

PTSA General Membership Meeting

Dec. 12, 2017; Room 1162

In attendance: Principal George Breland, Officers: Vanessa Isabell, Teresa Scribner, Gigi Bungay, Cassandra O'Neal, David Elliott, Lois Brewer, Elena Moya, Stephanie Levine; Melinda Teeny, Stuary McFeely (drop in), Erin Bell

Call to order 6:02 p.m. Take 4 minutes to review minutes.

November 12 meeting minutes approved.

Parent introductions

Principal's report – George Breland

- Shows group the School of Distinction Award banner; 5th year winning award for improvements in math and science grades
- School topped the district in graduation rate and rate of African American males
- Accreditation will take place on January 18-19; auditors come in to evaluate the school; need to fill slots with volunteers
- All high schools will be moving to the same schedule in 2019-20 school year; school board looking at Cleveland as the model; it's an expensive model and must be negotiated with teacher's union
 - O'Neal asks about bus schedule changes; start times won't change so no effect on buses unless the district shifts times again.
- Breland is on the district boundaries committee; discussion about CHS going back to a neighborhood school or stay an option school; our enrollment has been capped to increase enrollment at Rainier Beach; school board looking at recommendations; no date on final decision
 - Levine asks if kids who are already enrolled get to stay; Breland says yes
- Playfield is moving along; window to break ground is between April and November 2018
- Senior intervention night; only 5 families showed up; wants ideas on how to reach out to different Cleveland communities; parents can email Breland with suggestions; floor opens for questions to Breland
 - Parent wants staff directory and easier way to contact teachers
 - Parents want information mailed or emailed home instead of sending with students
- David Elliott (david@h3school.org guest) – was SPS teacher for 10 years; principal for 15 years; has access to a documentary called "Most Likely to Succeed" (watch the trailer: www.mltsfilm.org); wants to work on changing the system from the inside; wants support for the film; willing to show in private homes and organizations
 - Could we use this for a family engagement night? Contact FEAT team
 - Screenagers (look this up)

President's report – Vanessa Isabell

- Auction update
 - Vanessa chairs the Event Committee; will reconnect in January to continue work on technology
 - Procurement question from Erin Bell – what is the cap for the room (150-200) given additional space for silent auction in the back to make space for more room
 - Erin Bell requests anyone with personal connections to secure procurement items; contact Erin Bell at gbells3@yahoo.com.

- Sweepstakes update
 - Vanessa explains how we arrived at car raffle
 - Soft launch at Dec. 8 basketball game to generate buzz
 - The reason why we switched from sweepstakes to raffle was to be in compliance with gambling commission laws
 - Mercedes will allow financing through their bank for licensing fees
 - Tickets cannot be sold online
 - If you want to sell a collection of tickets, you are on the hook for lost tickets (not unsold tickets)
 - Adults only; no students can be involved
 - Sellers must be paid members of PTSA
 - Solicitation to help sell tickets at home games

Secretary's report – Teresa Scribner

- Some members don't have membership cards
- Problems with PT Avenue are being resolved; local leaders are stepping in to help get the issues with the website fixed

Treasurer's report – Gigi Bungay

- \$38,021.57 in checking account
- Savings balance is \$0; this is where the raffle money will go

Meeting adjourns at 7:22 p.m.