



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Mills Park Middle School PTSA

Student Services Conference Room

Date | time 3/10/2017 9:37 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Jen Willis

In Attendance

Jen Willis, Cheryl Cleaton, Kim McKnight, Donna Kapner, Jennifer Middleton, Ivy Linares, Lisa Burke, Carla Kent, Daphne Stam, and Christine Hanson. Quorum was met.

Presentation of Minutes

Cheryl Cleaton presented the business minutes from 2/10/2017. Jennifer Middleton motioned to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Lisa Burke. None opposed. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Christy Hanson passed out the updated report. Mills Madness did well. We estimated making \$10,000. After bills were paid, we netted \$11,450. So good job!! We're going to have a debriefing meeting on Mills Madness with Mr. Smith in the next few weeks to see what worked and what we can change for next year. Lisa is talking with Ann to see which teachers want agendas next year. Last year we bought agendas for all 6th graders and teachers. We will need to purchase some extras, but because they are delivered during the summer, we need to let Ann know our intentions. That way we know where they are and they don't get misplaced. Daphne will let Ivy know the delivery date so she can take extra student agendas for inventory to sell at the student store and during concessions.

Committee Reports

Vice President: Grants were presented by Lisa Burke.

Teacher Enrichment Grant Proposals (Professional Development):

1. Farrell asking \$250 towards total \$325 for fees for ISTE conference in June. (International Society for Technology and Education) Wake County paid for this trip last year, but not this year. It is before June 30th. Kim McKnight motioned to approve, which was seconded by Daphne Stam. None opposed. Grant approved.
2. McKee asking \$209.99 for registration fee for suicidal prevention workshop in Raleigh in March called "Disarming the Suicidal Mind." She will come back and share this information with the other counselors. Carla Kent motioned to approve, which was seconded by Jennifer Middleton. None opposed. Grant approved.

Instructional Grant Proposals:

1. Farrell asking \$621.89 for microphones and accessories for students to use when they use the green screens. It will be housed in the media center. Jennifer Middleton motioned to approve, which was seconded by Christy Hanson. None opposed. Grant approved.

2. Cardillo asking \$234.57 for math board games. We will recommend that she share with the other teachers. Kim McKnight motioned to approve, which was seconded by Jennifer Middleton. None opposed. Grant approved.
3. Brooks asking \$77.17 for novels for a March Book Madness activity. She has already ordered the books. Daphne Stam motioned to approve, which was seconded by Ivy Linares. None opposed. Grant approved.
4. Farrell asking \$274.50 for two programmable robots. She has had success with them at Davis Drive. She would take them to the teachers. It would help with geometry, algebra, writing, and even the arts. Jennifer Middleton motioned to approve, which was seconded by Daphne Stam. None opposed. Grant approved.

Lisa also discussed the MTAC meeting. She has seen robotics at other schools. It would be nice to have a robotics class, but robotics cannot be an elective class because we're not a magnet school. Discussion about having a robotics club, but clubs are only available to those that can stay after school. Possibly leopard time, or some other time during the day. Farrell likes the direction that Davis Drive is going with robotics and would like to bring it to MPMS. Next year there's going to be a programming class offered for 8th graders.

Mrs. Babson emailed Lisa about the difficulty getting laptops for Healthful Living classes. It's difficult because they are always checked out. Core classes are getting laptops, but they're not sure what to do with the old ones. There was frustration around the table with BYO devices, with personal examples. Next year teachers will be evaluated for how well they integrate technology to the classrooms. Lisa will talk to Mindy about the laptops. We may see a grant request from Mrs. Babson.

Lisa has been talking with Mr. Milner, Mrs. Walton, and Susan (with kNOWmore) about the parent meeting scheduled for April 5th from 6:30pm to 8pm. MPMS and feeder elementary schools. Looking at 10% of parents coming. Who is sending the invitation to other schools? Should we just request 5th grade parents? Maybe Ann could email to other schools, maybe the counselors of 5th graders? We need to make sure the application for community use is in order. We're thinking 200 to 400 parents? Gym could hold more people, but cafeteria might be set up better with the projector. Ask Mr. Powell how many parents can fit in cafeteria. PTSA will set up chairs, parents can help take them down. Susan attached a flyer that we can put on our website and send in the newsletter.

Jennifer Middleton and Ivy talked about the BYOD discussion at the Leadership meeting. BYOD uniformity will be more structured next year. Lisa will discuss certain aspects with Mr. Milner regards to kNOWmore's online tutorials and see if this is something we want to pursue. Susan also does workshops, she would target one grade at a time. She lives 2 hours away... 60 kids meet 3 times, 10 separate workshops. She could do 5 groups a day. \$900 per series. Could also do \$35 a kid. Lisa went to a seminar by Natalie Wood Riche of the NC Dept of Justice and there is talk to create some digital literacy/social media awareness curriculum for the state, hopefully in time for the next school year. She received the same social media infographic sheet as Mr. Smith did from the Department of Justice. Lisa will talk to Mr. Milner about this and see what he wants to do. Maybe we look at other speakers. Ask parents about ideas on how to proceed. The parent meeting on April 5th is a good start.

Audit: Pin Pin Jong had nothing to report.

Nominating, Student Enrichment & Room/Team/Parent Liaison: Jennifer Middleton discussed recruiting. All positions are filled except for secretary and membership. Good job! Lots of people from Highcroft, so reaching out to the other schools. Sending emails to rising 6th graders at Alston Ridge. White Oak also feeding in to MPMS.

Membership & Advocacy: Daphne Stam had nothing to report.

Communications: Carla Kent is still working on switch over to new newsletter provider. Will probably keep it through this year and change next year. Carla will speak with the new communications chair.

Spiritwear: Jennifer Hartman had nothing to report.

Mills Madness: Jen Willis will work with Mr. Smith on setting up a Mills Madness follow-up meeting to discuss changes for next year.

Vendor Fundraiser: Kristi Guenther had nothing to report

Spirit Events/Leopard Spot: Ivy Linares discussed being done with concessions at school games, and will check on dance concessions. Mrs. Walton would be the contact for the dances. Thanks for taking concessions Ivy, good job!

Staff Appreciation & Reflections: Kim McKnight wants to purchase bins for closet for spirit wear. She discussed Pi Day on Tuesday. The same types of pies were on each floor which worked better than last year when there was an assortment all over the school. It was more uniformed and it seemed to work better. She will start working on Staff Appreciation week. Reflections update: None of our students won at the state level.

8th Grade Events: Amy Montanus had nothing to report. Jenn did mention that there are still too many chaperones for the DC trip and they are working to dwindle it down.

Board Advisory Council Representative: Paulette Bekolo had nothing to report.

School Improvement Plan: Jennifer Middleton had nothing to report because the meeting was cancelled again.

President's Report

- Jen Willis announced our nominee for Volunteer of the Year is (drum roll...) Daphne Stam!!! She's done so much for us, not just this year, but over the last 5 years!! She does so many things for the PTSA all while working and being head volleyball coach at Chapel Hill High. Thanks! We love you Daphne!!
- Last two PTSA meetings are April 21st and May 19th.
- New business: Arts education was discussed. All we have is band, dance and visual arts. There's no more chorus, so no feeder into the high school chorus, jazz band is a club, spotlight theater is a club. There is a lot of focus on technology classes, but not all kids are interested in that. Maybe ask about it at the next leadership meeting? Leopard time and offering help to students (especially in math) was discussed at the Leadership meeting. Trying different ways to offer more help so it's not just a study hall. 8th grade is using a system where kids are put on a list for extra help on certain designated days. Good opportunity to meet with teachers and mentors. Then other kids have enrichment assignments. Parents raised some concern that a study hall gives kids an opportunity to get a lot of homework done. Should also be more flexible so students can go to teachers for help, without having to be on a list. Kids should not be playing on phones.

Jennifer Middleton motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Daphne Stam. Meeting adjourned at 11:22am.

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