

# CHAPTS

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## CHAPARRAL HIGH ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS & TEACHERS

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### CHAPTS – General Board Meeting – August 13, 2018 Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order – Allison Barkley called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Jen MacColl spoke about her funding request for Zoo/Bot.
- II. Student Government- There was no one from Student Government to report tonight.
- III. Principal Report- Several Vice Principals introduced themselves and went over their areas of responsibilities. Mr. Sam Messina stated he is in charge of juniors, discipline and parking. Mr. Adam Kohnen who is in charge of Special Education and clubs and let us know August 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> is Club Rush. Ms. Sarah Barela is in charge of AP, career center and the guidance department. Mr. Dreifort introduced himself and let us know what a great staff we have at Chaparral. He's in his 25<sup>th</sup> year of education and here from Wichita, Kansas. He has a senior daughter and is thankful to be here. Chaparral has a great reputation and we want to get back to what used to be Chaparral with its great reputation with great athletics, academics and activities. Please come by any time and talk to him. He mentioned they have hired so many great teachers and he gave credit to the Assistant Principals who did all of the hiring. He spoke of his daughter and he knows she has received an outstanding education and he is very excited to be here. There was a question about is he permanent or interim Principal and Mr. Dreifort stated that he is interim and yes, he would like to go for the permanent Principal job. There was a statement about Curriculum Night and how helpful and professional, the teachers were and how positive the evening went especially as compared to last year. More comments about Open House and what an amazing school it is as compared to Desert Mountain. There was a question about what happened last year and it was mentioned that we do have 25 new teachers and we are excited with those that are here and Mr. Dreifort would hope that teachers that left would want to come back because of the positive changes that have been made. Mindy Hickman's position was also explained as an answer to the question about the Governors new grant that came to Chaparral because of risk that was identified. There was a statement about the phone number posted on the back of the ID that was a good idea for risk. There were two questions/statements about schedules that were changed and what happened to a few students' schedule changes. Mr. Dreifort explained the changes and apologized for the mistake and confusion. Mr. Dreifort said we are fully staffed and we are prioritizing getting Chaparral back to the level that it used to be with the reputation of great education, opportunities to get involved and that they will be prepared when the leave Chaparral all while being treated with respect. There was a question about what the steps will be to get Chaparral to the level Mr. Dreifort is seeking. Making students feel welcome, not like a police state, including IDs and just making them visible; asking students to say "Please" and "Thank you" which was stated at the student assembly. Mr. Dreifort asked the teachers to teach, not being weighed down by paperwork, have confidence in the classroom and encouraged to try new things with the feeling of support from the Principal. There is not a long laundry list of things however he is addressing situations as they come up stemming from respect and liking being at the school. There was a question about AZ Merit and is that a priority over getting ready for SAT/ACT? Mr. Dreifort stated he would support whatever the District policy is however he believes that

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volunteering time and allocating funds for the benefit of all students."

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both can be accomplished. There was an explanation from Jen McDowell about how tests are scored and how parents can make a difference by attending the Governing Board meetings and advocating and stating their preferences. There was a question about how the SAT/ACT and teaching in the classrooms are aligned. It was stated that there is no data to support that information. There was a statement about how progression of growth does come into play at the State level. There was a question about emailing a counselor and what needs to be done because he hasn't responded. Mr. Dreifort asked for her to email and he will get back to him. There was a question about the spirit of the school and a compliment about how Chaparral is going in the right direction and students and parents can tell the difference. Mr. Dreifort stated that he asked the students to find out why their friends have left and to try and bring them back because things have changed to be a more positive environment this year. There was discussion and ideas that were made about school spirit and what could be built in. There was a question about National Honor Society and would the Principal please be at the induction. There was a question about Special Ed and does Mr. Dreifort have any experience? He noted that he has a daughter that is profoundly deaf and in Special Ed. The parent had a question about where to go for legal advice. Mr. Dreifort suggested he meet with him to help her with her concerns. There was a question about sexism at the school as it pertains to athletics including weight room time, the sports that are mentioned on the announcements and recognition of all of the sports, not just football as well as JV teams. There was a statement that booster presidents need to be proactive about reporting what is going on with all of the sports teams. Also noted that the Athletic Director be more proactive with facilitating information. Mr. Dreifort stated that he very much appreciated all of the ideas and opinions that came up tonight even asking everyone to email him everything that was brought up tonight. He stated that he is a straight shooter and he will work hard and let us know if we can't get to certain things.

IV. Election of Board of Directors and VP Community - Kelley Carter, Gena McFarland, Johanna Martin, Amy Carney, Stacey Grass, Margaret Tritch Keri Wilson motioned to pass. Tracey Hott seconded the motion. Motion passes. Anne Elizabeth Ginch will be the VP Community was created to help out with Hospitality and be a liaison with StuGo, Deca, Mom's on Fire and other. Amy Mariucci motioned to pass. Jen McDowell seconded the motion. Motion passes.

IV. Treasurer Report – Amy Mariucci reported we had an outstanding year last year and we are off to a good start this year. We are taking ads for the online directory if anyone would like to advertise. Spirit Wear is also doing well and there are items for sale at the meeting tonight and online. Amy stated that the Wells Fargo checking account balance is \$127,967.58 and the Wells Fargo savings account balance is \$29,475.09 with the total for all accounts is \$177,493.55. We fund several aides on staff and she went over the positions that are funded including a 15 -hour person that has not yet been hired.

V. Roll Call- Judy Theman took roll. A quorum was met.

VI. Funding Requests – Laura Klebosky

Requestor	Amount	Description	Budget	Status
Jen MacColl Zoo/Bot	\$500.00	Garden Bed Funding Zoo/Bot	General approved funding	Keri Wilson motioned to pass. Amy Mariucci seconded the motion. Motion

				passes.
Malcolm Leinwold AP Biology	\$1,440.45	Hands on materials kits for AP Biology	General approved funding	Keri Wilson motioned to pass. Amy Mariucci seconded the motion. Motion passes.
Zhony Yi Yuan AP World Language	\$718.56	Purchase 6 sets of Integrated Chinese Level 2	General approved funding	Keri Wilson motioned to pass. Amy Mariucci seconded the motion. Motion passes.
Laura Klebosky	Not to exceed \$120.00	Umbrellas for Special Ed	General approved funding	Keri Wilson motioned to pass. Amy Mariucci seconded the motion. Motion passes.

There was a question about science requests and how they are funded in regards to the Science Booster fund. There was another question about whether the district would pay for the World Language request however it was noted that the textbook would not be funded by District.

VII. Membership/Directory- Miesje Corbo reported that she feels things are going well with membership and she contributes the support so far to the new positive feeling at Chaparral. She suggested everyone to spread the word to friends as to how the money is used and to ask for support to join Chapt from friends. There was a question about how members receive their information and it should go automatically for former members. Anyone with questions should email Miesje. There was a question about staff and how it was going with their membership. It was stated that we are asking staff to have 100% membership.

VIII. Fundraising- Jen McDowell reported that we have Lululemon gear that can be ordered with low pricing including free car decals available for anyone who would like them. Jen explained the Beautification ideas including new picnic tables that have been ordered and other ideas that will be implemented that had been put on hold with the change of administration over the summer. The items would go toward items the District wouldn't cover. It was stated that anyone with specific requests should ask for their teachers to put in a funding requests that they feel are needed. There was a question about lockers and availability for some Sophomore students

that would like a locker. There was a question about StuGo and are they ever asked what is needed on the campus? The answer was yes, and it seems like they are aligned with what other students would like as well.

- IX. Marketing and Communication- Carla Monson asked how many people have been on the Chapt's Facebook page? Please go on and like our page! Please tell your friends to go on and like our page. She went over some announcements that are coming out and how they highlight students and how to email Carla to add information to the Facebook page. We also have Twitter and Instagram that is starting up. Chapt's.org has the links so you can follow.
- X. VP Community- Anne Elizabeth Ginch said thank you for the vote. She plugged spirit and an event in September and next semester. She is still working on the plan and Chaparral is a parent supported community and want to get to know each other. Please bring ideas and thoughts to Anne Elizabeth.
- XI. Project Grad- Tracey Hott reported that Project Grad will be from 10PM-2AM after graduation on Thursday, May 30 at Octane Raceway.
- XII. New/Old Business
  - a. Finance Committee to meet for audit in August or September
  - b. Ideas for speakers and presentations via Mindy Hickman

**Next General Board meeting Monday, September 10 at 6:30PM.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:48PM.**