

# Liberty High PTSA

Supporting our Kids and Community

Membership Minutes – DRAFT  
Liberty High School PTSA 2.6.50  
Tuesday, October 6, 2020  
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Proper notice of the meeting was given.

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Dawn Peschek. In attendance: Dawn Peschek, Erin Thacker, Marta Burnet, Michelle Moore, Sean Martin, Stacy Morford, Alison Larsson, Heidi Kayler, Lovenia Harden, Treacy Trimble, Stina Fluegge, Hillary Cohen, Renee Emerson, Brian Wilson, Kathleen Baillie, Jennie Wildermuth, Korista Smith-Barney. Quorum was present.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the May 2020 membership meeting were reviewed. Minutes will be filed as presented.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The September financial summary report was presented, income and expenses were reviewed. The report will be filed as presented, subject to financial review.

## **Budget Review and Approval**

The 2020-2021 Budget was reviewed.

A motion was made by Korista Smith-Barney to approve the 2020-2021 budget as presented. Second. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

## **Mission, Goals and Standing Rules**

### Goals

Added Goal #4: Implement creative ways to support our Liberty students and community during remote learning.

### Standing Rules

Added Rule #22: Board and/or Membership meetings may be held virtually (online or via phone) and a quorum vote may be conducted online during the meeting. Liberty PTSA shall also allow electronic voting for the election of officers and the election of the nominating committee. The voting record will be printed and filed in the Secretary notebook.

A motion was made by Korista Smith-Barney to approve the Mission, Goals and Standing Rules for 2020-2021, as presented. Second. Motion carried.

## **President's Report**

WSPTA requires all elected officers to complete at least one training per year, and at least one elected officer must attend PTA and the Law each year. All of our Liberty elected PTSA officers have completed training, and two elected officers have attended PTA and the Law.

Completion of the Standards of Affiliation list is in progress and will be filed by the due date, October 31, 2020.

This year PTSA was not able to provide a welcome back luncheon for teachers and staff due to COVID. Instead, each staff member was given a gift bag with Liberty PTSA notepads and a thank you note from PTSA.

Grant Request - In August, the board of directors approved a Grant to fund Science enrichment for all students, grades 9-12.

Financial Review - End of year financial review was completed July 15, 2020. Records were well organized and no issues of concern were found. Thank you to committee members Karri LeBree, Lisa Coston, Renee Emerson.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Membership**

362 members

### Class of 2021 Yard Signs – Laila Collins

So far, 84 Senior yard signs have been sold, 66 left to sell.

### Outreach – Stacy Morford

Working with counseling department to find out what students need this year. We are still offering all the same toiletries and food as last year. Counselors have not had many special requests yet, but requests will be addressed as they come in.

### Advocacy – Marta Burnet

Legislative Assembly will be held virtually on October 24-25. This year the Top 5 legislative priorities will be selected and the two-year platform will be voted on by delegates attending the assembly.

### Parent Education – Erin Thacker

ParentWiser Virtual Events:

October 7, 2020, 1:00-2:15pm. - "You Can Do This! Motivation Teens to Get Stuff Done", with Dr. Sharon Saline.

October 14, 2020, 1:00-2:15pm - "Building Better Brains: 5 Easy Steps for Improving Your Child's Organization, Focus and Planning", with Dr. Sharon Saline.

December 9, 2020, 7:00-8:15 - "Beyond Behavior; Understand and Solve Your Students' Behavioral Challenges", with Dr. Mona Delahooke.

### Graduation Cords – Michelle Moore

The requirement for volunteer hours will be reduced this year for seniors only, from 100 to 75 hours. This is to accommodate the challenges of volunteering during COVID. Volunteer hours are already being turned in by students.

### Class of 2024

Typically, the freshman class will put together a Restaurant Night to start building up class funds. There is a committee of volunteers working on this.

### Class of 2023

The sophomore class E-Cycle Event usually makes between \$1,000-1,400. As of now, the company is not scheduling events due to COVID, but will consider possible options

### Class of 2022

Heidi Kayler has volunteered to chair the sale of car wash tickets. There is a group of volunteers who have signed up to help.

### Senior Events - Jennie Wildermuth

Grad Night - Talking to two companies about options for grad night.

Auction - Planning to survey parents to find out what parents would like to do about the auction, which is usually held in the fall. A virtual spring auction is an option.

Senior Treat Days - Seniors were treated to a Welcome Back Donut Pickup Day on September 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a drive-thru Senior Halloween Treat Day on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Special Speaker: Hillary Cohen, Mental Health Counselor**

This is Ms. Cohen's 4<sup>th</sup> year at Liberty, providing no-cost mental health services to students. She specializes in working with students dealing with anxiety, depression, managing stress and helping with coping skills. This is meant to be a short-term service for use during the school year, so short-term goals are set for to students to work toward. If longer treatment is needed, she is able to refer them to another therapist. Ms. Cohen is licensed clinical social worker. Since she is also employed by Swedish Hospital, therefore, all services fall under HIPAA confidentiality. Mental Health information and resources are posted on the Liberty PTSA website.

### **Principal's Report – Mr. Martin**

This year has required a lot of adjustments, and people seem to appreciate the increase of structure and class time over last spring. Mr. Martin has heard a lot of feedback about the students' workload. Students have been advocating for themselves in sharing that their workload is difficult, especially on Mondays and Tuesdays, which are eight-period days. Teachers are trying to maximize class time in order to teach the most important concepts that students will need as the foundation to move forward, and working on ways to get kids more off-screen time. Mr. Martin has been working with teachers to try to find a healthy balance.

The Tech Department has served everyone who has requested a laptop or hotspot. Materials and textbooks have been checked out to students. Dorian came in to take school pictures, which they were able to do while observing safety guidelines. One of Mr. Martin's concerns is how to help students connect for social development and to nurture personal relationships. There will be a virtual Club Fair where students will be able to connect and share their activities of interest. Sports seasons may start by the beginning of 2021, depending on safety guidelines.

The Science Grant which PTA approved is now being approved by the district Tech Department. Mr. Martin thanked PTA for the grant, the picnic table and Teacher Appreciation gifts.

Stadium update: Construction is underway on the new concession stand, restrooms and storage areas. There will also be a new entryway and paved path.

### **Adjournment: 7:20pm**

Submitted by:  
Korista Smith-Barney  
Secretary