**MPMS PTSA Meeting Minutes**

**November, 2013**

**9:30 am – 11:00 am**

1. **Call to Order: 9:30**
2. **Attendance: Trudi D’Ambrosio, Mary Baker, Collleen Gregg, Daphne Stam, Michelle Hannon, Robin Lundin, Sandy Hankinson, Evan Solender, Tracy Willis, Carisa Eliason, Vicki Miller**
3. **Minutes Approval – October, all approved.**
4. **Treasurer’s Report: Mary Baker. $500 In for Leopard Spot! Review attached budget.**
5. **President’s Welcome and Announcements: Trudi D’Ambrosio**
   1. Old Business
   2. New Business: Elizabeth 7th grade student council rep.update Plans for SC Toy Drive for Duke Children’s Hospital. Nov 18- Dec 13. Collecting toys. Nov 13, permission form to Leopard Spot to go out. Collecting Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House – ongoing program. Dance went well. Daphne to report that this is the first year for 6th graders to dance!
   3. Staff Liaison: Mr. Solender, Welcome! Role, is a voting member, communicate PTSA news to teachers. Idea for Fundraising – sell bricks. Colleen wanted to know best way for us to communicate to teachers, since we do that already. Garden is off beaten path. Also, past school was smaller and kids know each other. Our school lacks school spirit. Is there a way to create incentive for students to be involved? Like a punch ticket? Trudi brought up Ms Reseau also had this idea. PTSA is on board to support, but what do we do with cards? Kids very involved outside school. How to get them involved in school? Is our school too young? Too big? Kids can’t always get rides, they live far away (non-walk-able). At quarterly assemblies, get an award for school spirit? Coordinate with boosters? To be continued??? Robin suggested that Larry Leopard to have Twitter Account to communicate news? Trudi to talk to Mr. Smith.
   4. Teacher Enrichment Form complete to be put on PTA website, for relevant educational experiences. Discussion on capping it to $250? Add Mission Statement (make every child’s potential a reality) to maintain tax compliance, per Daphne. {also add to Instructional Grant}. All agreed to $250.
   5. Instructional Grant Requests (4 have come in):
      1. Ms. Reseau needs App Doceri to project from ipad to screen. Asking for:$30. Approved by Mr. Smith. Voted Yes!
      2. Ms. Kelly (Kleimeyer): asked and received funding for folders. Some folders were damaged. Wants to replace, also colored paper and card stock (used now and in future), page protectors, and purchased Doceri App, asking for: $167.07. Partial Funding all in agreement for $100. May revisit.
      3. Mr. Knox: App Nearpod, power point like presentation to be used on various technologies. Due to increased class size, the free version does not apply in these large class sizes. Asking: $120. Voted Yes!
      4. PE Dept: Ipad with retna display and ipad, 5 at $500 each; wants to enhance Wellness and PE classes (Well Net, Power School, Coaches Eye programs) to monitor fitness data. Asking for $2700. Colleen asked about consent issue to parents for videotaping students (red flag), Trudi to follow up and ask. Our budget is $2000, we are at $1800 already. Could we pay for Apps? Could we buy one? Can they be minis? Do you have other sources to help pay? Could we collect used ones? This would impact all grades.
6. **Vice President and Committee Chair Reports**
   1. **Ways and Means – Robin Lundin, Welcome!** 
      1. Membership dues due, to ask Danielle for update.
      2. Leopard Spot $500 deposited. Student helpers start Nov 20.
      3. Vendor Fundraisers no update.
      4. Spirit Events – PDQ Nov 21. Looking into a Dec Spirit Night? Maybe McDonalds or Subway. Hurricanes Hockey Order forms going in mailboxes today, checks will come in. We make full payment to Hurricanes and they mail back our cut. Due Dec 6 to Hurricanes. Games are on Jan 18, vs Florida; Feb 8 Montreal; March 29 Columbus Blue Jackets
      5. Spring Fundraiser – no update
      6. Spirit Wear – order delivered in Oct. Order due today, will submit on Monday.
   2. **Programs – Daphne Stam**
      1. Student Enrichment – Transit came to school. Next would be something in Spring for 6th and 7th, and Shabazz is coming for 8th. Suggested to use teachers input when choosing programs. On 22, Parent Education Seminar, How to Talk to Middle School Child, 60 parents attended. Discussion was positive. Should we do another parent seminar in Spring –to discuss in Jan.
      2. 8th Grade Events – We are having a wonderful turnout for 8th grade activities.  So far as of  
         yesterday, 176 students have paid out of 548.  That is 32%.  The money we  
         have collected so far is $6,190.00
      3. Reflections – due today
      4. Staff Appreciation – Staff appreciates what we do, per Mr. Solender.
      5. Media Center – no update
   3. **Communications – Colleen Gregg**
      1. Hospitality: no update
      2. Volunteers: Sandy continues to send out Sign Up Genius. Snafu was on picture retake day, first two volunteers did not show.
      3. Directory: less than 50% response. Lots of work for little response. Will decide to continue for next year.
   4. Advocacy – Sandy Hankinson
      1. Nov 5 wake school board began talks about school assignment. Did not see anything about Mills Park? Sandy to send small blurb with details.
7. **Other –** Tracey recommended next year selling Booster Card with PTSA Membership Card. Trudi wary to mix the money, but worth discussing further.
8. **Next Meeting Date: Friday, December 13, 2013 9:30 MPMS Conference Room**
9. **Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 11:10**