Minutes of the Classical High School Community Association
Meeting on April 3, 2019
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 Co-chair Gloria Hartman ran the meeting. Co-chair Marybel Martinez was absent
due to an illness; secretary John Landry was present. Two other parents attended.
 We had no speaker at this meeting; instead we went over a variety of items.
 We’re still looking for volunteers for Culture Night on Thursday the 11th. Chsca is
helping to staff the dinner 7-8pm. We also need volunteers for the annual teacher
appreciation lunch on May 1st
, which is Chsca’s main event for the year. The main lunch is
catered, but we need parents to provide desserts. We also need drinks, paper plates, and
napkins, as well as baskets and items to be raffled, such as gift cards. An email with more
details will go out soon.
 We asked whether parents would prefer no more than two emails from Chsca a
month, or whether weekly was ok. All four parents at the meeting were fine with weekly.
 Thanks to the fundraising from selling apparel, which Gloria handled largely on her
own, we have about $1,300 in our bank account. That’s enough for the teacher lunch, but
we like to have more than that. Our money also goes to special needs, such as subsidizing
field trips or graduation gowns for students who can’t afford the fees. As teachers or
principals learn of these needs, they send requests to the Chsca co-chairs who approve
disbursements.
In previous years we’ve had more money in the account because we supplemented
the apparel money with hundreds of dollars in proceeds from the raffle at the parents’
social in the fall. We had to cancel the social this year because of work-to-rule, but we’re
planning to bring it back this fall.
 As announced in last month’s meeting, we’re phasing out apparel sales, and plan to
fundraise mainly by working concessions at Gillette stadium. But it turns out we need
approval from the school department. Gillette only works with certain kinds of non-profits,
and Chsca doesn’t meet the criteria, so we have to go through the school department, just
as the friends of the football team do. Gillette pays the non-profit $100 per volunteer per
event, and the time commitment is 6-7 hours. The preference is to have a team of ten
volunteers 18 and older. If necessary two of those volunteers can be 16-17 years old.
 We’re looking for a volunteer to serve as treasurer. Right now Gloria is handling the
treasurer duties, and she’s willing to continue into the fall, but at some point a new person
must take over. She’s willing to train the person in the role. It’s not time-consuming.
Besides checking on receipts and payments, the treasurer need to submit a simple annual
form to the government.
 Plumbing problems have become a troublesome issue at the school. A number of
bathrooms are closed or have reduced facilities. One parent said her daughter is often late
to a class because the closest working girls’ bathroom is far away. Some kids drink or eat
as little as possible during the day to minimize their trips to the bathroom, and that’s bad
both for their health and their concentration in class. Separately, the bubblers have been
shut down for months since their feeder pipe was discovered to have high levels of lead.
The cafeteria has dispensers of safe water, but these are often empty by the third lunch
period. Gloria is writing to Principal Barr with these concerns; we’ll follow up in the next
meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 1st
, the same day as the teacher appreciation
lunch. We’ll be in the library as usual, and this time we’ll send an agenda out in advance. As always, for more information on anything, go to the Parents page of
www.providenceschools.org/Classical, or email ClassicalParents@gmail.com.