**Minutes from the MPMS PTSA Meeting December, 13, 2013**

**9:30 am – 11:00 am**

**Attendees:** Mr. Smith, Mr. Solender, Trudi D’Ambrosio, Danielle Labrozzi, Daphne Stam, Julie Thompson, Robin Lundin, Jeri Hasund, Mary Baker, Elizabeth (7th grade Student Council Rep)

**Note:** several members were unable to attend due to a conflicting event at Highcroft Drive Elementary. Trudi D’Ambrosio attempted to take minutes. Michelle Hannon was attending the 5th Grade class Wax Museum at Highcroft.

1. **Call to Order**

First we heard from Elizabeth the 7th grade Student Council Representative for the PTSA. She reported that the Student Council had a toy drive and that several council members went to Ronald McDonald in Durham and did art projects with some of the children there. She also said that she enjoys having the 7th grade study hall time and uses it to work on homework.

1. **A word from the Principal –** Mr. Smith informed the Board that Mills Park Middle School will remain on a traditional calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. Because of continued growth in the area, it is likely MPMS will be capped. There was also a discussion regarding math classes and electives.
2. **President’s Welcome and Announcements: Trudi D’Ambrosio**
   1. Old Business –

**Instructional Grant from PE Dept** **for iPad** - Mr. Smith discussed that any videos of the students would follow WCPSS guidelines and Danielle Labrozzi suggested that parents should have the option to opt out of the videoing if it was done. Board voted to approve the Grant unanimously. Note: only board members voted.

**Follow up on Twitter Account** – Mr. Smith is in discussion with the school’s technology person about having a Twitter Account. If MPMS gets an account the PTSA can request to have tweets go out. Similar to how requests are currently made for morning announcements.

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**Instructional Grant from Art Department** – merits of grant/flipping classrooms were discussed, number of students impacted, budget concerns. Grant was denied with one vote for and the rest against. Note: only board members voted.

**Teacher Enrichment Grant application –** request from Math Teacher, Erin Kleimeyer to attend the 2014 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Meeting. Ms.Kleimeyer would present information from the meeting to all grade level math teachers. Board unanimously approved. Note: only board members voted.

1. **Treasurer’s Report –** Mary Baker reported the PTSA accounts are on target for where they should be. The biggest area of deposits in November has been for 8th Grade Events
2. **Vice President and Committee Chair Reports**
   1. **Ways and Means – Robin Lundin**
      1. Spirit Wear – no update
      2. Mills Madness – set to start up in the next week. Meg Clarke will be contacting committee members.
      3. Membership – 2 new memberships have come in and state and national dues are next due on January 16.
      4. Spirit Events – planning two more events for the year – one in February and another at PDQ in the spring. The February event was to be an indoor mini golf. However, it was brought up that it may not be that great and perhaps another venue should be looked into. Robin Lundin and Trudi D’Ambrosio will follow up with Wendy Woolery after the break.
      5. Vendor Fundraiser – Hurricane Tickets sales are set to make a little over $500. The first homeroom Box Tops challenge was completed December 6. The following classes won: 6th grade – Coyne; 7th Grade – Cline; 8th Grade – Knox and a special participation percentage to Ms. Poitras’ AU class. Box Tops also made a $506.40 submission in December.
      6. Leopard Spot – not open last week – concession stand window broken
   2. **Programs – Daphne Stam**
      1. Student Enrichment – Poet in Residence is in residence
      2. 8th Grade Events – the 8th Grade gift will be a flag pole at the football field. An 8th Grade only Spirit Day is planned for next week. Currently, 62% of 8th graders have paid their PTSA events fee and the committee has collected over $11,000.
      3. Reflections – winning entries have been submitted to the county.
      4. Staff Appreciation – no report
      5. Media Center – no report
   3. **Communications – Colleen Gregg**
      1. Hospitality – having great responses from Sign Up Genius requests
      2. Volunteers – no report
      3. Newsletter – Going out great. Thanks Colleen!
      4. Directory – No complaints. Trudi will follow up with Don Fick later in the year to find out about usage
   4. **Other**
      1. Nominating Committee – currently have Daphne Stam and Colleen Gregg from the board. Need one “none board member” to join the committee. Trudi D’Ambrosio informed the board she will not be able to stay on as president next year due to other responsibilities.
      2. Advocacy – no report
3. **Next Meeting Date: Friday, January 10, 2013 9:30 MPMS Conference Room**
4. **Adjournment**