

**Poolesville High School PTSA**  
**General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm**  
Meeting held virtually via Zoom.  
Presiding Officer, PTSA President, Andrea Stokes

- 1) Call to order and notice of recording: The meeting was called to order by Andrea Stokes the PTSA President at 7:00 pm virtually via zoom video conferencing.

Ms. Stokes informed everyone that the meeting was being recorded and a notice appeared on the screen.

- 2) Quorum: Ms. Stokes counted 26 members at 7:01 pm and quorum was met, a screenshot of attendees is attached as "Exhibit A."

- 3) Welcome and Introductions:

- a. Members were asked to put their names in the chat feature of the zoom call
- b. An agenda and the last month's meeting minutes were shared via chat.

- 4) PTSA President's report

- a. No new information to share. We continue to grow and support the school

- 5) Principal Carothers' report & Q&A

Monday and Tuesday are half days, no school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Monday is parent teacher conferences from 1 to 7:00. Directions are in Parentvue for meeting

Graduation date will be available in early December and Prom info by Friday

- 6) Presentation on School Safety and Security at PHS

- a. Presentation from Mr. Carrothers and Ms. Wilder, OSET Team (on sight emergency team)
- b. The school is required to do six drills and all drills have already been performed this year. The six drills are: Lockdown; Evacuation; Reverse Evacuation; Shelter in Place; Drop Cover and Holder Shelter; Severe Weather Shelter.
- c. The County and MCPS use NOAA alerts for weather issues. This may differ from other weather reports
- d. Lockdowns are an important drill. A Lockdown is when there is life threatening danger. This is primarily a school shooting scenario. The idea behind a lockdown is make a room seem empty, as if there is no one in the classroom. Important to get into the nearest safe area possible. Students should not be using cell phones but if students are using it, teachers should not create a situation that draws attention to the classroom by having them stop.
- e. After an emergency, there is PCR – Parent Child Reunification plan – which calls for parents to meet their children at the local churches, if the school cannot be used. The primary alternative spot is be the Baptist Church near the school but other locations are available as needed.
- f. The school now has a doorbell on the science building with a camera. So a security team member no longer has be stationed at the door. The security officer can roam the building but will still be stationed in the building.

- 7) PHS School Construction Update
  - a. Chris Deraleau, the MCPS representative, was scheduled to speak but did not attend the meeting. Mr. Carothers did an update. Concrete is being poured. Progress is being made. No update on timeline.
  
- 8) PTSA General Business:
  - a. Treasurer's Report – Kelly Elam
    - i. No update, membership dues and fees are the only transactions we have in the account right now.
  - b. Need for Fundraising Chair and committee volunteers
    - i. Ms. Stokes called for a chair and indicated that this is an important position.
  - c. PTSA Committee reports:
    - i. Membership & Communications
      - 1. Got list of 9<sup>th</sup> grade families so the PTSA can increase the number of families that we communicate with.
    - ii. Staff appreciation
      - 1. Sandi Baggett thanked everyone and said it was a successful event.
      - 2. Another event is scheduled for December 5, 2022
    - iii. Reflections Program
      - 1. Kerri Sumlinks – Poolesville HS is participating, Students need to create an original art work around the theme “show your voice” and can compete Countywide, statewide and even nationally. Deadline is December 5, 2022. Contact information is on our website.
    - iv. Fundraising
      - 1. Next event will be in December. Candy Cane bouquets will be available for sale.
    - v. Cluster Coordinator Report
      - 1. Hannah Donart – Our request to keep our construction completion on time was reiterated. A request was made for funding for the main gym expansion and a request was for an update to the synthetic field. The cluster advocated for a study to check on the impact of the microplastics from the synthetic field
      - 2. County Council approved funding for a wellness center for all high schools. The cluster requested on our behalf that to the wellness center included as part of the construction and not added afterward or result in delaying the construction
      - 3. A parent raised a concern about asbestos. The new school will have indoor air monitors but that does not address current asbestos concerns.
      - 4. MCCPTA Health and Wellness Committee can be reached at [healthandwellness@mccpta.org](mailto:healthandwellness@mccpta.org)
  
- 9) Q&A from PTSA Members
  - a. No questions
  
- 10) Vote to approve October PTSA Meeting Minutes
  - a. The minutes were sent by both link and PDF in the chat.
  - b. There were 28 screen names on at 8:13 when a call for approval was issued
  - c. Kelly Elam put forth a motion for approval and Kerri Sumlinski seconded the motion
    - i. A vote was taken and minutes were unanimously approved.



Exhibit A

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting grid with 25 participants. The participants are arranged in a 5x5 grid. The names of the participants are as follows:

Jennifer Brengle...	Theresa Wallingf...	Susan Laudadio	Gupta	Daniela Martinez
Sandi	Julia Wight	Kerri S	John Stokes	dgPhone
Danielle Gilbert	Kelly Elam	Patrice Allport	Linda	Deborah
Jillian Dove	Macy Anne Car...	Angela Smith	Epstein, Stephanie (US)	Steve Vogel
Jen chacon iphone	Bill Dove	Dan	David Griffith -	watching Colette

A meeting agenda pop-up is visible in the center of the grid, titled "From Poolesville High School PTSA to Everyone Meeting Agenda".

Below the main grid, there are several smaller video thumbnails and a second grid of participants:

- Thumbnails: Allison Wilder, Chad Older, Gray Family, Dana's iPhone12, Poolesville High School PTSA, Mark Carothers.
- Second Grid Participants: Jennifer Brengle..., Theresa Wallingf..., Susan Laudadio, Gupta, Daniela Martinez, Sandi, Julia Wight, Kerri S, John Stokes, dgPhone, Danielle Gilbert, Kelly Elam, Patrice Allport, Linda, Deborah, Jillian Dove, Macy Anne Car..., Angela Smith, Epstein, Stephanie (US).