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CHAPARRAL HIGH ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS & TEACHERS

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General Board Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2018

- I. There was a presentation by Mindy Hickman and Katie Kunitzer with an overview of support services on campus. Guidance Counselors, assigned alphabetically, school nurse, psychologist, and prevention specialist, Mindy Hickman. The primary role of the Guidance Counselor is academic advising. While the majority of the time spent at high school is focused on learning, there is more to life than grades including social and emotional issues, the guidance department is a means of additional support. They can also provide support resources outside of school if more is needed as no treatment is done on campus. Teen AA is available as a support group on campus for addiction issues from the past so that these students can move forward. The nurse is only concerned with health issues however; she is often a point of social support as if someone goes to her for say a stomachache, which may not be health related. The Psychologist is available for testing and provides support in that area. The prevention specialist works with some students who provide support for students who need additional emotional support. The goal is to have an umbrella support system with a net that hopefully catches all children in all areas needed outside of the home. Mindy Hickman stated she was here because of a grant that was issued from the Governor's office an initiative on youth, faith and family. Based on a survey, Chaparral was shown to be above average in drug and alcohol usage, which is why we were awarded the grant. It was noted that affluent families have a higher national average for drug and alcohol usage. Fifteen schools in Arizona (3 in Scottsdale) that was given this grant. Since last year, the number of violations at Chaparral has decreased by 75%. Mindy also informs the community as to what to look for as far as well as putting interventions into place. She receives referrals from teachers and administration so she is able to do a lot of one-on-one meetings with students and anyone is able to go see her. Mindy is at Chaparral full time and also sets up events and activities to educate the students to alternatives and give them healthy ways to learn to cope during the high school years. "We have something better to do" is an initiative the government came up with to help students make good choices by filling their time with positive activities. Mindy makes referrals to outside organizations and can use her budget to give to organizations such as "Not My Kid" for drug prevention and intervention so that she is able to send children to these organizations to help the students. Red Ribbon week is going on this week with activities and Teen Lifeline on campus. Mindy showed some things that she is working with to change the culture at Chaparral to make everyone feel included and helped. Yearbooks, parking passes, candy and other things are used as incentives. Two upcoming events are Police officers,

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counselors; drug specialists will be at Desert Mountain (October 29, 6-7:30PM) and a new center (Serin Center on November 1 6-7:30PM) that will have a weekly parenting workshop that was listed on the board. There was a question about vaping. Mindy stated that it is definitely a problem at Chaparral as it is everywhere, and that everyone at the school is working on trying to improve this challenge. She did state that the violations are down by 75% over last year. There are drug kits available on campus provided by the SRO on campus.

- II. Call to Order- Allison Barkley called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

- III. StuGo report- Ashley Fries stated their first event is a Blood Drive is on Thursday. Students have to be 16 and a signed permission from the parent if under 18. The Yavapai Toy Drive is the next event for the holidays Sam Triester presented his new club, Ski Club with Tommy Christokos. There is a trip planned for right after winter break and also MLK weekend. They are asking for \$500 from the Board to cover the costs and make the trip less expensive. Allison stated that \$200 is the amount that is usually given and asked them to email her for ideas on fundraising. UNICEF officers were in attendance and are starting a new club to fundraise and advocate for the protection of children's rights inside and outside of the US. They will use the funds, if received, to do fundraisers for their club. There are ten students in their club.

- IV. Principal's Report- Mr. Dreifort stated things are going well and people are in good spirits. There is a good vibe on campus with the students are doing great and teachers are doing well. Little Shop of Horrors was great, football is almost wrapping up with playoffs as is badminton, volleyball and other Fall Sports. Cross Country is doing very well and Boys golf went to Florida and took 3rd in a National tournament. Swim and Dive is doing fantastic and ranked in the top 3 in the country. You should be proud to send your kids here as this is a very good place to be. PSAT is on Wednesday and is a late start for those students not taking the exam. Tomorrow night there is a focus group from 7-8:30 at Cocopah to see what parents would like to see in a new superintendent. There is also a district survey that they are also interested parents taking that is on the website. There was a question about when we will know if we can keep Mr. Dreifort as principal. He humbly stated that he didn't know and guessed it would be later in the school year when the contracts are issued.

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

- VI. Vote Board of Director's- motion to approve new Board of Director member, Larissa Beckstead. Johanna Martin motioned to approve the motion. Keri Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

VII. Approval of Minutes- Amy Mariucci motioned to approve the September minutes. Keri Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

VIII. Treasurer Report- Amy Mariucci reported the month end Wells Fargo checking account balance is \$189,945.39 and the Wells Fargo savings account balance is \$49,540.53. Total for all accounts is \$239,485.92. Amy stated she went through an audit that went very well. We are now on Quick Books on line and it is very helpful.

IX. Funding Requests – Keri Wilson reported the following funding requests:

Requestor	Amount	Description	Budget	Status
13. Sam Triester, student	\$200	New club, Ski Club	Club Start Ups-other	
14. Library/Firebird Word Studio, Rornas	\$3957	Rebuild/update	WishList? General?	
15. Social Studies, Danis	\$50	Membership fee, for Teachers of Psych in Secondary Schools	General	
16. Special Ed/Psych, Houser	\$60	Screening protocol booklets allows the team to create intervention strategies	General	
17. Admin, Kohnen	\$250	Halloween Costume contest prizes	General	
18. Fine Arts, Bilger	\$471	36 Acrylic Palettes	General	
19. UNICEF members	\$200	New Club, UNICEF	Club Start Ups-other	Carla Monson motioned to approve. Liz Bornstein seconded the motion. Motion passes.

- X. Fundraising- Liz Bornstein reported that about \$1300 was made from the Lululemon sale and another sale will happen in the spring. There was an order placed for PJ shorts with the Chaparral logo in white on the hip including long PJ pants in Black and White Buffalo check with a red logo. Sweatshirts were also ordered in the smaller sizes that were previously sold out. They will be sold at Senior Night at the last football game on Friday.
- XI. Membership/Directory- Miesje Corbo reported that Membership is over and finishing with 95 faculty members and 570 families and overall the drive was very successful. We raised about \$61,000 this year, up \$5-\$6000 over last year.
- XII. VP Community- Anne Elizabeth Ginch was out and Eiyse Bertram stated Hospitality will be sending out Signout Genius for 10/31 Teacher Appreciation lunch and Gina McFarland and Kelly Carter will be running the event. The staff Holiday lunch in will be hosted by Canes who will also have giveaways for the staff. Alison Barkley then stated that NHS, President Reily Hammond, is requesting food for the Senior Banquet from Canes and will need help and we will be working with them. Mom's On Fire had their first event and it was a success. The next event will be held in 2019 with more information to follow. The club will need someone else to take over for next year. November 1, 2019 from 5-7PM at the Vig at McCormick Ranch is the first Community Event. It's a no-host bar with limited appetizers. The Vig cannot donate any food and Anne Elizabeth requested that Chapt's donate up to \$200 to fund the appetizers. Johanna Martin, Amy Samuel Mada, Jen Kirscher, and Naomi Gauthier volunteered to head up Mom's On Fire next year.
- XIII. Project Grad- Tracey Hott was not in attendance however Allison Barkley stated she has gotten her major volunteer co-chairs covered which is good news and the event is moving on.
- XIV. Marketing and Communication- Carla Monson asked for anyone with a club to contact her with any information to be posted.
- XV. New/Old Business-
 - a) Scottsdale Parent Council is going to ask us for reps. Allison stated that Jan Voelkel would be interested and Jen McDowell volunteered as well. It was stated that the dues were waived this year but the Executive Board voted to donate approximately \$80. The first meeting is this week on Wednesday at 5:30pm at Mohave Annex.
- XII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:07pm.

Next General Board meeting Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30pm

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