

Cherry Hill High School East
General PTA Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 7:15pm Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Amy Demurjian, PTA President, at 7:21pm via Zoom. Tracy Abrams, PTA Secretary was present.

Opening Ceremonies: Pledge was led by Amy Demurjian.

Members Present: Please see attached attendance sheet.

President's Report: Amy Demurjian presented the Nominating Committee (Lisa Stanwyck, Tracy Abrams and Jayne Bloom). Denise Donahue motioned to approve the committee and Michelle Vogel seconded. Open Board positions are Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, VP-Communications. The slate will go out before the next PTA meeting.

Vice President's Report: No Report.

Treasurer's Report: Denise Donahue gave an update on the 2020-2021 PTA budget. JWAC and PTA membership are still down.

Secretary's Report: Tracy Abrams presented the minutes from the January 28, 2021 meeting. Denise Donahue made a motion to approve the minutes. Lisa Stanwyck seconded. All present voted to approve the minutes.

Principal's Report: Dr. Perry addressed parent questions:

Q. How is the traffic flow for drop off and pick up?

A. Some work needs to be done to help the traffic flow during morning drop off. Security needs to be present to move traffic and monitor safety.

Q. Updates on Senior Prom, Junior Prom, Sophomore Cotillion and Freshman Dance?

A. Senior Prom is May 27th at the Battleship NJ, Junior Prom is May 22nd at Flying W. Will follow outdoor guidelines and Cherry Hill students get first priority. If tickets are available, non Cherry Hill students can attend. Sophomore Cotillion is June 3rd at East and Freshman Dance is June 4th at East.

Q. Are locker rooms available for spring sports?

A. Yes, but only for students in school that day.

Q. Will there be a location for students to eat before practice/games?

A. Yes, the cafeteria or an area designated by the coach.

Q. Can a student switch between 4 day and full remote?

A. Yes, just notify the school in advance.

Q. Construction updates?

A. Construction should be done by the end of April.

Q. Are there ongoing efforts to encourage more students to attend in person?

A. Yes, activities for Spirit Week, better weather, opening of the Annex and courtyard.

Q. Why do PE classes only “walk the track” while all teams are playing their sport?

A. There are different regulatory committees. NJSIA governs after school activities and determines the activities that can occur. Activities for students in school are more limited.

Q. If the goal is to get students back in school, shouldn't evaluations be “open book”?

A. Assessments demonstrate learning. Benchmarks are moving towards portfolios so students can demonstrate learning in a way that is harder to manipulate.

Q. What is being done to encourage students to have cameras on in order to increase class participation and discussions?

A. Students can't be penalized for having cameras off. Teachers have camera-on/camera-off activities. Teachers are encouraged to reach out to students/parents for reasons.

Q. What is being done with the Student Union surveys to address student concerns regarding declining mental health and teacher inflexibility?

A. Teachers are encouraged to build relationships/partnerships with students. They should be increasing their awareness of assignments from other teachers, using Google Calendar to schedule assignments so students can plan, and following up with students to see how they are doing. The administration is trying to make students mentally healthier by encouraging them to come into school.

Q. How are teachers checking in with students?

A. Mondays are social/emotional check-in/learning days. Teachers are on committees to present students who are not doing well. Some teachers are doing asynchronous lessons so that they can use that time to meet individually with students.

Q. Will there be People's Choice Awards this year?

A. Yes, students who made an impact will be recognized and the teacher/staff who nominate will speak about the student.

Committee Reports:

Advisor: Lisa Stanwyck spoke about the PTA Senior Scholarships and reminded parents that they still have the opportunity to join the PTA so that seniors can be eligible.

Fundraising: Project Graduation is still planned to take place at CHHRC (possibly East depending on state regulations). Community donation letters are being sent. Photographer, Laura Turner, will be donating proceeds from photoshoots at Barclay Farmstead.

Hospitality: Teacher Appreciation Welcome Back Breakfast will be on April 8th.

Membership: 185 members reported.

Communications: No Report.

Announcements/Guest Speakers: Mrs. Barbara Kase-Avner, MSN, RN, CSN-NJ, CHPS Lead Nurse spoke about the Covid Protocols in the district. She spoke about travel guidelines, testing and vaccinations. She stressed the importance of following guidelines and the Covid checklist daily. When in doubt, reach out to the school nurse.

The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday, June 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Minutes:

Approved as presented: ✓ Date:6/2/2021

Approved as corrected: _____ Date:_____

Tracy Abrams

Secretary (signature)

PTA Meeting Attendees March 24, 2021

Tracy Abrams
Janet Hung
Amy Demurjian
Denise Donahue
Barbara Kase-Avner
Beth Perlman
Dennis Perry
Ellen Turner
Jane Freiman-Tonghini
Jayne Bloom
Karen Missler
Marcia Liebman
Michelle Vogel
Olga Shorokhova
Stephanie Rappaport
Tricia Coen
Lisa Stanwyck
Melissa Leibowitz

