**MPMS PTSA Meeting Minutes February 21, 2014**

**9:30 am – 11:00 am**

1. **Call to Order: 9:30 AM**
2. **Attendence:** Trudi DAmbrisio, Mary Baker, Michelle Hannon, Daphne Stam, Robin Lundin, Jeri Hasund, Kim McKnight, Sandy Hankinson, Elizabeth (student council), Danielle Labrozzi, Evan Solender, Mr. Smith
3. **Principal Message:** Mr. Smith. Teacher gift update. Kristin Kutchner clarified on teacher gifts, what is allowed. (Article was in Newspaper.) Guidelines to come out soon. School make up day is March 28, April 21, June 11, March 7 is a full day, no need to make up Feb days. BAC held off on vote for capping schools due to concerned Highcroft parents. BAC will vote in March. {Magnet schools attendance announced today}. 690 for next fall 6th grade class. 40 or so attend magnets. 650 estimated for next fall - with 5 teams. Mr. Smith feels (130 kids team, 32 per class) like MPMS can handle the numbers. Ms. Milligan, IRT testing calendar, testing begins on May 29 and 30, and may continue to June 4. Ready for Mills Madness. Academic Awards assemblies after first 9 weeks of grades. It is a PTSA sponsored event. Any suggestions? High Honors, Honors, Core Areas. We stay away from Perfect Attendance award.
4. **Student Council –** Elizabeth – extended Lollipop sales until Friday due to snow days. PTSA would like Student Council to make posters to advertise and also encourage pre-ordering tickets. Less work than Crush cans, also had a different feel with lollipops. Kids buying lollipops for themselves.
5. **Teacher Upate:** Mr. Solender: Thank you for the b-day treat.
6. **Minutes Approval – January All Approve**
7. **President’s Welcome and Announcements: Trudi D’Ambrosio**
	1. Old Business – None
	2. New Business

Instructional Grant from AU class – approved by Mr. Smith. We don’t have special funds for special needs classes. This is for $300 for team teachers for special Olympics shirts that will remain in school and be used for school events (like a sports jersey). 8 kids and teachers. Motion to approve: Jerri Hasund. All approve.

Instructional Grant Application from 7th grade language arts teacher. For $30 for dosiere for multiple ipads to be shown on smart board, a reflector system. For Christine Walton. Motion to approve: Daphne Stahm. All approve.

Agenda Cover for next year. Will be put out at Mills Madness and will reveal winner. PTSA members at meeting today to vote. All voted for the “tree” picture (Victoria Yan). Trudi to let Ms. Arrington know.

1. **Treasurer’s Report –** January update: Box Tops, PTSA Nat’l Member’s Dues, Teacher of the Year tickets, staff appreciation, visiting author (6th grade) books sales. Why were books not signed? Ask Ms. T why? Form said they would be. We are in good shape, per Mary. Big spending items coming up for Agenda. We purchase student agendas (1800, may need 1850), we purchase 95 for teaching staff (est.) and 10 for administrative staff.
2. **Vice President and Committee Chair Reports**
	1. **Ways and Means**
		1. Spirit Wear – please add to website that we will sell merchandise at Mills madness. When should form for 5th graders be ready? Have done by middle of April? We want orders in by end of fiscal year?? Last year we billed by June 30. Let’s have them return forms by Mid-May and have them done and ready to pick up by meet the teacher. So we will have all the years financials wrapped up.
		2. Mills Madness – Pre-orders coming in and sponsor checks coming in. need board and chair-people to volunteer for raffle ticket and armband sales (handling money). Ask to break into 1 hour shifts? Share? Mills madness blurb to go out Wed, pre-orders due Friday.
		3. Membership: Received Blue Key Award, and Gold Key Award.
		4. Spirit Events: next one in April is PDQ on April 15. Possible Rail Hawkes in May?
		5. Vendor Fundraiser: April 11 Box Tops due.
		6. Leopard Spot – concession window fixed. Leopard Spot losing steam with volunteers, the second shift needs more volunteers.
	2. **Programs – Daphne Stam**
		1. Student Enrichment
		2. Reflections
		3. Staff Appreciation: Soup today.
		4. Media Center
		5. 8th Grade Events – 62% paid 8th grade fees
	3. **Communications – Colleen Gregg**
		1. Hospitality
		2. Volunteers – Spring pictures April 14, Sandy C. to send out sign up genius for volunteers.
		3. Newsletter
		4. Directory – approx. 100 people have looked at it.
	4. **Other**
		1. Nominating Committee
		2. Advocacy – Teacher Gift update. The superintendent talk will be Monday at Green Hope HS.
3. **Next Meeting Date: Friday, March 14, 2013 9:30 MPMS Conference Room**
4. **Adjournment: 10:40 AM**