

# PTSCO Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, 6:30 PM, October 17, 2018 | *Meeting called to order by* Pixita Del Prado

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## In Attendance

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Parents: Pixita Del Prado Hill, Wendy Mistretta, Kelly Joss, Mau Tripp, Jason Tripp, Cathy O'Day, Paul Becker, Sean Mahoney, Tava Shanchuk, Amy Galvin, Erin Langdon, Maureen Chapman, Kelly Hall, Kelly Coughlin, Drew Kahn, Jared Aldstadt, Sarah Robert, Nicolas Penchaszadeh, Jen Read, Maggie Harris, Tracy King

Administration: Dr. Kresse, Ms. Hannah

Student: Elle, Senior

Pelion Garden: Caesandra Seawell, Garden Manager

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## Introduction

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Everyone stated their names and the grade of their student/s or what their position is.

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## Senior Class Homecoming Dance

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Elle requesting for more parent chaperones in order for the Homecoming Dance to happen. Currently has 13, needs 20. Administration and law enforcement will be present. Dance will be at school Atrium, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-9:30 PM.

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## Review of Current PTSCO Officers

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Treasurer: Mau Tripp; Parent Reps so far: 6<sup>th</sup> – Melissa Meehan; 7<sup>th</sup> – Mau Tripp, Maureen Chapman, Kelly Hall; 8<sup>th</sup> – Tracy King; 12<sup>th</sup> – Maureen Chapman

Question was raised on what a Parent Rep entails – assist in organizing events involving the grade level and help in getting more parents volunteer.

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## Review of Past and Upcoming PTSCO Sponsored Events

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Past: Back to School Staff Breakfast and Back to School Picnic for Families

Upcoming: Middle School Dances to support 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Cream Social; all other event dates to be determined

Question about the Winter Bazaar – different clubs often sell holiday items or baked goods during school hours to students.

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## Pelion Garden Updates from Caesandra

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- Senior Internship can be of helping prep garden for spring (job description furnished upon request)
- BoxTops: Homeroom Competition for a spring garden party on going; parents encouraged to use provided pre-addressed envelopes to take to holiday gatherings or include in their holiday cards; needs new BoxTops Coordinator
- 3 Sisters Potluck, OCT 30th 4:30-6:30pm: Cooking right in the garden with vegetables we grew over the season; everyone invited to bring any favorite dish; other donations also appreciated: cider, thermal cups,

bowls, spoons, fruit, chips, pumpkins for decorating/carving; volunteers needed for setup, light food prep, serving, and teardown.

- Closing the Garden: needs volunteers
- National Grid Compost Grant: National Grid will assist with installation Nov. 14th (rain date Nov 17th), needs volunteers to prep, NOV 13th 3-5pm
- Holiday Sweater Ornament Sales Facilitator: Parents or teenagers needed to setup and teardown at venues, coach the crafters, collect monies, and answer questions about our school-garden.

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## DPCC/SBMT

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Wendy Mistretta provided information and answered questions.

- DPCC is a representative body while SBMT is an advisory body
- Reps are expected to attend meeting though not required unless an officer

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## School Updates

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From Dr. Kresse:

- smooth start to the year even with the transportation issue which as District reported was quickly resolved by First Student.
- Cardinal Craze: week of October 29th (Monday: Spirit Day, Tuesday: Meme Day, Wed: Halloween Day, Thursday: World Day, Friday: Class Color Day)
- Lip Dub Film being worked on by Mr. Moses and students. Will be filmed on Monday
- Food drive to help Macedonia pantry
- Amnesty International drive
- AP Computer Science launched at CHS
- New Virtual Reality Lab up and running and in full use.
- School Engineer Mike retired, welcoming Luis Cruz Rodriguez
- Nurse Jackson replaced by Nurse Danae Cammarata

From Ms. Hannah

-After school programs will be short term (5-week), info to be sent out soon. Very few teacher applicants again this year, but enough to run some offerings at the HS level.

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## PTSCO Officers Selection

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Mau Tripp will continue serving as Treasurer. Tracy King was confirmed as Vice President. Maureen Chapman was confirmed as President.

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## DPCC Rep and Alternate

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Wendy Mistretta and Cathy O'Day came forward. An agreement was made that Wendy will serve as the representative and Cathy will be the alternate.

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## SBMT Reps

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Kelly Hall came forward to still serve.

People who expressed interest in serving in the SBMT but not in attendance: Hillary Rifkin, Melissa Meehan.

All three were confirmed, along with the DPCC Rep and PTSCO President as the SBMT Reps for the year.

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## Additional Items

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New President Maureen Chapman talked about more parent involvement, event notes, working on by-laws, Facebook/Social Media casting, advantages of having parent volunteers in school.

Question on Family Directory as have done in the past- Dr. Kresse mentioned about an electronic opt-in directory that is in the works.

Frequency of PTSCO meeting was also brought up- new officers will work on

Student and Teacher representation at meetings to live up to what PTSCO is about.

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## Next Meeting

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To be determined.

Meeting ended at 7:43 PM.