

MPMS PTSA meeting November 10, 2011

1. Call to Order: 9:30
 - a. Approval of Minutes: The October 13th minutes were approved by all.
 - b. Attendance: Cindy Sinkez, Juli Bisenius, Robert Young, Aujanette Salmon, Peggy Payne, Donna Reist, Don Rosenbaum, Melissa Bond, Trudi D'Ambrosio, Abbie Wasyluk and Karen Mark
2. President's Welcome and Announcements:
 - a. Old Business: Bob Young reported that the bleachers for the School Football field have been purchased – The Town of Cary has approved to do the set up and a survey was done to approve the site of the bleacher placement. Bill will come in January.
 - b. New Business: Peggy Payne suggested that we put a space for BAC on the Agenda;
3. Treasurer's Report: Trudi D'Ambrosio – Report attached.
 - a. Audit –approved by audit committee.
4. Principal comments: Mr. Smith – stepped in to say hello and job well done.
 - a. Vice Presidents and Committee Chair Reports: Bob Young – VP1
 1. Spirit Wear: all orders were sent home and all corrections were made. We still have some small and medium in stock. Looking for new vendor still.
 2. Fall Fundraiser: Don Rosenbaum and Jeri Hasund are co-chairs. Carolina Hurricanes –some volunteers dress up in game jerseys and handed out flyers to parents in the carpool line. Closure date for ordering tickets is November 18.
 3. Spring Fundraiser: still need chairs for this. Jerri might chair – no report until after Thanksgiving.
 4. Membership: Liz Welsch still trying to get the teachers to join the PTSA. Maybe do a coffee brunch to inspire them.
 5. Vendor Fundraising: Wendy Holladay was unable to attend but sent a report – Box Tops for Education: \$760 earned so far; to be paid in December. Harris Teeter: \$560 earned so far; to be paid in December (along with earnings up to November 30) Food Lion: only have 15 of the 25 required supporters linked. If you have a Food Lion MVP card, please go to FoodLion.com to link your card to our school.
 6. Restaurant /others fundraisers: Don Rosenbaum will chair this. The Baskin Robins night was a success. Don does not have a report on the numbers yet. Meeting with Z Pizza next week. Bad service at Z Pizza was reported by the group. A suggestion was made to get Mr. Smith to make an all call for Restaurant Night to remind the students and parents. Don will look into getting some yard signs to create a Changeable Restaurant Night announcement sign for the car pool line.
 7. Cultural Arts: Jennifer Mewshaw is chair – Robert reports that the Didgeridoo Australian Music performance was a success and the kids really enjoyed it. March's event will be a performance by Mike Whiley; he will do a one man play about Jackie Robinson.
 8. BAC meeting will be attended by Peggy Payne – one question asked by the group was- why does the Reserve neighborhood not have a traditional option that feeds into MPMS?
 - b. Stacey Kashuba – VP2
 1. 8th Grade events : Michelle Lombana and Nicole Gagnon chair – Report sent in – some tentative dates have been decided for the Awards Ceremony, Dance and Picnic and needs to be approved by Mr. Smith. T-Shirt design and dance theme were chosen by vote. The 8th grade students voted on the dance theme and t-

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shirt design during homeroom. Key positions have been filled to head various subcommittees, but some still open. First Honor Roll Breakfast is next week November 15th, Tuesday – before school and all the food will be donated by parents.

2. Directory: Donna Reist chair -some parents got a blank CD. We are working on this problem. We want to add a tab in our web site to go online with the directory. This would be password protected. FLICKO's is the company we used. Need to find a way to get the blank CDs back from the parents.
 3. Communication/Website: Don Fick submitted his report via email – After incorporating the latest version of the school directory with the email newsletter mailing list, we have 1,524 addresses. About 45-50% of recipients open the newsletter. I'm a little concerned that many of last year's 8th grade families did not unsubscribe. This has a modest effect on cost but if this pattern repeats in the future, we may be spending a lot of money on mail sent to people who don't open it or care for contents. I'll be looking at ways to identify people who don't ever open the mail and remove them after a long period of inactivity. The website receives about 860 unique visitors each month. Most people (64%) get to the site by going to the School website first.
 4. Volunteers: Sandy Collins is chair-we are doing great on volunteers, but we will need more parents for make-up picture day. Need to make notes for next year - The picture company did not have enough cameras for the amount of students and staff.
 5. Hospitality: Stacey Kashubas' report submitted via email- The group supplied sweets, snacks and water for the Teachers Mentor meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 8th. Thank you to Liz Welsh for the chips/salsa and the cookies. Lisa Dreyer supplied the case of bottled water and I supplied all the paper products.
 6. Reflections: Stacey Ramos and Stacey Kashuba are co-chairing this committee- entries are slowly coming in. Announcements have been made about the extended Monday, Nov. 14th deadline. Will be looking into award ribbons for the participants (as used by other surrounding schools). Our PTSA has been confirmed as being in "Good Standing" so we are ready to proceed.
 7. Teacher/staff Appreciation: Debbie Somers & Anjanette Salmon co-chairing- The group made 110+ caramel apples for the teachers, the week of Halloween! All supplies for the treat were donated by the committee. We had 10 volunteers come help in production. Novembers' treat will be bags of trail mix and will be given out the week of Thanksgiving break. This is an awesome group of willing volunteers!
 8. Recognition of Student Excellence: teachers are asking for goodies to give out to the students. Certificates were also sent home to the kids who make A's and B's.
 9. Media Center: Stephanie Kopko is chair - Mark Eranson was the author who visited.
5. Next Meeting date : Dec. 8th at 9:30. In the Student Services Conference Room.
 6. Adjournment @ 10:47