

## PTA COUNCIL HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2022

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

### Board Members present:

Srini Gorantla, President

Terri Marcus, VP Operations

Tonya Tiffany, VP Issues

Brent Loveless, Legislative Committee Chair

Meg Ricks, Policy Chair

Caroline Bodziak, After Prom Committee Chair

- I. **Call to order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Quorum was established.
- II. **Announcement** - Srini Gorantla, President, announced that PTACHC is in need of a treasurer and members to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- III. **Update on the former Maryland PTA** - Tonya Tiffany, VP Issues, provided an update regarding the issue of the legacy PTA fraudulently filing for dissolution on behalf of dozens of PTAs and PTA Councils. Although Free State PTA has been granted 501c3 status, locals are still encouraged to apply to be included under Delaware PTA.
- IV. **Follow up to TikTok motion that was approved at the January 3, 2022 meeting** - Lisa Krausz asked what the next step would be regarding the motion that passed at the last General meeting:  
*PTACHC advocates that National and Free State PTA:*
  1. *Release a public statement condemning these acts and viral videos and call upon TikTok and other social media sites to change their algorithms to immediately ban these videos.*
  2. *Write a letter to TikTok, YouTube, Facebook, and others to change their algorithms to immediately ban these videos.*
  3. *Spearhead a campaign to create safe schools for our kids and to protect our kids from these types of negative social media influences.*Srini Gorantla will talk with the President of Free State PTA to see if they will take this issue to National PTA.
- V. **Presentation on Toastmasters** – Srini Gorantla provided a presentation on Toastmasters International. If a local PTA is interested in making the program available at their school, they should reach out to Srini.
- VI. **Treasurer's report** - Nicole Alston, Treasurer, provided a Treasurer's Report. We currently have \$15,900 in the checking account and \$5,000 in savings. Six schools have outstanding dues. There is \$3,670 in the Scholarship Fund. Last year three \$1,000 scholarships and three \$500 scholarships were awarded. There is hope to match or exceed that number this year.
- VII. **Approval of the minutes from the last meeting** - *A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2022, meeting. The motion passed.*
- VIII. **Board of Education Report** - Dr. Lu provided a Board report. The Board recently voted on the scope of the upcoming boundary reassignment process. She thanked everyone for their input on Policy 6010 which sets 90 to 100% as the desired capacity utilization. Dr. Lu reported the Board recently voted on a calendar change. School will be in session on President's Day and Juneteenth will be observed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June. The current last day of school June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Board will be voting on the 2022-2023 calendar at the next meeting.
- IX. **Superintendent's report**- Mr. LeMon reported that the limit for attendance at athletic events and performances was lifted. These events are now at full capacity.
- X. **Legislative Report**- Brent provided the [legislative report](#).
- XI. **Adjournment**- The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.