

## Minutes from February 6, 2018 PTSA Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President, Connie Mayts, at 6:30pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the President called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2018 Membership Meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was moved by Clara Gough and seconded by Brooke Shapiro.

Mindy Taylor, VP of Advocacy, and Teresa Potter, Legislative Chair, discussed various legislations impacting public education. Their goal was to educate the PTSA on ways to advocate for public education. Teresa Potter discussed House Bill 7069 and the devastating effect it had on public education. In addition, they asked the membership to keep House Bill 7055 on our radars as PTA is opposed to some aspects of this proposed legislation. Mindy and Teresa provided the membership with a pamphlet from Hillsborough County Council PTA which discusses current issues and ways for us to advocate for our children.

Connie Mayts thanked Mindy and Teresa for speaking with the membership then introduced PTSA Student Liaison, Emily Surak. Emily updated the membership on her event to raise awareness for suicide prevention which will be held on March 27, 2018. The event "Be the Voice" is a talent show. Auditions will be held on Monday, February 12. She has created a website [www.bethevoicephs.com](http://www.bethevoicephs.com) which links directly to the Crisis Center's website. Emily is looking for volunteers and sponsors.

Several faculty members attended to discuss various interest clubs at PHS.

Ms. Margie Denney spoke about First Priority and Model UN.

Ms. Mary Beth Radigan discussed Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools

Mr. Mark Coleman explained the Tech Club and expansion of coding

Connie Mayts gave her President's remarks. PTSA was not able to fill the Teacher Appreciation Chair position. Connie asked if anyone was interested, please let her know. She also requested help with the Conference Night dinner on March 1, 2018. Help is needed with both set up and clean up. Please contact Elise Lippincott if you are able to help. Next, Connie announced PTSA has a new box of PDQ cards to sell. Finally, Connie relayed a story from Sarah Spicola, Outreach Chair, about a PHS student suffering from back issues because he needed shoes. PTSA was able to purchase shoes for the student and make a huge impact in his physical and emotional well being.

Elizabeth Elorza gave the membership report. We have 560 members, but hope to continue to add new members and contributions since PTSA has many events still to support this year.

Tiffany Gould provided the Treasurer's report. Copies of the budget were placed on each of the tables for the membership to review. PTSA is a few thousand dollars short for funding programs

for this year. Tiffany also thanked the members for turning in reimbursement forms and documentation in a timely manner.

Brooke Melendi, Nominating Chair, told the membership her committee is working on a slate of officers for the 2018/2019 school year. Her committee includes Debbie Brock, Michelle Hill, Rebecca Evangelista and Heather Criser. Brooke placed PTSA Willingness to Serve forms on the tables for those who wish to be considered for Executive Committee positions.

Merrie Tankersley spoke about Panther Acts of Kindness. PAKS puts a special treat in each of the teachers' boxes twice a year. She has \$250 left in the budget, and is looking for ideas or connections.

Kimi Hellenberg gave a report on the testing schedule for this year. The testing period has been shortened therefore there will be no make-up opportunities. She discussed the March 7, 2018 SAT date. PHS has a goal of a graduation rate of 97% this year.

Connie Mayts announced there is no new business to report and called for the meeting to be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted on February 6, 2018  
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