**MPMS PTSA Meeting Minutes**

**January 10, 2014**

**9:30 am – 11:00 am**

1. **Call to Order**: 9:32 Attendance: Mary Baker, Michelle Hannon, Trudi D’Ambrisio, Elizabeth Staurakakis (student council), Clarissa, Robin Ludin, Colleen Gregg, Tracey Willis, Sandy Hankinson, Sharon Baartmans, Mr Smith, Danielle Labrozzi, Evan Solender
2. **Elizabeth from Student Council update:** Feb 12, 13, 14 Student Council selling lollipops (not Crush Cans). Lollipops will be $1.00 and bought in homeroom. Funds go to student council, last year went towards Larry Leopard costume. Wed after teacher work day, starting Winter Spirit Week: Wed, Team Day, Thurs, Pep Rally and Spirit Day, Fri: Dress like teacher. Another fundraiser on Valentine’s Day Fundraiser or St. Patrick’s Day, still deciding.

1. **Principal Message:**

Mr. Smith Update: power surge on Friday Jan 3. Students had “fire drill”, smelled smoke. Mezzanine area upstairs, custodial closet filled with air handling units. Sensor on side. Motor on fire in closet and surge effected exhaust fan in cafeteria. Had to serve cold food for a few days. Pin Hole in gas line on steamer. Repaired. Now can serve hot food.

Planning for next year, Open house dates for 6th grade parents will be later this year. Now with capping, don’t need to rush accommodate the magnet school applications (magnet school vs. MPMS).

Issues dealing with: Traffic light on Green Level Rd, some things under our control, some not. This is not but because of issues with traffic light, we are having problems with kids getting kids to school on time. Long carpool lines. Coming to school 8:10 in car pool line is too late to try to get them there. Kids are missing attendance. It’s added a lot of trouble with kids getting to homeroom and class on time. There is a problem with traffic light on Green Level Rd. There is not left hand turn light. This is not in MPMS control but is affecting the school. DTOC is working on it. Mr. Smith will make an all call to parents to ask them to get here before 8:00. Asking them to ride bus or come before 8:00. Carpool line is not an excused tardy. Schools has 32 buses. Kids get off bus and wait to go to class in hallway. Kids know where to go, show kindness and respect to others, even though we have so many kids. Even though we have large numbers, it goes smoothly.

Trudi: Is there any idea of when capping will be announced? Mr Smith, not known yet, perhaps by March.

Colleen: if there is a cap when do they need to be in district to attend MPMS? March? Mr Smith: Not sure. Someone from Student Assignment will know.

1. **Minutes Approval – November and December. Motion for approval: Mary Baker. Robin Ludin second.**
2. **President’s Welcome and Announcements: Trudi D’Ambrosio**
   1. Old Business – None
   2. New Business – Instructional Grant from 8th Grade language arts teachers. Impacts 200+ students. Expand rigor of 8th grade students by ordering the book “The Wave” for book circles. They want to order 50 books. Ms. Fanny has found books on line. Would be no more than $300. Motion to approve: Michelle. Sandy to second. Approved up to $300. Robin suggested she check out Scholastic.

Club Grant application – Odyssey of the Mind. First Club Grant of the year. Mrs Peterson, Would like balsa wood weights and crusher (currently have to go to elementary school to use). Would use $100 to purchase those items. Motion to approve: Colleen. Unanimously approved.

Driver needed for Holocaust Survivor Presenter for 7th grade social studies. Monday Jan 27. Will speak to all 7th graders. In his 80’s and does not drive. Needs him here 9:45 and take him home and provide lunch. Will leave around 2:30. Want a volunteer to get him and bring him home. Sandy Collins will put out sign up genius? Colleen suggested asking 7th grade parents. Mary suggested we have two parents. Samantha suggested that the same person does not need to do both. Sandy suggested that we use PTSA volunteers because they are registered with Wake County.

1. **Treasurer’s Report and Standing Rules Presentation** – see Standing Rules for Financial Procedures in binder. Mary walked us thought the document. These are to be followed. Important: we will not be holding checks anymore. Trudi, include the check request forms with document. We will revise, edit and vote on Standing Rules in April. Change: edit, add “does not keep list of checks”. Mr. Solender suggests we use smart board next time (less copying)
2. **Vice President and Committee Chair Reports**
   1. **Ways and Means**
      1. Spirit Wear: time for new order form? We can sell what we have in stock at Mills Madness. Need to set up pre-order form for 6th graders. Colleen suggested we put it in Leopard Spot. Carissa says OK. Colleen will pull merchandise to sell (only Colleen). Do we need a new shirt design? Colleen suggests we stick with what we have. Kids don’t outgrow in Middle School. Mr. Solender suggests grade level shirts with years? Trudi reminded that 8th grade has a shirt. Table idea to think about for pre-orders. Spirit wear will order it. Robin suggested a “dept of phys ed” shirt. Carissa has one designed.
      2. Mills Madness (March 7): First meeting was Tues. It’s up and running. They are starting to solicit for baskets. Meg Clark organizing.
      3. Membership: 5 new members. Need a check for the 5 new members to send to NPTA.
      4. Spirit Events: Subway at Cary Park wants to do a spirit night in Feb. 1st week in Feb? Also thinking about new indoor Mini Golf, perhaps by grade. Pre-sign up?
      5. Vendor Fundraiser – Hurricane Tickets (approx. $800 profit) and Box Tops $506 most recent. Next one is first Fri in Feb.
      6. Leopard Spot – not open last week – concession stand window broken
   2. **Programs – Daphne Stam**
      1. Student Enrichment – Poet in Residence to return for last week in January
      2. Reflections – we had one student move on to County Level.
      3. Staff Appreciation – jenea and kim thinking donuts and hot choc.
      4. Media Center – not update
      5. 8th Grade Events - The 8th grade gift to the school was installed on Tuesday, January 07, 2014.  We now have a flag pole/flag on the track next to the scoreboard.  As of today, 61% of the 8th graders have paid for 8th grade events.
   3. **Communications – Colleen Gregg**
      1. Hospitality – no update
      2. Volunteers – no update
      3. Newsletter – no update
      4. Directory - Don Fick reported to Trudi, less than 100 hits for directory. Perhaps not do next year,
   4. **Other**
      1. Nominating Committee – need one non board member. Only responsible to find elected board members.
      2. Advocacy – no update
      3. Mr Solender, Staff Rep: thanks for the Target card on behalf of teachers.
3. **Next Meeting Date: Friday, February 14, 2013 9:30 MPMS Conference Room (early release)**
4. **Adjournment: 10:55 am**