



## **East Cobb Middle School PTSA General Meeting Minutes**

**Date: May 11, 2020 at 6:07 PM**

**Location: Zoom**

### **Call to Order & Welcome: Hope Felshaw**

Due to the current State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic and the requirements of the governor's executive order, the meeting was conducted virtually. Only members of the PTSA may vote. In order to hold a vote, a quorum must be established ( $\geq$  14 PTSA members).

#### **I. Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum**

Hope Felshaw  
Aysha Benedict  
Lindsey Markwood  
Barbara Boukater  
Aimee Pulley  
Jacquie Rice  
Cindy Shambaugh  
Lisa Spessard  
Stephanie Miller  
Ashley Duryea  
Lena Carstens  
Pilar Kornegay  
TK Haff  
Kristy Flowers  
Elizabeth Cervantes  
Leetonia Young  
Sarah Fullmer  
Summer Highcroft  
Theresa Pearson  
Debbie Straw  
Rebecca Goodloe  
Lis Brodie  
Jaime Lackey  
Bowman  
Tammy Ross

Jennifer Yankowsky  
Sarah Kirwan  
Stephaine Miller  
Tracy Caylor

A quorum is confirmed and voting can take place during this meeting.

### **Secretary's Report:** Cindy Shambaugh

Approval of Agenda - no changes to the agenda were suggested. A motion to approve the agenda was passed unanimously.

Approval of the previous meeting's minutes - The minutes from the last general meeting held on January 16, 2020 are posted on the ECMS PTSA website. A motion to approve the minutes was passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Boukater

- Profit & Loss Document has been posted on the ECMS PTSA website
- Currently, there is \$7427.31 in ECMS PTSA bank account.
- We are budgeted to ask for \$3000 from the Foundation; however, we will only request \$1500 for the next school year as we are not in need of the full \$3000.
- There are still a few expenses that are pending like costs for honor roll, staff appreciation, and bus driver appreciation. Those costs will be deducted for this year's budget.
- We are also pending receipt of a check from Kroger foundation.
- Confirmation was received that the \$500 Scholarship to a Wheeler senior will be awarded this year.
- REP Store - confirmed that receipts can still be submitted for reimbursement. Also, closing this year with an overage in budget will not cause a decrease in budget for the next school year.
- PTSA will carry more funds than usual into the next school; however, due to unique situation the surplus is understandable.
- July activities such as the Back to School Lunch for staff and teachers is currently in a holding pattern. Unknown right now if those activities will happen.

### **Principals Report:** Leetonia Young

- This is the last week grades in numerical form will be posted in ParentVue/online. In accordance with GA guidelines, middle school grades will be converted to pass/fail for Q4.
- This is also the last week new assignments will be distributed
- Distribution of devices to kids that were in need - 117 kids on list, 60 devices were provided to ECMS. Ms. Young set up a Device Pick Up Day and distributed the devices on a "first come first serve" basis.
- Quarter 3 honor roll certificates will be mailed home along with the end of the year

report card

- 8th grade band Disney trip refund is still expected but waiting on refund from Disney and the hotel (hotel will refund in Summer). Eight middle schools in the district have not received refunds yet and ECMS is one of them.
- Yearbooks can still be purchased online until they are gone. They are \$50 and can be picked up at the curbside pick up on Tuesday May 19th from 10am - 12pm along with students' medication, instruments, yearbooks, and other belongings left at school.
- Teachers have been in the building cleaning classrooms (30 teachers a day).
- Teachers will be coming in to do end of year close out/clean up.
- Carpet is being replaced throughout the entire school. The wrong adhesive was used when the carpet was initially put down so it will be replaced.
- Student count is currently at 1489. Student count projection for next year is 1500. Ms Young has hired 3 new teachers and received a re-assignee from another school. In addition, two teachers transferred to other schools.
- There will be no Wildcat Camp for rising 6th and 7th graders this summer.
- The Rising 6th Grade camp is still on the schedule for July 23rd.
- At this time, there is no news or updates about next school year including the start date
- Title I budget cuts are expected and an estimated 14% position cuts are likely. Agenda books will be removed from the budget for next school year and will be added to supply list for parents to buy if students would like to purchase.

**Question:** With the uncertainty surrounding next year and the lack of confirmed dates for activities, can we transition to online calendar instead of a printed calendar?

- Ms Young is fine with that. Student Handbook will be placed online with student access. Will add new policy information to First Day folder. Ms. Young suggested that the PTSA get in touch with the ECMS media specialist regarding online calendar on the new district website. We might be able to use that calendar for PTSA events as well.

**Question:** folder stuffing will still happen for First Day folders

### **Foundation Report:** Stephanie Miller

- Fall activities are biggest fund raisers for The Foundation. Undecided about what those Fall fund raisers will be.
- Ellen Suave will be new President of The Foundation
- News today that corporations are being encouraged to increase non-profit matches.
- The Foundation has \$9000 for the outdoor classroom and would like to confirm with Ms. Young if it still a top priority for the teachers? Ms Young confirmed that it still is a top priority for a majority of the teaching staff.
- The Foundation needs Treasurer for next year and would like to be able to identify a replacement soon so the out going treasurer can train in the incoming treasurer.

## New Business

### Election of PTSA Officers for 2020/2021 School Year

PTSA Secretary, Cindy Shambaugh, read Article VI, Section 5 of the PTA bylaws pertaining to officers and their election.

“The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of individuals to be officers of this PTA/PTSA:

- a. Each officer shall be a member of this local PTA/PTSA.
- b. No officer may be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
- c. A person who has served in an office for more than one half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office; and
- d. No member shall serve as a council president while serving as a local unit president.”
- e. Be a natural person who is 18 years of age or older. Georgia Code for Non-Profits 14-3-802

PTSA President, Hope Felshaw, asked for nominations for President. Aimee Pulley and Summer Highcroft were nominated from the floor. Both nominees accepted the nominations for President. No further nominations were put forward and the nominations were declared closed.

PTSA President, Hope Felshaw, asked for nominations for Vice-President. Jacquie Rice and Elizabeth Ogletree were nominated from the floor. Both nominees accepted the nominations for Vice-President. No further nominations were put forward and the nominations were declared closed.

PTSA President, Hope Felshaw, asked for nominations for Secretary. Lindsey Markwood and Cindy Shambaugh were nominated from the floor. Both nominees accepted the nominations for Secretary. No further nominations were put forward and the nominations were declared closed.

PTSA President, Hope Felshaw, asked for nominations for Treasurer. Barbara Boukater was nominated from the floor. Barbara accepted the nomination for Treasurer. No further nominations were put forward and the nominations were declared closed.

The following nominations have been submitted:

**President:** Aimee Pulley and Summer Highcroft

**Vice-President:** Jacquie Rice and Elizabeth Ogletree

**Secretary:** Lindsey Markwood and Cindy Shambaugh

**Treasurer:** Barbara Boukater

The offices where two nominees were submitted are offices that allow for co-officers. Since all positions are uncontested, only one vote is needed to approve all officers. Hope Felshaw put all above nominations to a vote and all officers were elected with no opposition.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Lisa Spessard

Since the teacher appreciation lunch couldn't be done this year, Ms. Young worked with a stationary company to create a card which contains tea for all teachers. Lisa also had signs made and put them out on the ECMS campus for the teachers to see when they return for end of the year clean out.

Honor Roll signs are also being worked on for the 8th grader who made the Honor Roll all three years. Those signs will be placed in the the students yards.

**Other Announcements**

Rising 9th graders - have until Wednesday (May 13) to make any schedule adjustments if they are attending Wheeler

Wheeler Band Informational Zoom call - Wednesday May 13 @ 7:30 pm

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor to adjourn.