

**Poolesville High School PTSA  
General Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023  
7:00 pm**

Meeting held virtually via Zoom video conference.  
Presiding Officer, PTSA President, Andrea Stokes

1. Call to order and notice of meeting recording. The meeting was called to order by Andrea Stokes, PTA President at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Stokes informed everyone that the meeting was being recorded and notice was given through the zoom application.

2. Quorum: Ms. Stokes asked attendees to identify themselves in the chat. Self identified attendees are included as "Exhibit A." A screen shot of all attendee usernames is included as "Exhibit B."

3. Welcome:

- a. The meeting agenda was shared on the screen. A link and a PDF file with the unapproved December 2022 minutes was shared in the group chat. A link and a PDF file with the treasurer's report was shared in the group chat.

4. Principal's Report. Principal Mark Carothers presented  
Leadership is reviewing the rotating falcon time after feedback from students. Any change will happen next year.

Graduation date is May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. Rehearsal will be day prior at Mt. St. Mary's. Montgomery County Public Schools can still change the date and location.

When the forecast predicts multiple upcoming inclement weather days, the school will treat the days like a two hour delay days and will go virtual. This will only happen when the forecast gives enough warning to allow students and teachers to plan ahead for virtual lessons. Snow days that were not predicted with enough advance warning or where it seems like school will be closed for only one day will result in the school closing.

School year is almost half over.

5. PTSA General Business:
  - a. President's Report by Andrea Stokes
    - i. No construction update until next month. Will submit financials to Free State PTA for review and to keep accreditation.
  - b. Treasurer's Report by Kelly Elam
    - i. Treasurer's report was shared by PDF and link
    - ii. No new information.
  - c. PTSA Committees:
    - i. Staff Appreciation –
      1. Next Staff Appreciation event will be February 13

2. Had great event last week on January 9<sup>th</sup>. No donations were requested for the January event. Budget was used to purchase goods.
  - ii. Post Prom Planning Committee -
    1. We are behind on donations to the 2023 campaign. All families are asked to donate \$20.23
    2. The Committee needs volunteers
  - iii. Reflections Committee
    1. We have two students competing in the County level competition
  - iv. Cultural Arts
    1. We will have the author in residence, Mary Amato for five days. She has an expertise on working with students on writing to work through troubled times. Last week of March and one day in April. Classes, most likely English, will go to the media center to work with her directly. There will be a chance for student to work with her in smaller groups too.
6. PTSA Meeting Minutes from December 2022
- a. The PTSA meeting minutes from the December 2022 meeting were shared in the chat again as both a file and a link.
  - b. Sandi Baggett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Amanda Graver seconded. Voting was opened and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
7. Meeting Wrap-up
- a. Next PTSA General Meeting will be Tuesday, February 21 – 7:00 pm
8. Guest Speaker: **“The College Admissions Process” – Ken Sholes, Foundry Admissions**  
College Admissions 101 – [foundryadmissions@gmail.com](mailto:foundryadmissions@gmail.com) Works primarily with Poolesville Students.

Minutes:

Approved as presented:            Date: February 21, 2023 Approved as corrected: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes compiled by and submitted by:

*Chad Older*

Chad Older, Secretary, Poolesville High School PTSA

Exhibit A

Attendees who self-identified in the group chat.

Mark A. Carothers, Principal  
Amitha Emmanuel  
Mary Chu  
Amanda Graver  
Ian and Diane Marie Gray  
Stephanie Epstein  
Kathy and Dan Savino  
Kenny Sholes  
Anil and Seema Gupta  
Dana and Jason Smith  
Inderbir Madan  
Kerri Sumlinski  
Tarun Bhaskaran  
Krish Bala  
Tenneh Yeaher  
Nicole Milisits  
Chad Older, PTSA Secretary  
Beth Sheeran  
Nan Gough  
Sandi Baggett  
Catherine Ghosh  
Thierry Kengni  
Divya Mohan  
Theresa Wallingford and family

Exhibit B  
Screen shot of all attendees.

