
LOCAL UNIT BYLAWS

C.W. Henry School PTA

Philadelphia County

Region 12—

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this association is the **Charles W. Henry School** Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

It is a local PTA/PTSA organized under the authority of the Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. commonly known as the Pennsylvania PTA or PA PTA. It may be referred to in these bylaws as “state PTA.”

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

Section 1. The purposes (objects) of the **Charles W. Henry School PTA**, in common with those of the National PTA and the Pennsylvania PTA, are:

- a. to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community,
- b. to raise the standards of home life,
- c. to advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth,
- d. to promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth,
- e. to engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth, and
- f. to advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.

Section 2. The purposes of the National PTA, the Pennsylvania PTA, and this PTA/PTSA are promoted through advocacy and education with parents, families, teachers, educators, students, and the public; developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs; and governed and qualified by the basic principles set forth in Article III.

Section 3. The association is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code (referred to as "Internal Revenue Code").

ARTICLE III: BASIC POLICIES

Section 1. The following are principles of the **Charles W. Henry School PTA** in common with those of the National PTA and the Pennsylvania PTA:

- a. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
- b. The association shall work to engage and empower children, families, and educators within schools and communities to provide quality education for all children and youth, and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process by influencing school policy and advocating for children's issues, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education, state education authorities, and local education authorities.
- c. The association shall work to promote health and welfare of children and youth, and shall seek to promote collaboration among families, schools, and the community at large.
- d. Commitment to inclusiveness and equity, knowledge of PTA, and professional expertise shall be guiding principles for service in the Charles W. Henry School PTA.

Section 2. The following basic policies are the operational requirements and dissolution in common with those of the national PTA and Pennsylvania PTA.

- a. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private individuals except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.
- b. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by an association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- c. Upon the dissolution of the association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations, or associations that have established their tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are in accordance with the National PTA.
- d. The association or members in their official capacities shall not, directly or indirectly, participate or intervene (in any way, including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office, or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise.

ARTICLE IV: RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL PTA & PENNSYLVANIA PTA

Section 1. This local PTA shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Pennsylvania PTA, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the National PTA bylaws, as the Pennsylvania PTA may prescribe in its bylaws. The Pennsylvania PTA shall issue to this local PTA an appropriate charter evidencing the due organization and good standing of this local PTA.

Section 2. Pennsylvania PTA provides services only to local PTAs that are in good standing. To participate in the Reflections Program at the state level and receive state mailings, local units must be in good standing.

Section 3. A local PTA in good standing is one that:

- a. adheres to the purposes and basic policies of the PTA;

- b. has bylaws approved according to the procedures of the Pennsylvania PTA;
- c. remits the National portion of the dues through the Pennsylvania PTA office to reach the National Office by dates designated by the National PTA;
- d. submits dues to the state PTA office postmarked no later than October 15;
- e. submits officers form to the state office immediately upon election of officers and no later than June 15 annually;
- f. forwards to the state office each year upon completion a copy of their Form 990N, 990, or 990EZ as required per IRS regulations;
- g. forwards a signed copy of all audit reports to the state office immediately following their adoption by the general membership; and
- h. meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the Pennsylvania PTA.

ARTICLE V: BYLAWS

Section 1. The articles of organization of this local PTA include (a) the bylaws of such association and (b) the certificate of incorporation or articles of incorporation of such association (in cases in which the association is a corporation) or the articles of association by whatever name (in cases in which the association exists as an unincorporated association).

Section 2. This PTA shall adopt such bylaws for the government of the association as may be approved by the Pennsylvania PTA. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with the National PTA bylaws or the bylaws of Pennsylvania PTA.

Section 3. The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the National PTA or the Pennsylvania PTA bylaws shall apply automatically and without the requirement of further action by this local PTA to amend its corresponding bylaws. Notwithstanding the automatic character of the amending process, this local PTA shall promptly incorporate such amendments in its bylaws.

Section 4. This local PTA shall include in its bylaws provisions corresponding to the provisions of National PTA and Pennsylvania PTA bylaws identified by the number (#) symbol.

Section 5. Local Unit bylaws shall be updated every five (5) years on the most current model available from the Pennsylvania PTA as provided by the Pennsylvania PTA state board of managers.

ARTICLE VI: VOTING

Section 1. Only members of this local PTA who have paid dues for the current membership year may vote on the business of this local PTA.

Section 2. Current membership must be verified for voting privileges.

Section 3. The bylaws of this local PTA prohibit voting by proxy.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP & DUES

#Section 1. Every individual who is a member of this local PTA is, by virtue of that fact, a member of the National PTA and of the Pennsylvania PTA, by which this local PTA is chartered, and is entitled to all the benefits of such membership.

#Section 2. Membership in this local PTA shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the mission, purposes, and principles of the National PTA.

#Section 3. This local PTA/PTSA shall conduct an annual enrollment of members but may admit individuals to membership at any time. The membership year shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 annually.

#Section 4. Each member of this local PTA/PTSA shall pay such annual dues to said association as may be prescribed by the association. The amount of such dues shall include the portion payable to the Pennsylvania PTA – the "state portion"- and the portion payable to the National PTA – the "national portion."

#Section 5. The national portion of each member's dues shall be two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per annum as determined by the National PTA.

#Section 6. The state portion of each member's dues shall be two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75) per annum as determined by the Pennsylvania PTA.

Section 7. The local portion of each members' dues shall be determined by this local PTA at its general membership annual meeting.

#Section 8. Local PTA Membership:

- a. Upon payment of dues, a person of Full Age shall become a member of a local PTA unit and shall be entitled to all privileges of membership, including holding office and voting.
- b. Upon payment of dues, a person of less than Full Age (example: student in a PTA) shall become a member of a local PTA unit and shall be entitled to all privileges of membership including voting, holding chairmanships and offices, with the exception of president, first vice-president, secretary and treasurer.
- c. Full Age: Of the age of eighteen (18) years or over, as set forth by the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Title 15, Corporations and Unincorporated Associations, under which the Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. is governed along with the Pennsylvania PTA bylaws.

Section 9. Honorary Recognitions

- a. Honorary National Life Memberships may be conferred for distinguished service for which a fee shall be paid to the National PTA to become part of the Endowment Fund. Honorary Life Membership provides only national convention guest privileges upon payment of the convention registration fee.
- b. Honorary State Life Memberships may be conferred for distinguished service for which a fee shall be paid to the Pennsylvania PTA. The fee shall be deposited in the Hannah Kent Schoff Fund. Honorary State Life Membership provides only state convention guest privileges upon payment of the annual convention registration fee. An Honorary State Life Member may become an active member upon payment of dues in a local PTA.
- c. Child Advocacy Awards may be conferred for additional recognition of distinguished service for Pennsylvania PTA Honorary Life Members, for which a fee shall be paid to the Pennsylvania PTA. The fee shall be deposited in the Hannah Kent Schoff Fund.

Section 10. Dues

- a. The treasurer of this PTA shall
 1. submit the completed Dues Remittance Form and five dollars (\$5.00 = national and state portions of dues) for each member of this PTA to the state PTA office on a monthly basis (initial submission must be postmarked by September 30).
 2. return all current unused membership cards (postmarked by July 1) to the state PTA office or be charged annual dues for each card not ; and
 3. keep records of national and state portions of the membership dues separate from record of general fund of this PTA.
- b. The state PTA office shall notify each local unit treasurer and president by August 30 15 that national and state dues are to be postmarked by September 30..
- d. Local units that do not submit at least a portion of their dues to the state PTA office postmarked by September 30 shall be notified that their non-profit status is in jeopardy.

ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this local PTA shall consist of:

- #a. one (1) president;
- b. two (2) vice presidents;
- c. two(2) secretary(ies);
- #d. one (1) treasurer.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected in the month of **MAY**.

#Section 3. The vote shall be conducted by written ballot unless there is only one candidate for office, at which time a voice vote may be held. A majority vote shall be required for election.

Section 4. The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of individuals to be officers of the **C.W. Henry School PTA**:

- #a. Each officer shall be a member of this local PTA.
- #b. A person who has served in an office for more than one-half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office.
- #c. No person may serve in more than one elected position in this PTA simultaneously.
- d. Each officer of this PTA shall have been a member of this PTA for **SIX (6)** months
- e. No officer may be eligible to serve more than **TWO** consecutive terms in the same office.
- f. To be eligible for the presidency a person must have served on the executive board of this local unit for **AT LEAST FOUR (4) MONTHS DURING ANY SCHOOL** year.

Section 5. Officers shall assume their official duties on **July 1st** and shall serve for a term of **ONE** year, or until their successors are elected.

Section 6. A vacancy occurring in the office of president shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the **FIRST** vice-president. A vacancy in any office other than the president shall be filled by a member elected by the executive board.

Section 7. A nominating committee composed of **an uneven number, no less than three**, members shall be elected by this local PTA at a regular meeting in **JANUARY**, at least 2 months prior to the election of officers as outlined in Article VIII, Section 2.

- a. The committee shall elect its own chair.
- b. The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees to the general membership in **March** (month- at least 1 month after the nominating committee is elected). Before the election takes place, the president shall call for nominations from the floor.
- #c. Only those individuals who have met the qualifications as outlined in Article VIII, Section 4 and who have signified their consent to serve if elected, shall be nominated for, or elected to, such office.

ARTICLE IX: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The president shall

- a. preside at all meetings of this local PTA;
- b. serve as an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, the election committee, and the auditing committee, if authorized to sign checks;
- c. coordinate the work of the officers and committees of this local PTA in order that the Purposes may be promoted;
- # d. send contact information (name, address, phone, email if available) for the incoming officers to the state PTA office immediately upon election of officers and no later than June 15 annually;
- e. perform other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the executive board;
- f. appoint a parliamentarian as needed; and
- # g. have a current copy of this unit's bylaws available for membership review.

Section 2. The vice-president(s) shall¹

- a. act as aide(s) to the president; and
- b. in their designated order the **1st VICE PRESIDENT**, and **2nd VICE PRESIDENT** perform the duties of the president in the president's absence or inability to serve.

Section 3. The Recording secretary shall²

- # a. record the minutes of all meetings of the **C.W. Henry School PTA**;
- b. maintain a current copy of the bylaws and membership list.

- #c. present a written copy of the previous meetings records at each meeting.
- #d. have at each meeting, written records available for review by members, for at least the previous twelve (12) meetings.
- e. take attendance of all members present at each Executive Board meeting.
- f. keep correct minutes of all general PTA meetings and Executive Board meetings.
- g. distribute the minutes to the President, the Principal, and the General Membership.

The Corresponding Secretary shall

- a. provide all members with notice and agenda of Executive Board and General Membership meetings.
- b. notify Board Members of Board meetings and confirm when feasible.
- c. maintain an accurate list of card-carrying PTA members.
- d. conduct such other correspondence as required by the Executive Board.
- e. perform duties of the Recording Secretary at meetings when the Recording Secretary is absent.

Section 4. The treasurer shall

- # a. have custody of and maintain a full account of the funds of this local PTA/PTSA;
- b. submit dues as directed in Article VII Membership & Dues Section 10 of these bylaws;
- c. make disbursements as authorized by the executive board, or this local PTA/PTSA in accordance with the budget adopted by this local PTA/PTSA;
- # d. have checks or vouchers signed by two people (the treasurer and one other person);
- # e. provide a written financial statement to the executive board at each meeting;
- # f. present an annual report of the financial condition of this association to the membership;
- # g. have the accounts examined annually by an auditor or an auditing committee of not fewer than three members, who are not authorized to sign checks. If satisfied that the treasurer's annual report is correct, they shall sign a statement to that fact at the end of the report. The auditing committee shall be elected by the executive board at least one month before the meeting at which new officers assume duties;
- #h. upon resignation of an officer during a term, have the accounts examined by an auditor or an auditing committee following the fiscal year end auditing procedures;
- #i. report the findings of the annual audit in writing to the executive board;
- #j. all audit reports shall be presented to the general membership for adoption at the first general membership meeting held after the completion of the report;
- #k. such books of account and records shall be open to inspection, at all reasonable times, by an officer of this PTA/PTSA, an authorized representative of the Pennsylvania PTA or, where

directed by the committee on state and national relationships, by a duly authorized representative of the National PTA; and

- #l. if unit is incorporated, notify the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Incorporation, when there is a change of officers.
- m. forward to the state PTA office each year upon completion, a copy of the Form 990N, 990, or 990EZ as required per IRS regulations; and
- n. forward a signed copy of all audit reports to the state office immediately following their adoption by the general membership.

Section 5. All officers shall perform other duties as may be provided for in these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the president, or the executive board.

Section 6. Appoint standing committee chairmen.

ARTICLE X: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The business of the **C.W. Henry School PTA** shall be managed by the executive board in the intervals between local unit PTA general membership meetings.

#Section 2. Each executive board member shall be a member of this local PTA.

Section 3. **The members of the executive board shall be elected officers.**

Section 4. Duties of the executive board shall be to

- a. transact business as may be referred to it by the membership of this local PTA;
- b. create special committees as needed and appoint chairmen for each special committee;
- c. approve plans of work of the committees;
- d. present a report at the regular general meeting of this local PTA;
- e. elect an auditor or an auditing committee to audit the treasurer's accounts;
- #f. prepare and submit an annual budget to this local PTA general membership for adoption;
- g. approve payment of routine bills within the limits of the approved budget; and

Section 5. If any member of the executive board shall at anytime cease to meet the qualifications or fulfill the duties of the position, that person may be removed from the position by resolution adopted by the executive board.

Section 6. Regular meetings of the executive board shall be held with the date and time to be fixed by the board at its first meeting of the year.

Section 7. Special meetings of the executive board may be called by the president or when requested by **THREE (3)** members upon **THREE (3)** days' written notice to each member of the board.

Section 8. At all meetings of the executive board, a majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 9. Upon the expiration of the term of office or when individuals cease to hold the position, all records, books, and other materials pertaining to the position shall be turned over to the president and all funds pertaining to the position shall be returned to the treasurer within ten (10) days.

ARTICLE XI: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Only members of this local PTA shall be eligible to serve as chairmen.

Section 2. The standing committees of this local PTA shall be as listed in the standing rules.

Section 3. The term of office of each committee chair shall be **ONE (1)** year or until the selection of a successor.

Section 4. No chairman may be eligible to serve more than **TWO (2)** consecutive terms in the same chairmanship.

Section 5. Each committee chair shall present a plan of work to the executive board for approval. No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of the executive board.

ARTICLE XII: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. At least three (3) general membership meetings of this association shall be held during the school year. Dates of meetings shall be determined by the executive board and announced at the first general membership meeting of the year. **SEVEN (7)** days' notice shall be given to the membership of a change of date.

Section 2. Special meetings of this local PTA may be called by the president or by the majority of the executive board with **SEVEN (7)** days' notice having been given.

Section 3. The annual meeting shall be held in **AUGUST**, at which time the budget for the upcoming year shall be presented to the membership for a vote.

Section 4. A quorum of **FIFTEEN (15)** members is required for the transaction of business in any meeting of this local PTA.

ARTICLE XIII: COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

N/A

ARTICLE XIV: PENNSYLVANIA PTA CONVENTION

Section 1. This PTA shall be entitled to be represented at the state convention of the Pennsylvania PTA by the president (or alternate) and one (1) accredited (or alternate) delegate for every ten (10) members as shown on the record of the state treasury fourteen (14) days prior to the state convention.

Section 2. All representatives to the Pennsylvania PTA convention must be members of this local PTA/PTSA.