

Mills Park Middle School
September 12, 2014
PTSA Meeting Minutes

1. 9:33 Call to Order

Attendance: Daphne Stam, Nicole Rotella, Elizabeth, Vaughan, Heather Ng (parent), Kristi Guenther, Lisa Burke (parent), Colleen Gregg, Robin Lundin, Sandy Hankinson, Kim McKnight, Jeri Hasund, Jen Willis, and Kate Rees

2. Treasurer Report (Elizabeth Vaughan):

Currently PTSA is taking in money from membership and fundraising. We have reached 80% of our goal for PTSA enrollment, which is 837 members of 1000.

3. Staff Appreciation (Kim McKnight):

Will provide a snack for teachers on Early- Release days

Student Improvement Team (Kim McKnight): Will meet once a month to address school improvement and focus on school's goals. Teachers report copy machines are a huge problem for the staff.

4. Principal Message:

- Mr. Smith introduced a speaker to promote Reggie Dobbs, a motivational speaker recommended by the principal at Green Hope High School. See TheYouthAlliance.com for details. They have an opening and would be able to speak at MPMS for \$3,600/ day.
- School experienced some beginning of the year issues with the buses and carpool but now these issues are "smoothing out".
- School Board is continuing to address how to cope with state testing inconsistencies. The current testing does not display accurate growth of Math 8 students, **because 8th grade students taking CCI are tested for Math 8 at the end of the year, a full year after the compacted Math 7/8 curriculum has been completed.**
- Board Advisory Meeting on September 22nd at 5:30 or 6:00. Susan Evans to talk about updates. **PTSA will provide water for the meeting in the media center.**
- Looking into getting a new 10K copy machine that will need to be staffed, **as discussed by the School Improvement Team.**

MOTION: Elizabeth motions for PTSA to pay \$3600 for a visit from Reggie Bush and Colleen seconds it. All approve.

5. Membership (Robin Lundin):

904 PTSA members so far. Our goal is 1000.

94% of faculty joined PTSA but that was soon changed to 100% membership from faculty
Membership needs to be updated and thank you notes need to be sent out.

6. Ways and Means (Jennifer Willis):

Back to School Night at Rail Hawks Saturday night.
Colleen to send email blast and include information in newsletter.
Scheduled PDQ Spirit Night 9/30/14.
Received \$3214 from Target donation. Food Lion no longer honoring mvp food card.
So far, we have 152 participants for Harris Teeter VIC card
Idea to include vendor form (which was left out of student take home packets) in with PTSA membership cards and incentives when they are distributed.

7. Eighth Grade Events:

T-shirt contest next week. Will vote next meeting

8. President's Report:

Must have Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest signed by board

Grant Proposal Review

Instructional Grants

Robin motioned to approve Coyne's grant to pay for Management console, Elizabeth seconded. All approved

Colleen motioned to approve Zappia's grant for \$50 for Weebly and ½ for books, Kim seconded. All approved. Will revisit to pay for the rest later this year.

PTSA has questions for Lucas' grant for Explore Learning pilot program. **Will continue discussion of grant over email with members that are present at the meeting since Mr. Lucas needs an answer about whether PTSA will fund by 9/30.**

Robin motioned to table grant **pending additional information** for Resua's grant for Apple TV projecting. Lisa Burke seconded. All approved.

Teacher Enrichment Grants

Elizabeth motioned to approve Wiggins' grant to cover fee for mental health workshop. Lisa Burke seconded. All approved.

Colleen motioned to approve Zappia's grant to pay for New Literacies and Media class. Heather Ng seconded. All approved.

9. No other new business

10. Adjourned 11:22am