

## PTSA

Thursday, January 26, 2017

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes from last E-Board meeting
- III. President's Report – High Failure Rate
  - a. 42% of students failing are failing multiple
  - b. 157 students failing at least one class
  - c. What is being done to address the failure concerns? What is the campus late policy and does it need to be revisited?
  - d. Suggestions moving forward – work with advisors to ensure everyone knows the expectations of the advisor especially in regards to the parent communication. Suggestions would be for the advisors to use emails, phone calls, newsletters, the remind app, or class dojo to connect with the parents.  
Revisit the late policy to include students getting points deducted for late work instead of receiving zeros. Offer extra credit opportunities. Ensure the proper number of grades are being put in. Restructure study hall so students have an opportunity to use that time to study as well as get caught up on missing or struggling assignments (during study hall the students could revisit the classes they have below a 75 to get extra instruction, reteaching, or make up poor grades (especially those in 65-69 grade range). We want to treat the students and prepare them for college but we need to ensure they are earning their high school credits first.
- IV. **Principal Reports** – An all time high number of students taking classes at HCC. The Robotics program continues to grow. School is looking to grow the students in the area of technology moving forward. The principal and Mr. Pierce are currently attending a conference in Florida to expand the school's technology program. Press Release soon to come in regards to the Smithsonian Recognition of the school to acknowledge the increase in the STEM program in schools of children of color. The campus recently partnered with the 100 Black Men and Wells Fargo for a mentorship program. There is presently 35 students enrolled in the program. The school is currently developing a partnership with NBA Retired Players Association. The Young Men Empowerment was completed. A Young Women's Empowerment is coming up. Student enrollment predicted to go up in next year.  
**Membership Committee** – suggested a Parent Newsletter for next year. Will reach out to parents that have not yet paid.  
**Recruitment Committee**- make sure the incoming students have adequate information of the full expectation of the campus.  
**Student Programs Committee** – emailed
- V. Reports of Special Committees
  - a. Class of 2017
  - b. Class of 2018
  - c. Class of 2019
  - d. Class of 2020
- VI. Treasurer's Report – unfinished pending Ms. Vee's input
- VII. Actions Items

- a. Vote to host the hospitality room for the Young Women's STEM Conference on Friday, March 10. Vote 5:5
- VIII. Unfinished business – we will revisit the parent letter pertaining to the possibility for an upcoming parent workshop on financial literacy and perhaps use that opportunity to update the parents on how to stay connected, get involved, and make them aware of the campus expectations.
- IX. Upcoming fundraisers planned – the February 10<sup>th</sup> school dance and Panera Bread fundraiser (it was suggested that the proceeds go to class of 2019.)
- X. Meeting adjourned at 7:30