
In Attendance

Jen Willis, Joni Klem, Anne Marie Bishop, Heather Eden, Jennifer Middleton, Mr. Smith, Daphne Stam, Corinne Nicoara, Sandy Hankinson, Shipra Pandey, Mrs. Dyer

Quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes

Jenn Middleton motioned to approve the minutes and Amy Georges seconded the motion. All Ayes, the minutes were approved.

Principal's Report

Mr. Smith mentioned that we have had band concerts and lots of holiday giving. United Way participation continues to be up. Ms. Shantelle Summerfield has helped with the advocating. The pajama drive ends today and we have gotten many. Basketball is 1-1 now. The Little Mermaid production is coming up, and the band concerts have been going on. Tuesday the 19th the 8th grade band will be backing the Nutcracker performance.

Mr. Smith has been working on planning and student assignment with the board. He brought up the undecided Alston Ridge attendance zone and is asking the PTSA to be advocating if they have a preference. It will be interesting with the school calendar opening for Alston Ridge. The planning will begin in the fall of next year and that we will see the what happens there. Grandfathering only works for the first year after the change, and transportation wouldn't be provided. He believes that more kids would stay if Alston Ridge is a year round school. Apex Friendship is getting ready to open and it is designed for 1500 kids, so it is a very big school.

Faculty Report

Everyone is thanking PTSA for the instructional grants that have been approved. The staff is very happy.

Treasurer's Report

The net has increased and \$400 was added from the basketball game. We paid the spiritwear and that is going well. Vendor fundraising is going up. Biscuitville and Amazon even added to the amount raised. We still haven't gotten the boxtops added. We are getting additional membership and we hope to continue to promote that. Still \$2800 less than what we had last year. Programs and support will go up in the second half. Net income is \$14,000.

President's Report

Jen continued the meeting with the VP reports.

VP and Committee Reports

VP Report: Basketball game went well, and concessions are doing great.

Committee reports:

Teacher Grants-

Sean Malloy asked for equipment for chess club. \$72.80 is what is being asked for. Jen asked if this could be funded from club grants. It is recommended to move it. Jen motioned Daphne seconded to move it to club grants and approved. All Ayes.

Instructional Grants:

With classroom resources we have funding for Nearpod and Membeam. We funded Nearpod last year and Dr. Knox wanted to add that as a school wide license program. It was \$6500 to do that. Jen asked that the increment funding be approved. We are prorating for 25 teachers through June for \$1500. Recommendation is to keep them for the end of the school year. Ann Marie will be filing for sales tax refund, there is some left from student enrichment. That is about \$2300 that isn't committed. Discussion on if the half year or full year would be the best idea.

To fund it through the end of the school year with 25 licenses it will be \$1500 through the end of the school year for Nearpod. It will be brought up to the board next year to decide if we would like to continue this program. Motion to approve the Nearpod for half of a year was made by Amy seconded by Dana.

Membership: Corrine setup MemberHub with Ann Marie and Sharon. Corrine will send out an email to thank PTSA members and tell them to print a membership hub. Mr. Smith will then send a letter to everyone asking for more membership, and Corrine will work with him to send out the communication. Jen would like to delegate this to anyone that is willing to head it up.

Sandy also asked to add information to get their MemberHub accounts working properly.

Spirit Wear: It was brought up that the long sleeved shirts should be set up at the basketball concessions.

Communications: The twitter account is now up and running. Push news to the Twitter account. Promote Facebook also to any of the people you know that have MPMS students.

Staff Appreciation: Holiday gifts for teachers are purple flashlights with cups telling them to have a Merry and Bright Holiday.

Nominating: Find someone to replace you. Succession planning meeting was brought up. Possibly in January.

Advocacy: Daphne has been working on getting the knowledge into the membership. The latest class size vote is on the table and she is working on informing. In January there is talks of a rally in Raleigh.

Vendor Fundraising: Get people going to the Smile account. Gift Cards can be bought on the smile account. Box Tops will be in February and a special spirit add on will also be brought in.

Spirit Events/Leopard Spot:

Student Enrichment/ (Room/Team/Grade) Parent Liaison: The poetry slam is upcoming. It is usually about \$600. That would complete the enrichment for the year. Poetry is something that everyone seems to want. Next year we should pay them once at the end versus week to week.

Reflections: Dana will pick the county submissions on Tuesday. We will find out if they have moved on to the next step. She will have a small breakfast gathering for them.

Board Advisory Council/ School Improvement Plan/Leadership Committee: School improvement team is going well. The leadership meeting asked about what we can do and she mentioned the grant money.

8th Grade Events: December 6th the 8th grade group participated in the Winter Celebration. It's a philanthropy event that we began last year. This year the kids decorated "kindness" rocks, cards and filled

New Business

Sean Welsch is heading up the baseball team promotion. He is giving away t-shirts to students and will work with Mills Madness. He will work with Daphne in getting people to help. Mrs. Dyer is also going to work with him for PBIS. The t-shirts could be thrown into the crowd during the basketball games.

The team parent liaison was brought up, but there isn't anything at the Middle School level. Amy is going to work on creating a list of people that are team parents.

Next Meeting

1/12/2017 9:30 AM, Student Services Conference Room

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:52 Jen M motioned and Daphne seconded the motion to adjourn.