

**Poolesville High School PTSA
General Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, December 20, 2022
7:00 pm**

Meeting held virtually via Zoom video conference.
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.

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

- 2) Quorum: Ms. Stokes counted 24 members at 7:01 pm and quorum was thereby met, a screenshot of attendees is attached as "Exhibit A."

- 3) Welcome and Introductions

- a. Member were asked to put their names in the chat section of the zoom call. A list of those members who identified themselves is attached as "Exhibit B."
- b. The meeting agenda, treasure's report and minutes from the last meeting were shared in the chat

- 4) Principal Carothers' report & Q&A

Graduation date will be announced on Thursday, December 22, 2022. Graduation will take place at Mt. St. Mary's. Prom will take place at the University of Maryland in a ballroom. After winter break there will be a community meeting to discuss questions and concerns, but questions can be asked ahead of time. There will be two busses from the school and back.

Some of our fall student athletes and two coaches were acknowledged in the Washington Post for their outstanding skill.

To accommodate our speakers' schedules, we deviated from the agenda to allow them to go first.

- 5) PHS School Construction Update – Chris Deraleau, MCPS Project Manager

Above ground steel is being constructed. Exterior siding is also starting to go up. Interior wall and mechanical rough ins are starting. Plans for what is happening next is attached as Exhibit C.

There are no changes to students' day to day routine to accommodate construction for now. The wellness center will be added later and is not a part of the current construction plan.

The new gym will be 34 feet wider than the current gym and will double the seating. There will be concession space.

Flooding on the walkway is an ongoing problem and is addressed on an as needed basis. As the ground changes, the water flow changes and becomes a problem again.

In the new construction, there is no asbestos. Most existing asbestos was abated; remaining spaces will be abated when students are out of the building. No work is being done in area where asbestos may be disrupted.

- 6) Guest Speaker: **“How to Find and Apply For College Scholarships”** – Bethany Hubert Works for Going Merry which is an app and website to apply for financial aid. Things to do and in order to do them is attached.

The speaker suggested prioritizing local and small awards. It is not uncommon for some scholarships to go unclaimed. Scholarships with essays tend to have less competition. Seniors should do FAFSA right now. There are scholarships available for Freshman, Sophomore and Juniors, even though they do not know where they are going yet.

- 7) PTSA President’s report by Andrea Stokes
Post prom information is available on our website (the website address was shared in the chat) which includes details about the event and a wish list. Every month we are getting more members. Last newsletter of the calendar year will go out the end of this week.
- 8) PTSA General Business:
- a. Treasurer’s Report by Kelly Elam. A copy of the financial information was re-shared in the chat.
 - i. For the “Boo Bags” fundraiser, we made \$432.
 - ii. For the “Christmas Candy Cane” fundraiser, we made \$187
 - b. Need for Fundraising Chair and committee volunteers
 - i. Ms. Stokes reiterated the need for a fundraising chair and committee volunteers.
 - c. PTSA Committee reports:
 - i. Staff appreciation by Sandi Baggett, 1st Vice President and Chair
 - 1. There will be an event in January and that event will most likely be January 9th or January 30th.
 - ii. Post Prom Planning Committee, committee members were unavailable so Ms. Stokes presented for them.
 - 1. Theme is “under the sea”
 - 2. There is an option to donate, requested amount is \$20.23.
 - 3. Need volunteers to both plan and make happen
 - iii. MCCPTA Delegate’s Report, Jillian Dove, Student and Representative
 - 1. A resolution on digital best practices is being presented to the community. The resolution includes guidance that includes a recommendation to use hard copy documents and reduce digital devices; discourage non-academic gaming and free choice. Comments can be sent to psh.delegate@gmail.com
- 9) Vote to approve November PTSA Meeting Minutes
- a. The meeting minutes were again shared in the chat.
 - b. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Kelly Elam and Sandi Bagget seconded. A vote was held, and the meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Minutes:

Approved as presented: _____ Date: _____ Approved as corrected: Date: _____

Minutes compiled by and submitted by:

Chad Older

Chad Older, Secretary, Poolesville High School PTSA

Exhibit A








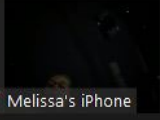


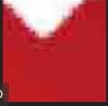
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 Jillian Dove	Kelly Kelly	 Kirsten Lewis	 Christopher Deraleau
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EXHIBIT B

Attendees who self-identified in the group chat:

Kirsten Lewis
Jacob Preis
Mark A. Carothers, Principal
John Stokes
Mary Chu
Seema and Anil Gupta
Ian Gray
Chad Older, Secretary
Sandi Baggett
Nan and Amelia Gough
Chris Deraleau, Project Manager, MCPS Div of Construction
Josh Stewart, Project Manager Dustin Construction
Juliana Ilieva
Siba Bhattacharyya

Exhibit C

WHAT'S NEXT...

ACADEMIC BAR – STRUCTURAL STEEL

AUXILLARY GYM – NEW ROOFING

MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING & SPRINKLER

BRICK & ROOFING

EXTERIOR WALL FRAMING

SPRAY FIRE-PROOFING



1

Submit your FAFSA®

The FAFSA® is the most important financial aid application, and on average gets students \$15,000 in aid each year. It's the key to getting government grants, scholarships from your college, on-campus student jobs, and low-interest student loans.

Amount of money	Chance of money
\$\$\$\$	% % % %
Time required	When to do
⊙ ⊙ ⊙ ⊙	ASAP

2

Apply for state grants

These are state government-provided grants and may require additional applications beyond the FAFSA®.

On average, students get \$1,000 per year in state grants.

Amount of money	Chance of money
\$\$\$\$	% % % %
Time required	When to do
⊙ ⊙ ⊙ ⊙	Varies

3

Apply for scholarships

Students can apply for independent scholarships sponsored by organizations, foundations, and companies.

Focusing on niche (and local!) scholarships give students a higher chance of winning.

Amount of money	Chance of money
\$\$\$\$	% % % %
Time required	When to do
⊙ ⊙ ⊙ ⊙	Anytime



4

Choose the right college

Choosing the most affordable college won't necessarily get students money, but it will save them money.

Use Going Merry's College Insights tool to compare offers and analyze affordability.

Amount of money	Chance of money
\$\$\$\$	% % % %
Time required	When to do
⊙ ⊙ ⊙ ⊙	Feb-May

5

Appeal for more aid

Your student can appeal (or negotiate with) their college to ask for more financial aid.

Sometimes families win an extra few thousand dollars per year by appealing.

Amount of money	Chance of money
\$\$\$\$	% % % %
Time required	When to do
⊙ ⊙ ⊙ ⊙	Feb-May

6

Compare student loans

Students can shop around to compare the best student loan terms before committing.

This can save students thousands of dollars in the long term.

Amount of money	Chance of money
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Time required	When to do
⊙ ⊙ ⊙ ⊙	Apr-Aug

