



Coral Gables High School PTSA General Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, May 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m. (in person)

Attending Board & Committee Members:

Nicole Ridoux, President; Romina Mania, Treasurer; Lili Warner, VP Administration; Charlene Betancourt, VP Membership; Nayla Benitez, Corresponding Secretary; Raynah Remedios, Uniform Committee; Kimberly McGrath Moreira, Green Committee Chair; Anita Chevalier, Volunteer Chair and Green Committee; Principal Toni Ullivarri

Nicole Ridoux called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

1) Review and approval of February 1, 2024, minutes (Nayla Benitez)

A majority vote approved the minutes.

2) President's Report (Nicole Ridoux)

What has happened:

- i. Advocacy update
- ii. Teacher Mini-Grants, mentioned all teachers that received a grant for total of \$7,400 awarded
- iii. This year's goal = Improve the Media center to include new lounge areas & computer chairs
- iv. Teachers Appreciation Lunch update
- v. College Fair will be on October 14, 2024
- vi. Reflections Contest had 22 entries across 4 categories and 1 student received an Excellence Award (Video was played)
- vii. Miami Dade County PTA Awards - 2 awards received (1) Eugenia B. Thomas Communications Award for our Newsletter (Nayla Benitez) (2) Pillar of PTA School site Employee Award (Yanet)

3) Election of the new Board (Anita Chevalier)

Nominations' list:

President - Nicole Ridoux
VP Admin - Lili Warner
VP Membership - Cristina Delvat
Treasurer - Charlene Betancourt
Corresponding Secretary- Flavia Salzano Scott
Recording Secretary - Chris Clausing

4) Committee Chairs (Nicole Ridoux)

Discussed different committees and volunteers that will be needed for the upcoming school year

5) Financial Report (Romina Mania)

- a) The treasurer presented:
 - Current Cash Flow
 - 2023-24 Budget amendments
 - 2024-25 Budget
- b) The budget amendments and the budget for 2024-25 were approved by majority vote.
- c) Review of the GiveBacks Program and encouraging those present to sign up.
- d) Requested 3 people for the Audit Committee

6) School Updates (Principal, Ullivarri)

- a) End of year Testing - IB done with testing - still doing make-up test for AP Graduation - CGHS is the first school that graduates - 700 seniors will be graduating this year 98% of students will graduate this year (Class of 2024)
- b) Construction Update:
 - i. Media Center is done!
 - ii. Air conditioning is pending in that same building
 - iii. All windows facing Bird Road will be replaced by the end of the summer as well as new A/C units the Auditorium North
 - iv. The new band & chorus room should be completed by the end of June.
 - v. A drum line is being created for the schools with hopes of a full marching band eventually
 - vi. Phase 2 should be finished by the end of 2025
 - vii. Phase 3 new Gym /Outdoor field areas -possibly a second gym- TBA
 - viii. Score Board needs to be replaced hopefully in the summer
 - ix. The track field needs to be replaced. We are waiting on the district to see if they will cover any of the cost
- c) No Book bags last 3 days of the school year
- d) Diploma Distribution
- e) ESACC

7) Uniforms Sale (Mayu Betancourt)

- a. The PTSA is the designated vendor for Gables High uniforms.
- b. Buying uniforms through the PTSA ensures that your students' uniforms comply with the Gables and M-DCPS district uniform policy and support school initiatives.
- c. Uniforms can be purchased online only: www.gablesptsa.memberhub.com/store
- d. Uniform order pick up for the summer will be June 11, 12, 13 from 11:30-1pm and

August 12,13,14 from 5-6:30pmin the auditorium lobby.
e. Exchanges are allowed.

8) Membership Update (Charlene Betancourt)

a) 388 Members for 2023-24 school year

b) Benefits of the PTSA Membership

- i. 5 Community hours for each student member
- ii. Community hours for helping at PTSA events
- iii. Seniors can apply for a \$2,000 PTA scholarship
- iv. College Fair: priority in the choice of session
- v. Faculty members can apply for mini-grants
- vi. Involvement in the school community.

c) PTA supports

- * College Readiness: College Fair; SAT prep books
- * Reflection Art Program (state-wide art competition)
- * PE department (e.g., new equipment)
- * Campus improvements (e.g., Media Center beautification)
- * Teacher mini-grants
- * Student Honor Roll rewards
- * Teacher Welcome Breakfast; Appreciation Luncheon

9) Green Team (Kimberly McGrath Moreira & Anita Chevalier)

a. Thanked everyone who helped the PTSA achieve the Gold Apple designation which is valid until 01/2027.

b. Continuation of the Back-of-Kitchen composting and recycling program.
100% funded by the PTSA.

c. Anita spoke about the generous donation from parents for the composting efforts and talked about all the successes that came forth like Share Table / 10 recycling stations on campus and the food waste initiation in the cafeteria

d. Ongoing goals for this year

e. Support efforts to be part of Miami Dade Schools' pledge to be 100%
clean energy by 2030

f. Looking for students to give of their time for service hours to
support initiatives as well as adult volunteers. Contact email:
CGHSGreenTeam@gmail.com

g. New Club called Gables Earth will start in 2024-2025 and will be sponsored by the French teacher

10) Votes - Anita Chevalier

Went over the total vote count - 17 votes total accounted for electing the New Board

11) Communications (Nayla Benitez)

a. Thanked everyone for their support and enjoyed her 2 years in the position as she will be stepping down and Flavia Salzano Scott will be taking over.

b. Reviewed key communications channels

i. Instagram: [@gableshighptsa](#) (1000+ followers)

ii. Facebook: www.facebook.com/coralgableshighschoolptsa

iii. Website: www.gablesptsa.org

iv. Newsletter: Goes out 2x per month – Only to PTSA Members

v. Email: cghsptsa@gmail.com

12) Upcoming Events (Nicole Ridoux)

a. Newsletter - May 29, 2024

b. 2024 Graduation Ceremony - May 28, 2024

c. Incoming 9th-grade orientation- June 4th

The meeting was adjourned by Nicole Ridoux at 8:15 pm.

Minutes compiled by Nayla Benitez.