

Mills Park Middle School
March 13, 2015
PTSA Meeting Minutes

10:10 Call to Order

Elizabeth Vaughan, Sandy Hawkinson, Carisa Eliason, Robin Lundin, Daphne Stam, Jen Willis, Mr. Smith, Elizabeth Stavrakakis, and Kate Rees

Robin motioned to approve February minutes. The motion was seconded by Sandy Hawkinson. Unanimously approved by the board.

Treasurer Report – Elizabeth Vaughan

Mills Madness- some receipts still out but we made \$12,899. We are happy with our profit but they would have been more if we received a few large donations like we did last year.

Mills Madness Recommendations for next year

May skip doing cake raffle next year. Maybe just sell cupcakes. Considering only having the students provide the cakes and not some of the PTSA members. Another recommendation was to have a table with pens on strings taped down, to provide more space for people to fill out their tickets. Preorder line was longer than line to get tickets. Need three separate lines to pick up tickets. Photo booth was good. Have soda and candy separately from pizza. Should sell drinks at Leopard Spot.

Student Representative- Elizabeth Stavrakakis

Eighth grade picture went well. Going to Ronald McDonald House to volunteer. Lollipop sale went well.

President Report- Daphne Stam

Survey for grading policy (late homework can't be accepted and graded policy) sent out to parents. Will do a student survey too. Will be no work to make up over spring break days. School days will all be review. Some classrooms will have the teachers out.

PTSA Instructional Grant Request- Received one request from Dr. Knox for \$37.32 to purchase a copy of the show "Cosmos" with Dr. Neil de Grasse Tyson. Elizabeth motioned to approve grant request. Robin seconded to approve. Unanimously approved by the board.

We are going to order agendas. We will order them on own as it is cheaper than the price Wake County pays for agendas.

Principal Report- Mr. Smith

Heard positive words about Mills Madness Night.

Working on writing a 4 or 5 questions survey to parents to determine if they are getting information. Trying to determine if it is easier for parents to use the schools website to gain information and do they find that teachers are up dating their pages.

Raised close to \$2000 for St. Baldricks from the three MPMS man team.

Last week of school, 6th and 7th grade teams will do their own end of year ceremonies. Not sure if parents will be involved. Can start determining honor roll after report cards are in. All eighth graders will get a certificate for completing middle school.

Looking at who is coming to our school for next year. It is the same as it was last year in that the school will remain capped at 1756 students. We are currently at 1805 enrollment. There are 585 eighth grader leaving the school, 645 sixth graders are coming. Need to look at where is the biggest need. Class size is at about 32.

Middle school down by Friendship High is approved. Alston Ridge was supposed to be 2015

Mr. Smith needs to spend the \$10,000 in the budget. New laptops are not an option, considering new student devices.

Eighth Grade Events- Jeri Hasund

So far, 41% of the 8th grade students have paid. We are hoping to start advertising for the dance so more students will pay. The dance theme is "New York City". The committee decided to let students know so hopefully it will motivate students to attend.

Staff Appreciation- Kim McKnight

Junior National Honor Society will be making a banner or some banners and cards for the teachers Staff Appreciation Week in May. Student Council is also going to be involved in some way. I have some other ideas that I will bring to our next meeting in April. I am going to plan a snack after spring break for the teachers since we lost two early releases and these are the days that I usually have treats for them.

Reflections- Kim McKnight

We have two county winners who will be attending the county celebration on March 19th at Holly Springs High School. They are:

1st Place - Sarayu Yenumula - Musical Composition

3rd Place-Ashana Petal - Visual Arts

Michelle is looking into getting them a prize from the MPMS PTSA.

School Improvement Team- Kim McKnight

There was a meeting on Monday, March 9th. They discussed the parent and student surveys regarding the school's new grading policy. I received an email from my daughter's seventh grade team asking us to fill it out. See the main symbaloo page to complete the survey. Students will be completing it in class before break. Also, they discussed using the spring break make up days for enrichment, mainly, since so many students will be absent, as well as not having any assignments due the first Monday after break.

Copy Team: Going strong!

11:14 Adjourned