

CCHS PA GENERAL MEETING

Monday, September 18th 2017 8am
CCHS Room 242, Learning Commons

PA Board Members Present: MaryLynne Bohn, Karen Smith, Anne Lehmann, Madelene Wilson, Karen Cohen, Amy Capofreddi, Sue Bumpus

Greetings & Introductions

2017-18 Goals & Meetings

PA has a goal to be as inclusive as possible and improve communication. There's a SignUp Genius in the Daily Bulletin with volunteer opportunities, encourage parents to click through to it and sign-up to help.

PA will have fewer General meetings this year 9/18, 1/29, 6/4 - 8am start-time for now. May adjust time to address traffic/parking issues.

PA presidents met with Ray Pavlik, student government advisor. Ray requested that parents of various classes help out will all activities from all classes. Classes should be supportive of each other.

Minutes from all meetings will be posted on the website.

Treasurer Report, Anne Lehman

Three major activities to date

1. BTS night, approximately \$5000 collected to date from PA membership sales and donations
2. Grants has had some activities, paid out previously approved grants
3. Beginning of school activities has some expenses trickling in
Senior Breakfast, Pink Dance, Freshman Dance

VP of Student Activities, Madelene Wilson

Liaison between Parent Association and Student Government. This is a new emerging role, MW will attend Student Government meeting every other week and class reps for facilitate class passed activities as well as coordinate with student government so parents can support student driven events. Amy Cappofreddi attends meetings to facilitate the financial end of the student driven activities. The last student government meeting focused on raising money for hurricane relief. Parent Assistance. Ray Pavlik would like the students to be the driving force behind activities. It's okay for students to plan activities and have those activities fail. Failure is part of the learning process. Ray would like parents who help with student activities to just be eyes on the wall.

Upcoming Volunteer Needs

Pink Dance - led by Shee Shee & Laurie Eckler. They are recruiting a successor.
Conference Day Dinner
Thanksgiving Luncheon

Looking for some parents to lead these events. Committees are in place with helpers, just need people to take the lead.

A few critical needs:

Spirit wear chair. It's not an overwhelming job. Spirit wear inventory is in good shape. What is needed is for someone to help the student government manage the financial piece, break-evens, costs etc. The students handle the sales and marketing.

Fundraising - need one or two parents to run the annual appeal

Grants - need someone to chair Grants Committee

Communications

PA has had difficulty contacting Freshman parents with PA information. All communications run through Martha Hammer. MLB & KS met with Mike Mastrullo last week to discuss the issue. He's going to check with the district to see if the PA can have better access. The PA is open to suggestions for communicating. Some parents echoed frustration with communications from the high school.

Discussion of communicating stumbling blocks pertaining to emails, connections directory etc.

Eventbrite - exist for almost every activity. They're easy to duplicate and update to use for activities this year. Sign-up Geniuses from previous years are available as well.

Newsletter - we had a periodic newsletter last year. Thinking about a monthly newsletter including acknowledgements for parent volunteers and announcement of upcoming events. Just have to figure out a way to get the newsletters to the community at large, not just those who are members of the Parents Association.

Programming ideas

A freshman parent would like to see a program on social emotional issues, southern poverty law center has a number of curriculum ideas.

A parent would like to address addiction, drugs, alcohol, video games. MGH offers a wonderful presentation on addiction in particular Marijuana use and a forum for both kids and parents would be helpful.

Meeting concluded at 9am.

Next PA Board Meeting: October 2, 2017, 8am location TBD

Next PA General Meeting: January 29, 2018, 8am Room 242

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Bumpus
Parents Association Clerk