

Mills E. Godwin High School PTSO Board Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2022
Meeting & Back to School Social at 6:00pm

Board Members in attendance (“X”):

Nevine Anderson		Leigh Dunavant	X	Carter Kelly		Emily Perkins		Alexandra Wassamer	
Ling Chen		Pam Gibbs	X	Debi Knott	X	Mauli Shah	X	Allison Wright	X
Kari Crider		Davis Hollister		Vaiden Lindsey		Martha Shippee	X	Tamara Wyatt	X
Shriya Das		Elsa Hoppe		Susan Lionberger	X	Bryan Stevenson	X	Annie Yuan	
Padraic Dempsey		Mary Hutcheson	X	Andrea Mulvaney	X	Luis Vaughan			
Lee Dolan	X	Jennifer Kazzie	X	Shriya Pasvavala		Andrea Wassamer	X		

Meeting started at 6:26PM / Brief Welcome by Bryan, followed by dinner and a quick informal meeting.

OPENING/REMARKS

Bryan Stevenson welcomed everyone to his home for dinner and a quick meeting; with the purpose being to socialize, welcome new members to the board, and to get ready for the 2022-23 school year. Bryan also mentioned that we’re going to do meetings a little differently this year. They won’t all be in person, some will be virtual. We will do what makes sense based on whether events happening at the school on the same night are happening in person or virtually. For example, the College Funding Coach event is virtual, so we will meet virtually before the event. Bryan is going to send out calendar invites to all meetings in advance – for the entire year, so we’re all on the same page. Bryan thanked everyone for continuing to support the PTSO and volunteering on the board. Especially in considering the challenging few years we’ve had due to COVID.

Bryan welcomed our new members, including:

- Nevine Anderson (Communications, Social)
- Mauli Shah (Volunteers)
- Allie Wright (Shadowing Jennie Kazzie)

Bryan shared that the following board positions are open. He asked us to recommend suitable candidates to fill these positions as soon as possible.

- Lay Advisory
- Legislation
- Parliamentarian
- Program Director
- Scholarship

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Leigh Dunavant shared the following news and updates:

- The Wireless Speaker system for the Commons has been installed!
- Leigh hosted a lunch on August 9 for the leaders of all the school organizations and they came up with the following calendar for the year:

- September 12, 2022 – Back to School Night
(FYI: We may take a virtual vote on the budget on or around this time.)
- October 10, 2022 – College Funding Coach
- November 14, 2022 – Mental Health Presentation by Mrs. Porner
- December 2023 – No program, but the PTSO could use the Band concert on December 6th to take a vote on something if necessary.
- January 9, 2023 – Curriculum Fair for Rising 9th Graders
- February 13, 2023 – Substance Use Program (Bryan and Nicole have resources for the committee to contact)
- March 13, 2023 – Safety Forum – SRO, SSO, Safety Administrator, ILC for Digital Citizenship (maybe rotations to different locations for different speakers)
- April 2023 – No program, or Ava Stokes, or a cell phone presentation
- May 2023 – Cultural Kickback – the PTSO could participate on the parent side to connect with diverse group of parents
- Leigh is hosting more Virtual Parent/Student Godwin Community Meetings the next few Wednesday evenings.
- Leigh share an update on the traffic issues during arrival/dismal times. A girl was hit on Ridgefield at the end of the last school year. Several parents had concerns after this event and contacted two Henrico County Safety Board representatives. They met with Leigh over the summer to brainstorm ideas to improve the traffic congestion and poor driving conditions. Improvements were suggested utilizing the resources we currently have available to us.

Leigh will be addressing the changes in the next Virtual Godwin Community meeting. In brief, some of the changes include: staggering departure times for students; allowing only teachers and staff to turn left out of the parking lot; and possibly Juniors; Seniors will exit right. There are many other ideas but it takes a lot of work and planning so those may come later.

- Leigh thanked everyone for their continued support and looks forward to a great school year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tamara Wyatt.