplishments (Andrea Antonowich):**

- Our PTSA hosted a staff breakfast on August 11th, generously donated by the Baum family, and are busy planning our October 16th staff luncheon.
- Reflections submissions are due on October 1st by 9am. This is a widely recognized National PTA fine arts competition. Last year 5 students placed at the state level.
- Also on October 16th, come join us at our second Trivia Night. Plans are for this to be a virtual event.
- Strong membership helps us apply for grant funding. In early June, Paul Duke STEM PTSA and our school were awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia which will help us fund the STEM Challenge later this year.

**Upcoming Events (Tina Budnitz):**

- On 10/24, we are offering an ACT Mock test proctored and scored by Applerouth Tutoring.
- Our Outdoor Classroom will include wooden and metal tables, a shade structure, and a speaker system. You will find a link to the fund raiser in the chat and on the school website.
- Finally, grant a wish to your student’s teacher and buy academic instructional materials that impact the classroom directly. Help make a difference at Paul Duke STEM.

**(Tisha Tomsik):** Please continue to watch for updates in the school newsletter and on the school website. Members, we hope to interact with you at upcoming school events and hope you will consider volunteering. If you haven’t had the opportunity to join, please log into MyPaymentsPlus. We still need student representatives, and applications are due 09/21. You can join our PDS Dad’s group, purchase spirit gear, turn in Good News stories, participate in Reflections, and contribute to teacher wishes and our outdoor classroom. Hope to interact with you in person at future PTSA events.

**Adjournment (Laurel):** If there is no further business, stay safe and the meeting will stand adjourned.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.**