

# Liberty High PTSA

Supporting our Kids and Community

Board Meeting MINUTES – Draft  
Liberty High School PTSA 2.6.50  
Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
Zoom Virtual Meeting

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**Call to Order:** 6:35pm by President Dawn Peschek. Proper notice of the meeting was given. In attendance: Dawn Peschek, Jennie Wildermuth, Trecy Trimble, Laila Collins, Alison Larsson, Marta Burnet, Stacy Morford, Michelle Moore, Erin Thacker, Korista Smith-Barney. Quorum was present.

## **Approval of Minutes**

November 2020 board meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed (no December board meeting). Minutes will be filed as presented.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and reviewed. November and December updates were discussed. The report will be filed, subject to financial review.

The new Bank of America account is opened and operating. Alisson is working on getting the Chase account closed out after all outstanding checks have cleared.

## **President's Report**

Liberty's mental health counselor, Hillary Cohen, will speak at the January General Membership meeting.

One more volunteer is needed to serve on the Nominating Committee, which will be searching for candidates to fill elected positions on the 2021-2022 PTA Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee will be elected at the January GM meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

**Outreach** – Private donations have been gifted to the Outreach program this year, including a donation for \$1,500, and several others for smaller but very generous denominations. Requests have been coming in from the counseling office and so far, seven Liberty students have had needs met. Several other students have made requests that are in the process of being filled. There is still have money in the budget to continue providing for future needs.

**Membership** – 432 Members total, 29 staff.

**Advocacy** – WSPTA Advocacy Week is January 18-22. There will be an action item each day with focus on different topics. People are encouraged to contact legislators by email, phone or letter.

Monday, January 18 – Call to Action: Focus on anti-racism

Tuesday, January 19 – Call to Action: Focus on equity

Wednesday, January 20 – Call to Action: Focus on mental health and wellness

Thursday, January 21 – Call to Action: Focus on preserving and flexing funding

Friday, January 22 – Call to Action: Focus on safety and emergency preparedness

**Boundary Committee** – Tentative plan is for Newcastle Elementary to attend the new Middle School #6, while the other three south-end elementary schools will continue to feed to Maywood.

Class of 2021 Yard Signs – Senior yard signs are sold out and a wait list has been started. Dawn has gotten pricing on a small order that can be placed in the near future for those who still want to purchase signs.

Parent Ed – “Managing Anxiety, Stress and Parenting” with Dr. Lisa Damour, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.  
“UpStanders” Film Discussion, with Swedish Behavioral Health Supervisor Tori McBride and ISD Counselors, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The film will be available for viewing February 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.  
“Powerful Study Techniques That Make the Grade” with Gretchen Wegner, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.  
Details and registration available on the ParentWiser.org website.

Directories – Have gone out in bulk mail to all PTA members. Single directories will continue to be sent out to each person who joins PTA.

Class of 2022 – Almost 200 of 358 carwash tickets have been sold so far. Heidi will be turning in the proceeds at the end of January.

Reflections – Ribbons and certificates have been sent out to all participants. District chairs will announce finalists who will be moving on to State Reflections by the end of January.

Community Service Cords – Students are turning in volunteer hours. Activity has been slower recently due to the break. Michelle will decide on a turn-in deadline.

Class of 2021 – The Auction Committee volunteers met. They have not been able to procure many items for the auction. A survey to senior families was sent out to get feedback on Grad Night, including questions about attending the event, holding an auction to offset costs, and ticket prices. The committee is considering pushing the auction out another month or canceling it altogether. So far, 112 people have responded to the survey out of 490 emailed. 77% of people have said they would like to have some type of Senior Grad gathering if allowed within Covid guidelines.

To break even on the costs of Grad Night and transportation, we would need to sell 200 tickets. According to survey responses to date, a majority of people would rather cancel the auction and pay full price for a ticket, and most would be willing to donate to a fund for students who need scholarship tickets. As of now, 67 people have committed to buying a ticket if Grad Night is scheduled. Jennie will continue to advertise the survey and try to encourage responses through the end of this week. The survey will be closed this Friday.

January Membership Meeting Discussion – Liberty Mental Health Counselor Hillary Cohen will be speaking at the January membership meeting. The subject matter will be “Addressing Anxiety in Teens During Covid and Remote Learning”. Mr. Martin will be giving an update on the state of the school. Construction on the new concessions area is moving along. We will be electing a Nominating Committee at the membership meeting.

February Board Meeting Discussion – Typically, there is no need for a board meeting in February. A meeting date is on the calendar, if we have nothing pressing to discuss that date will be canceled.

**Adjourned:** 7:17pm

**Submitted by:**  
Korista Smith-Barney  
Secretary