**MPMS PTSA Meeting Minutes**

**March 14, 2014**

**9:30 am – 11:00 am**

1. **Call to Order: 9:35**
2. **Attendence: Trudi D’Ambrosio, Daphne Stram, Tracey Willis, Clarissa Eliason, Kim McKnight, Robin Ludin, Mary Baker, Jeri Hasund, Michelle Hannon, Sandy Hankinson, Anita Amuja Gandhi, Elizabeth, Sharon Baartmas, Heather Caldwell, Mr Smith, Mr Solender**
3. **Principal Message:** Recent news, school is now capped at 1756 (there are 1762 students today). Locator shows 1850, they could still come here. Mr. Smith thinks we will have 1800. Adding two teachers, 6th grade. Adding an elective teacher, probably Spanish teacher (they are in a regular classroom). Issues for school this size, regarding schedule planning, look at special needs students, then math, then AG clusters, etc. Semi-Finalists from MPMS for first year NC teachers of the year, Katherine Coyne and also Jan Kidd for teacher of the year. Finalists announced end of March. Thoroughly Modern Millie showing this week, great reviews. 8th grade picnic moved to June 12 due to snow days. Mills Madness was great. Officials at the game said it was the biggest crowd they have officiated for. After spring break with nice weather, the shorts girls were wearing were too short. Administration does not go out of way after they let all know the code. Have called some parents, but can’t catch everyone. They get one warning. He will announce it on an all call to remind parents. Lots of teachers don’t have comfort level to address a student they don’t know, or they are too busy. 99% of dress code issues are female students. Yoga pants are a huge issue on the girls. Can PTSA help? Blurb in PTSA newsletter.
4. **Student Council Message**: Elizabeth from Student Council. Valentines lollipop sales funds still coming in. In spring going to Ronald McDonald house, going to make flowers. May do a late spring talent show, still discussing.
5. **Minutes Approval** – February minutes approval, move to approve, Robin Ludin. All approved.
6. **President’s Welcome and Announcements: Trudi D’Ambrosio**
   1. Old Business – None
   2. New Business – Teacher Enrichment Grant Melanie Farrell, Technology teacher, $100 to attend training at conference. Will pass on learnings to teachers at MPMS. Motion to approve: Daphne Stram. Second: Robin Ludin. All approve.
   3. Agenda Cover – Trudi showed winning front cover, in color. Back cover will be calendar. Increased order to 2000 this year.
7. **Treasurer’s Report: Mary Baker.** 
   1. Mills Madness made (so far) net profit $13,082. We had budgeted $12,000. Pre-Orders were approx.. $6,400 (plus approx. $1,300 for Boosters/Pizza); $3500 came in the night of for admissions and $3,300 for basket raffle. Waiting for Hurricanes check.
8. **Vice President and Committee Chair Reports**
   1. **Ways and Means**
      1. Spirit Wear: $1000 made at Mills Madness. Clarissa met with vendor, reviewed form for upcoming 6th graders. New shirt design is “Property Of” in dark grey.
      2. Mills Madness Mills Madness made (so far) net profit $13,082. We had budgeted $12,000. Pre-Orders were $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; $3500 the night of. Post mortem meeting for after spring break.
      3. Membership- no update. Robin asked when to have forms for next year? Trudi advises not until Aug. Daphne reminded that we have to decide incentives. We are even now and don’t anticipate any more members at this date.
      4. Spirit Events – Jersey Mike’s fundraiser? No events this month. PDQ is April 15. Jersey mikes approached school for their new store on 55 and 540. They will create the flyers for MPMS, to be delivered to home room. Coupons can be used Mar, April, May and portion goes to school. They also let us know if we do a fundraiser, we would get 15%. Discussion on Jersey Mikes, is it close enough, would there be an interest? Is this a draw for people? This requires coupon. All agreed not to do it. Kim McKnight let us know Westpark has spirit nights. Robin has Railhawkes fundraising information. Is there enough interest? Michelle Hannon let them know the deal is $10, MPMS gets $3.00 per tickets. Tracey said it’s a fun family night. Robin to look into it.
      5. Vendor Fundraiser – Box tops, two more left this year. No update.
      6. Leopard Spot – Open Wed, trouble with getting volunteers. Has lost momentum. Get lots of request from students to buy Spirit Wear. Colleen was going to move some spirit wear there. Wed they had bags, water bottles and magnets. Also lots of request for pencil lead.
   2. **Programs – Daphne Stam**
      1. Student Enrichment: With funds from Mills Madness, should she investigate another performer? With field trips and EOG’s, very limited time. Not sure.
      2. Reflections- no update
      3. Staff Appreciation: Kim McKnight, staff appreciation week coming up. What is appropriate at Middle School? Mrs Roch, life skills, asked if her classes can do a breakfast? Staff likes food. Snack or treat each day? Planning on lunch. Plus we have $440 extra from left over staff social budget (their collective money they gave to PTSA to spend on staff appreciation). May 5-May 9, ask Mrs Roch a day she can do. Trudi recommended an instructional grant to cover the costs of this breakfast.
      4. Media Center- no update
      5. 8th Grade Events: Jeri showed 8th grade photo. 552 8th graders, to date 65% have paid. Last year 76% paid. After spring break, push the dance. Any local company do an 8x10 photo? Have done online in the past, its cheaper. Will probably do online.
   3. **Communications – Colleen Gregg**
      1. Hospitality – Truck Fair Thursday, April 17, 9:45 – 12:15. We provide subway for drivers ($100)
      2. Volunteers – Spring Pictures April 14
      3. Newsletter – no update
      4. Directory – completed; to date only 120 uses. 800 forms returned but only 120 have opened it.
   4. **Other**
      1. Nominating Committee – Daphne update. Elizabeth Vaughan to be treasurer. Contact Daphne to let her know your plans for next year.
      2. Advocacy – Sandy’s update, MPMS will be capped.
9. **Next Meeting Date: Friday, April 11, 2013 9:30 MPMS Conference Room**
10. **Adjournment: 10:57**