

# Apex High School PTSA Board Meeting

Sep 11, 2023

- **General Items:**
  - Call to order
  - Sign [attendance](#)
  - Vote in new President (Jennifer)
    - All voted in favor
  - Introduction from President
  - Approval [May Minutes](#)
    - Jennifer motioned to approve
    - All approved
- **President Action Items**
  - Approval of the 2023-2024 budget that was proposed
    - Proposed scholarship increased to two 1500 (4-year) and one at 500 dollars for vocational/certification
    - Grants increased to 7000
    - Math teachers: proposal for widely-used [software](#) (145 dollars for Delta Math subscription for 17 teachers all math students all grades)
    - Hospitality fund at 5000
    - Discretionary fund at 1500
    - Special projects \$4000 for Bright Futures this year to evaluate.
    - Community outreach and culture fund to 500
    - Later discussion for how to offer a scholarship for vocational training
    - Questions about academic emphasis: Bright Futures
    - Budget approved (at the end of the meeting)
  - Approve [Mission and Values](#)
  - Update on campus beautification: 2 proposed events (OCT 7th/Spring)
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - Cash carry over is at 4,287
  - Need to audit the binder, looking for volunteers
  - Fundraising: 260
  - Corporate donations: 500 coming in via benefit
  - Membership: not sure because of Square, which also shows spirit wear, budget says 7\$
  - Spirit: raised \$14374.68 so far
  - Admin: 340 intuit fees
  - Insurance due in October, already taken care of by Treasurer
  - In the bank: 12,000
  - We owe fees for four members for PTA memberhub for last year

- Math teacher grant was approved
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- **Update from Administration**
  - Introductions across the room
  - Mrs. Hoffman will check with the County to see about Delta Math
  - Delta Math would not be in the current budget; (Secretary proposed asking the county next FY; other schools use Delta Math)
  - Great start to the school year: Cell phone usage and other rules are being followed more
  - Staff seems to be pleased with recent changes to policies/students following
  - Asked if Peak News is missing anything, the board expressed gratitude for Peak News
- **Committee Reports:**
  - Cougar Notes/Website:
    - Johanna is still doing this even though her student graduated; there is interest in taking over Cougar Notes. President is following up
    - Reminder to submit content for Cougar Notes. To submit, send an email to [ahscougarnotes@gmail.com](mailto:ahscougarnotes@gmail.com)
  - Spirit Nights:
    - Open House spirit wear sign-ups
    - Panera Sept 21st
    - October Drive through BBQ (date will be discussed)- orders needed 3-4 days out
    - Nov is Red Robin
    - Dec is Momma Mias
    - Order tickets from the fair through their website and use our code (316)
  - Membership:
    - 103 members as of today
    - Quick discussion about how dues were increased based on national PTA costs
    - Reminder that teachers seeking grants must join, family membership needed for scholarship consideration
  - Volunteers:
    - Do we need this category? Most committees are handling their own
    - One call for volunteers to visit businesses for funds
  - Academic Emphasis:
    - Bright Futures Sept 1st first meeting: 10 things not to do for writing your college essay
    - Bright futures tutoring program, Sept 18th 7-8 PM; virtual training for parents to learn how to help out with essays

- There will be a sign up for a 30 minute online session. Students will need to be part of the PTSA to get the assistance, or will need to pay 15 dollars
    - Interview Panel planned Nov 2 with hiring managers, asking for the team to help get local managers
    - Do we need a Bright Futures committee? Currently a one-person show-added to next agenda for Committee Chairs
  - Food Pantry:
    - Currently serving 15 students from last year
    - PSTA fills a closet and a backpack
    - Football team is thinking about a canned food drive for a game
    - Krista is heading the food pantry
  - Hospitality and Teacher Appreciation:
    - Took care of the before school meal, went well
    - 15% off from Bojangles
  - Reflections:
    - November 1st deadline for Wake County, so the deadline for AHS is October 13, which gives time for judging
    - Reflections has not been here for 2 years
    - Need link on Cougar Notes
    - County requires a fee and PTA in good standing
  - Spirit Wear:
    - Hoodies and water bottles are here, send an email to get merchandise ordered
    - Sign up for Wed Open House spirit wear
  - School Improvement Committee:
    - Mrs. Hoffman described that the team now meets once a month
    - Vision statement is updated
    - Defined PEAK
    - Accreditation year with take up a lot of time this semester
- Class Parents
  - Seniors: very busy, ordered t-shirts, gave t-shirts, had the parade, breakfast, senior sunrise
  - Corporate donation for the cups: Capital Finance \$1000
- Old Business: None
- New Business: Mission approved, Budget approved, President voted in, Board introduction
- [Dates for next meeting](#)
- Adjournment: 8:20