

GCM PTSA Membership Meeting Sept 11, 2017

Attending: See Attachment

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 and adjourned at 8:30.

President's Report:

- Introductions of PTSA Board Members were made: Phil Pedlikin is President, Carolyn Keehan is Vice President, Laura Eskeland is Treasurer, Lorene Schlaffer is Secretary
- Davis Center Catering services thanked for the desserts served at this meeting
- Strategic Initiatives – We want to involve students more in our PTSA. We will be working with Class officers to come up with ideas on this. We now have a large school of about 2,230 and our school, even though recently remodeled and expanded, is only built to accommodate 2,000 students. For this reason, we need to step up our fundraising efforts. The students and faculty are over capacity and will need more support to fill in gaps in needs.
- Our school is named after George C. Marshall. We are embarking on a program to teach our community about him. In the springtime we will invite a George C. Marshall Foundation speaker to come and share with us the significant contributions this man has made in our country.
- Disability and Special Education issues – Phil has been very involved in this community and will be working towards more inclusiveness into the PTSA
- Hospitality/ANGC/Membership, etc. – There are lots of ways to get involved in the PTSA and at Marshall. The PTSA membership is asked to bring their ideas on how to create more opportunities, and how to support our students and Marshall staff to Phil. Please let us know your ideas to help support sports, music, other activities and teachers and staff.

Principal's Report:

- It's Mr. Litz's 4th year here. His doors is always open, or shoot him an email.
- Marshall has 2,238 kids which is an increase of 202 from last year. We will have a new quad in the back. Mr. Litz showed attendees pictures and general placement of the quad. It will take up about 67 parking spaces in the upper back parking lot. It is a 12 classroom modular building complex has a teacher workroom, it's own heating and air-conditioning systems, and it's own bathroom facilities.
- Mr. Litz spoke about Back to School Night coming up Wednesday Sept 13th, what to expect and where additional support will be to help parents. There will also be tables for purchasing yearbooks, joining PTSA, etc.
- Mr. Litz invited parents to go to the Parent Coffees being offered to each class. This will be a chance for parents to ask questions and get specific class-year information.
- Marshall has been an IB School since 1996. We have a sister school in Denmark and have an exchange student program with this school as well as one in France, and possibly one soon in

China. Marshall is hosting groups from Quebec and Argentina. This is a program to share Marshall's vision internationally.

- School Board passed a rule that places an application fee of about \$100 if a student takes more than 6 IB exams.

Treasurer Report:

- The PTSA budget will be presented for approval at next month's meeting.

Committee Chairs Reports:

- Leigh Rivenbark spoke on behalf of the Reflections National Arts Contest. Anyone can enter – any grade. This is not about technical skill but more about interpreting a theme and using creativity with the theme given. Originality counts. Halloween day is the last day to enter – there is no fee.
- Polly Colwell spoke on the behalf of the Communications Committee. Send her information that you would like to see included on the PTSA website, on Facebook or on Twitter to herself and to our webmaster Susan Skaggs.
- Jennifer Church and Linda Baker spoke on behalf of the Newsletter that goes out by email in late Fall, Winter, and Spring to celebrate activities of our Marshall clubs and events. Print copies will also be available at the library and at the Front Office.
- Anne Allen spoke on behalf of the Grocery Rewards program. The Giant A+ program is easy to sign up for (online or turn form in at the front office) and the money goes to our school.
- Sarah Shamlal spoke on behalf of the Hospitality Committee. There are many events and signing up to help and volunteer is easy through SignUp Genius.
- Sue Dubois spoke on behalf of the All Night Grad Committee. This is an annual overnight party held for seniors in the spring. They need many many volunteers.
- Michelle Alonso introduced herself as the Liaison for Thoreau Middle.

At the next PTSA meeting we will have a couple of student presentations plus budget presentation and approval. Principal Litz will be attending and the meeting will be catered by Cameron's Chocolates.