

Mills Park Middle School
October 10, 2014
PTSA Meeting Minutes

1. **9:30 Call to Order**

Attendance: Carrie White, Nicole Rotella, Lisa Burke, Colleen Gregg, Sue Nolte, Daphne Stam, Elizabeth Vaughan, Jeri Hasund, Kim McKnight, Suzanne Medeiros, Robin Lundin, Elizabeth Stavrakakis, Carisa Fliason, and Kate Rees

2. **Student Representative: (Elizabeth Stavrakakis)**

Raising money for breast cancer research by selling t-shirts for \$10
Student Council is hosting Fall Dance on November 14. 3-5 pm for sixth grade and 6-8 pm for eighth grades.

3. **Treasurer Report: (Elizabeth Vaughan)**

Not much activity with funds except with Eighth Grade Events. PTSA has spent \$500 on Teacher Instructional Grants and \$325 for Teacher Enrichment.

4. **Membership: (Robin Lundin)**

On Wednesday and Thursday the PTSA cards were distributed. 1004 members with \$19151.00 collected. Dues and expenses must still be paid. Faculty is at 100% with membership.

We will be looking into company match programs.

We will be in good standing with the state.

Membership is dropping year to year.

To acknowledge significant donations, we may display their names on a plaque.

5. **Principal Message:**

Four mobile units will be put on the property to help with overcrowding next year. They will be on the grassy field in back of the school. Healthful Living Teachers will have their classrooms in these units.

We received positive feedback with guest speaker Reggie Dobbs.

Survey will be conducted in 4-5 classrooms to determine if agendas are needed from the PTSA. To save PTSA's money, students may need to provide their own agendas next year.

End of Year Academic Reward Ceremony standards may be changed. High Honors are students with all A's and Honors have A's and B's. The eighth graders may all be recognized regardless of grades. There is concern over the amount of time this will take.

6. **Staff Appreciation: (Kim McKnight)**

Needs salads for lunch next Friday for Teachers' lunch on Early Release day. School Improvement Team Meeting is scheduled for October 13th.

May change time of meetings next year so more working parents can attend

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7. **Programs: (Nicole Rotella)**
Reggie Dobbs went well.
Transit Vocal Band was Friday for the sixth grade.
Timothy Abell a singer song writer is scheduled for the seventh grade. A poet will be coming for the eighth grade in April.
Spirit wear was delivered. Next order is due October 31st.
8. **Eighth Grade Events: (Jeri Hasund)**
Students drew t-shirt designs for eighth grade class shirts. On Monday, the eighth graders will vote their favorite out of 4 shirts.
New this year, money was collected at Open House. That was successful.
9. **Technology: (Lisa Burke)**
There's a new committee for technology. Lisa Burke will be our representative. October 29th will be the next meeting in which an assessment of current needs will be established. An annual plan will be made.
10. **Reflections: (Kim McKnight)**
Reach out to Language Arts and Fine Arts teachers to encourage students to participate.
Currently have received 20 applications. Trying to determine how many more students will participate.
Applications due in November.
11. **President Report: (Daphne Stam)**
Instructional Grants
At previous PTSA meeting grant for Mr. Lucas was discussed. Colleen Gregg made a motion to approve grant and Kim McKnight seconded it.
A grant for \$130 for Dr. Knox for nearpod software was motioned to be approved by Jeri Hasund, and seconded by Elizabeth Vaughan.
A grant for \$281.71 for Ms. Resua and Ms. Walton for Apple TV was motioned to be approved by Kim McKnight and seconded by Elizabeth Vaughan.
Grants for Ms. Tierney and Ms. Kline each for \$99 for Apple TV was motioned to be approved by Robin Lundin and seconded by Colleen Gregg.
\$1200 is remains in technology budget.
Teacher Enrichment Grants
A grant for \$103.37 for Ms. McCaslin for the STEM conference was motioned to be approved by Robin Lundin and seconded by Colleen Gregg.
Ms. Oldham requested a grant to attend the Teachers of Mathematics Conference. The \$65 registration fee was motioned to be approved by Kim McKnight and seconded by Jeri Hasund
Hospitality
An instructional research teacher asked for financial assistance to provide breakfast on October 31, 2014 for 40-50 people. Kim McKnight motioned that up to \$150 be provided, Jeri Hasund seconded the motion.

MPMS will purchase a high speed copier. The school is looking for volunteers to staff the copier 3 hour/ day. The copy will not be available for general use.

12. **BAC Representative: (Suzanne Medeiros)**

Suzanne attended the BAC meeting. At this meeting it was stated that they are making adjustments to the student enrollment plan and will be redistricting schools. They have completed their second draft of the new boundaries. White Oak school opens in 2016. Green Level High Scholl will open to Apex High student in 2017. Pine Hollow Middle School in Brier Creek will open in about two years.

13. 11:04 Meeting adjourned