

Enloe High School PTSA Meeting
October 14, 2008

Attended: see last page of minutes

Location: Media Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by our President-Elect Lorraine Johnson

Welcome: Lorraine Johnson PTSA President Elect

I Principal's Report: Dr. Beth Cochran

Dr. Cochran invited everyone to attend the play "Romeo and Juliette".

November 6th "Encouraging Freshman Success" program about formal interventions guided study, academic assistance after school, peer tutoring, Tuesday late start mornings and tutor rooms.

Homecoming week activities; had to make decisions that were best for all students; situations such as what happened at Triangle Town Center force the administration to err on the side of caution. Gang Issues have been around for years. Other schools have adjusted pep rallies; pro-gang awareness programs for parents.

Question from floor; If PTSA paid for extra police for pep rally or tail gating would these activities been able to move forward? Hiring only 2 officers per 2500 students would not help if an incident broke out. Parents asked how the gang situation at Enloe compares to other Wake County high schools. A parent was concerned that students went to Culpepper Park to tailgate. Parent believes this location is not as safe as an on campus event.

II Action Items

Minutes from August 26 Lorraine Johnson

The minutes were distributed and approved without amendment

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Couch: report passed out; no feedback

Committee Reports:

Teacher Grants: Lorraine Johnson; getting request with a better report in November

Academic Boosters: Michelle Ogle; Goal of the committee is to recognize students. Ogle discussed the many ways her committee would like to accomplish the goal.

District 4 Advisory Board: Amy Madison: Every school board has a member who meets with the school board. Presentation last week on reassignment; assignment is a very complicated process. Enloe is under review right now for its magnet status. Beverly Clark (two other people as well) is championing magnet schools while the other board members want them to be equal and don't see the advantage of magnet status. Comment in News and Observer was the school board will consider splitting the magnet program at Enloe; removing the IB program and keeping the GT portion.

Membership: Lorraine Johnson: We have received \$ 16,514 from 759 members. Every member's name (at the various levels of giving) will be listed in the next newsletter. The various levels of giving are as follows:

Standard – parents	1,690.00
Standard - students	490.00
Teachers/Staff	219.00 (Vonnie Hicks won the raffle)
Bronze (\$ 25-49)	680.00
Silver (\$ 50-99)	2,990.00
Gold (\$ 100-199)	5,715.00
Platinum (\$ 200-299)	2,130.00
Halo (\$ 300+)	2,600.00

Newsletter: Lorraine Johnson; Second newsletter in process to be printed in early November.

Hospitality: Youandi Jackson-Brown was not in attendance. No report

Reflections: Leigh Stallings, Sharon Gupton or Kella Hatcher; deadline is earlier than usual. Packets in main office, distributed to English teachers

Ways & Means: Mary Ellen Surra; Passive fundraiser cards. Pick them up and register. Fundraiser at Barnes and Noble Cary/Crabtree; Enloe's fundraiser days are Thursday Dec 4 and Friday Dec 5. Purchases from any Enloe customer who shops at B&N those 2 days (and says they are with Enloe) will be credited to us and we will receive a percentage of the sales. How much depends on how much we buy – it is a sliding scale. We will have arts displays and performances at the Cary and Crabtree stores those 2 days. In addition, as long as the Enloe shopper presents our book fair number (#345660) they can shop at any store in the country and their purchases will be credited to us as well (Grandparents!). Unfortunately this does not apply online.

Programs: Renee McCoy-Caldwell; Next program Nov 18 “New Driving Legislation - Jordan Driving School” Iris Caldwell attended the Marbles Drive Safe Save to Drive and shared the following statistics; each day 14 teenagers die by another teenage driver, males most likely to cause accident. Distractions and speed. Teenage driving is the leading cause of death of teen over violence, suicide and drug abuse. Parent Student Contract.

III Other Business: none

Announcements:

Newsletter Future Dates:

Deadline	Publication
January 9	February 23
April 10	May 18

Next PTSA Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7 PM. Note: 3rd Tuesday of month.

Adjournment: 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Whitney B. McMahan
Recording Secretary

Attendees for Enloe PTSA Meeting – October 14th, 2008:

Board Members & Student Reps: Lorraine Johnson, Renee McCoy-Caldwell, Mary Ellen Surra, Whitney McMahan, LaVerne Weldon, Cathy Couch, Beth Cochran, Iris Caldwell

General Membership: Brooke Reimer, Colleen Vitek, James Lyttle, Karen Reimer, Kathy Forrest, Lee Ellen Coffey, Lee Ellen Coffey, Miriam Monk-Baker, Katie Floyd, Wanda McCargo, Maria Holtzman, Jim Comer, Chuck Evans, Adam Holtzman, David Dorton, MaryAnn Coleman, Anabella George, Pam Callian, Carolyn Bost, Nelle Keeley, Donna Seese, DB Williams, Cathey Smith, Kristen Turner, Allison Hudson, Michelle Rogers, Sharon Gupton, Sandra Smoak, Sheeley Snyder, Bill Kochuk, Amy Madison, Bethie Bailey, Pam Foster, Amy Mackintosh, Sue Jiang, Deborah Keefe, Fiona Mueller, Jeanette Cellopy, Chad Chandler, Kristi Milowic, Jim Connor, Rhonda Connor, Steve Morris, John Perry, Kella Hatcher, Ann Kepke, Martin Stankus, Irene Chan, Dewaine Chan, Vicki Hoelzle, Lucy Au, Barbara Styers, Pam Price, Stephanie Cooper Senagal, Yvonne Addison, Cynthia Jordan, Cathy Calloway, Lindy Rex

PROGRAM: Navigating the Graduation Project, Ray Samuels

<http://enloehs.wcpss.net/grad/>
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/>

State Board of Education; every school in the NC has to follow these guidelines. State required exit requirement. All schools are given some leeway in how they execute these projects. Plan has been gradually improving over the last three years.

Action plan; tried to line it up into “what is due” starting in 9th grade; each year has a deadline. Not engraved in stone to give students a good idea of when they should be doing. Paperwork is kept in home room which meets with students every other week for about 10 minutes to collect graduation project items. English classes and freshmen seminar class is where the students are getting the bulk of information. As a parent you should keep copies of all documents and use the lists as a checks and balance. Help keep track of each step of the project. Parents should be more proactive. Parents should keep on top of these documents as well.

Website information is easily accessible. <http://enloehs.wcpss.net/grad/> “Graduation Project” link on the right side of the Enloe HS Website. All the documents can be printed and turned in. Portfolio forms very easy to complete. Rubric; NC state’s rubric. All four state rubrics; research, product, portfolio and presentation. <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/> has some great videos under resources and multi media from the state that show exactly what is expected by the state.

One of the changes the state has made is the use of a mentor. A mentor is no longer required which will make it a little easier. However, a Mentor Form is still required because some of these topics will require a professional in that field i.e. nuclear physics. You can help your student succeed by asking them what they are interested in. The topic should be interesting to the student.

Dr. Cochran; Enloe staff will not let your children fail. We are going to make sure they are where they need to be so they will graduate. Yes, it is confusing and we are doing everything we can to get through this project. Please do not shoot the messenger. This is something extra added on. We will get the job done. We need your help when you are hearing about this project by reinforcing their project. Eleventh grade English teachers will make sure there is a paper by the end of the year.