
In Attendance

Jen Willis, Joni Klem, Heather Eden, Jennifer Middleton, Kristie Heaton, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Dyer, Daphne Stam, Sandy Hankinson and Ivy Linares Quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes

Jen Middleton motioned to approve the minutes and Ivy L seconded the motion. All Ayes, the minutes were approved.

Principal's Report

Mr. Smith talked about growth and mentioned that parents are part of the success of the growth that MPMS has had and it isn't easy for schools to have such a great score.

He also announced that Mary Dyer was named as the teacher of the year for 2017.

Alston Ridge will open 2019/2020 and ground breaking happened this week. It will be 1300-1400 students. Pine Hollow was the last middle school to open and that was supposed to be traditional but is now a year round schedule. MPMS will be capped next year again. If the cap is pulled off it would be after the new school opening. For every 100 students that leave, schools will lose 4 teachers. We currently have no Beginning teachers in their first year of school, and we have a very experienced staff. Movement is a tough thing for faculties to deal with, but with a smaller school population it would happen. Working together with area schools will make it a smooth transition. The announcement of the principal of Alston Ridge Middle will be a big acceptance within the community and we look forward to that. It will likely be a high performing school. An active PTSA will also help open the school up.

Cardinal Charter is discussing opening a school within a mile and it is nothing to be worried about. That opening would become another challenge of keeping the student population, but again, nothing to worry about.

Mr. Smith mentioned Mills Madness has been moved and will be a good time.

Mills Park is one of the biggest users of the new Here Comes the Bus App. He mentioned that many of those users are the kids getting ready to catch their bus in the PM.

A question has been asked about what area will feed the new high school, Green Level High. There is no way to know how the board will divide the line.

Faculty Report

Mrs. Dyer also attended the meeting and wanted to thank everyone for the November goody bags and the Charity Miles Fundraiser. The luncheon was great too. Nearpod is supposed to be coming up in January and it didn't appear on the school budget, so she was checking with the PTSA to see if we can be of any help.

Treasurer's Report

Significant Expenses that show on the Budget are in the Spirit Events. Spiritwear is doing well too, all invoices have been paid. Box Tops will come in December and Harris Teeter will also come. Taxes have been filed.

There are currently 856 members, and we are off by \$3,179. We will need to see what we can work on with that. Will add another line for PayPal in the budget. An iPad was purchased and the Membeam subscription was paid for. The checks have been written for the speaker and the poets for student enrichment. Balance is \$33,250.

President's Report

Jen Willis attended the Alston Ridge MS ground breaking and there were many people that spoke with board and BAC members. They would like to hear more from the PTSA and the presidents first hand.

VP and Committee Reports

VP Report: Everyone wanted to thank Ivy for all of the concessions work and having a successful year. Thinking of adding Hot Chocolate to the cooler games if that is possible. The dance went really well and \$903 was brought in with concession sales.

Committee reports:

Teacher Grants-

Sarah Discepoli \$250 of the \$450 for a certification and they recommend approval. Daphne and Kristie motioned. Approved

Instructional Grants: Tarina Argese \$60 wants to use an online account for Spanish. Recommend approval and Kristie motioned to approve and Alex seconded. Motion was approved.

Claudia Carias requests \$21.99 for a Math grant. Alex motioned to approve and Daphne seconded it. Approved.

Britt Milnar requesting a TV in the Conference room. This was discussed earlier. \$900 is asked for. Recommended to table this and look at this during the months where the funding is more firm and the student impact is questioned.

Membership: Sharron emailed that our current membership is 856. She bought the color-changing cups, we've got 650 (correct ones) +500 (slightly incorrect ones) so total 1150! She didn't use these for membership drive. Any ideas what to do with them? Cost was about \$490. Ivy mentioned that the cups can be used at concessions and the rest can be used with Staff Appreciation. We are good with 7th and 8th grade memberships but the 6th grade memberships are still a bit short. An incentive to add members was discussed. The General Membership meeting during the band concert was also brought up as an option. Something can go to the team teachers to ask for membership. The principal could send out the letter and ask parents to join as the PTSA provides so much to the school. The discussion was held on if we can add MemberHub to the website so parents can add themselves into the system online. Corinne Nicoara mentioned she will help with getting something added to our website. Ann Marie will help with the financials.

Spirit Wear: Michelle worked with spirit wear in the walk-a-thon. A deadline needs to be set for holiday delivery for those spirit wear orders.

Communications: Lena and Kristie are setting the newsletter for Wednesday. If there is a special announcement the they go out on Tuesday and Thursday. Friday is the deadline for getting things submitted for the following Wednesday newsletter. Going to be adding the dates for save the dates. Basketball concessions help will be another push. Lena will also add a link to the other sports information.

Staff Appreciation: Baked potato lunch and Fall Teacher Treats were all a big hit. Holiday Gifts are being worked on and there are some great ideas. The Tropical Smoothie cups and free smoothies will be given out at a hotter time.

Nominating: It was asked that everyone should find a relationship and people to be your replacement.

Advocacy: NCPTA spotlighted the K-3 classroom mandate. There is a flyer that they have produced. We could have it given to teachers and parents.

Vendor Fundraising: Heather said the fall box tops was \$1098.50 which is more than annual goal. Hooray! 25% of classrooms actively participated. February will be the next big push. Many teachers are pushing anything in the classrooms. Some announcements were made which helped. The great thing is that it is free money. Look for the special box top multipliers. Use Amazon Smile as much as possible. Especially with the holiday. Gift cards can be purchased to maximize the benefit.

Spirit Events/Leopard Spot: Nothing more to add

Student Enrichment/ (Room/Team/Grade) Parent Liaison: Everyone loved the Katie Meiler event and really liked the presentation, but there were not that many people there for the parent presentation. There were no administration members there. We need to think about the parent resource night and decide the importance of it. Lena mentioned that there were ways to draw people in at her past school experience.

Reflections: Dana reported:

Total Submissions: 38

- We sent 12 to county in the categories of Visual Art (including one 3-D art piece), Film Production and Literature. County art was dropped off the Monday October 13th
- Winners were announced on MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS, IN PTSA NEWSLETTER AND ON THE REFLECTIONS WEBPAGE
- I have ordered ribbons to give to all participants
- I am waiting to hear back for MPMS room coordinator about having a Reflections Celebration for the kids that submitted pieces (would be donuts and fruit before school). Hope to have this in January

Judges were given Thank you gifts

Board Advisory Council/ School Improvement Plan/Leadership Committee: Couldn't find a BAC meeting. Leadership also didn't have a meeting. The warm banana bread was appreciated.

8th Grade Events: Theme for the dance has been voted on, the winning theme is: Paris.

We have put a call out for volunteers to help with the event. Looking for 6th, 7th and 8th grade parents to help with decorations, set up and clean up. Last year we struggled with finding helpers. We are hoping to search out a larger group of helpers for this years event.

Our Winter Celebration event has been organized. The kids will be making cards and kindness rocks for 2 airborne divisions stationed in Fayetteville. The remaining rocks and cards will go to the USO at the RDU airport. The kids will decorate the cards and rocks December 4-6th.

The 8th Grade t-shirt is at the printer and will be delivered to the kids the first week of December. Just in time for our Winter Celebration!

We will, once again, be offering chaperone shirts for the DC trip. That form has been approved by the 8th grade lead teacher and will be sent to parents in a couple of weeks. This year we will offer both long and short sleeve shirts, since the trip is in March.

New Business

Mills Madness is March 9th and will need a lot of help. There is a special need for dads or parents that can provide more of a security position that will keep the halls clear of wandering students.

Next Meeting

12/8/2017 9:30 AM, Student Services Conference Room

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:52am by Jenn Middleton and seconded by Kristie Heaton.