

## Paul Duke STEM PTSA General Meeting

August 29, 2019

Paul Duke High School Cafeteria

Start: 6:41 p.m.

Call to Order: President, Andrea Antonowich, welcomed everyone. There was a quorum so the meeting proceeded. Andrea congratulated teacher-of-the-year finalists, Carly Cantrell, Ashley Getz and Phillip Peavey.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes Report: Cornelia Harris reported that the minutes from the April General Meeting have been posted on the Paul Duke STEM PTSA website, on the large screen in the Commons, and copies are available in the commons. There were no corrections to the minutes so they were approved and will be filed for audit.

Current Financials: Tisha Tomsik reported that as of July 31st , the income was \$12,951.21 and current expenses were \$1,216.75. The bank balance is \$11,734.46. There were no questions so the report will be filed for audit.

### **New Business**

Audit: Tisha announced that the audit was completed for the 2018-2019 school year over the summer and the books were found to be correct and in good order and she moved to adopt the audit report. Seana McPherson seconded the motion. A vote was taken of PTA members and all were in favor of adopting the Audit Report so it was adopted and will be filed with the permanent financial records.

Budget: Tisha reported that the budget has been posted on the Paul Duke STEM PTSA website, on the large screen in the Commons, and copies are available in the commons. The total projected income is \$35,128.21, including a carryover of \$6,628.21. The total projected expenses are \$31,210.00. A remaining balance for carryover is projected to be \$3,918.21. Tisha moved that the presented budget be adopted. The motion did not need to be seconded since it came out of committee. There was no discussion and a vote was taken of PTA members and all were in favor of adopting the budget.

Membership Update: Seana McPherson reported that there are currently 297 members and 98% of staff have joined the PTSA. It is not too late to sign up and take advantage of the benefits. Benefits include entry into the Reflections program, Halloween themed and spring outdoor lunches, stress busters in December and scholarship eligibility. Parents and community memberships include coffee with Dr. Wetherington, special seating at events, and discounts at companies such as Hertz, Office Depot and Lifelock.

Accomplishments and Upcoming Events:

- Cornelia reported that the PTSA held a staff breakfast on July 31st. A staff luncheon will be held on October 18th. Trivia night will be held on October 18th and there will be prizes for the winning team. There will be food and drinks available for purchase. The Reflections' submissions are due October 2nd.
- Tina Budnitz announced that Paul Duke STEM PTSA and the school was awarded a \$5000 grant from the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia. She also invited freshman and junior students who are interested in becoming Student Representatives to visit the PTSA table.
- Appleroth Tutoring will be sponsoring an ACT Mock Test on September 14th and on October 22nd at 7:00 A.M. PTSA members can attend a coffee and webinar session with Dr. Wetherington.
- Tina invited everyone to grant a wish to a teacher by buying academic materials that will have a direct impact on the classrooms. She announced the names of families that have already donated.
- Tisha invited everyone to visit the membership table to join PTSA, make a donation to Unlock the Future Campaign, and purchase Paul Duke Stem branded items. The School Store has spirit wear for purchase as well. Tisha announced that Chick-Fil-A sandwiches, water and other treats are available for purchase.

Adjournment: Andrea thanked everyone and the meeting was adjourned.

Ending Time: 6:46 p.m.

Secretary's Signature: Notes taken by Marlene Sheppard on behalf of Helen West.