

PTMS PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2013

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
 - a) President Rochelle Saxon called the meeting to order at 9:17 am. There were approximately 10 people in attendance in addition to the PTA Board, PTMS Principals and Guidance Counselor (see attachment).
 - b) The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

- II. Guest Speaker – Superintendent Dr. French
 - a) Dr. French discussed changes in Central Administration and how it was restructured to be more efficient.
 - b) Priorities of the Central Admin. Office are
 1. Roll out the technology plan
 2. Act 82 compliance
 3. School performance scores and various exams (Keystone, PSSAs, SATs, PSATs)

- III. Principal's Remarks – Dr. Robert Freado
 - a) Dr. Freado introduced school counselor Bianca Goodwin who discussed Character Counts and Red Ribbon week. There will be different themes each day and a t-shirt design activity and door decorating contest for each homeroom.
 - b) PTMS is a Blue Ribbon School. This is due to consistent high test scores over 5 years. A meeting will be held next week to discuss celebration plans. An awards ceremony will take place in Washington D.C. November 18th and 19th. It will be attended by the principals and 2 teachers. A school is eligible every 5 years and the PA Dept. of Education nominates to the US Dept. of Education. There were 286 winners nationally, 15 in PA, and 3 in the South Hills. Two banners for the school have been ordered.

- V. Secretary's Report – Cathleen Faina

The minutes from the September 5, 2013 PTMS PTA Meeting were approved as presented.

- VI. Treasurer's Report – Cathy Vargo (see attached documents)
 - a) Membership and donations are up from last year
 - b) Funds need to be increased for the Newsletter/Constant Contact by \$34 to request unlimited images/documents vs. only 5 images/documents. There is an excess of \$40 in Start-up that can be used. A motion to move the funds was made by Lori Gummersbach and seconded by Michele Thomas.
 - χ) Money needs to be moved to pay a constable for the Welcome Back Dance. Dr. Freado said that it is also good to have a constable's presence at the faculty basketball and volleyball games and the 8th grade dance.

- VII. First Vice President's Report – Cindy Chapman
 - a) Lisa Anderson gave an Area Council update. The school picture contract is up for renewal. Members are needed for the Area Council bowling league, which is a fundraiser. Carol Aurin discussed investigating stem labs in elementary schools. A new committee forming for district-wide science fair. Concerns about on-line books was passed on to Dr. Kardambikas. The plan to the PA Dept. of Education will be presented here on October 9th at 6:30. The district rankings can be found on School Performance Profile and PVAAS.

- b) Apple Crunch Day is October 24th during lunch. All recipes are peanut free. The event is chaired by Donna Waigand.
- γ) Boxtops are due for a drawing on November 8th.
- d) Reflections is due October 28th and judging is in November. There is a box in the office for submissions. Dues were submitted by Cathy Vargo, so the school is in good standing. A regional Reflections chair is needed as well as a place to hold the regional awards ceremony.
- e) Rochelle thanked Cindy for hospitality and Cathy for the Blue Ribbon Cake.

VIII. Second Vice President's Report – Michele Thomas

- a) The Welcome Back Dance was a great time. Thanks to Sharon Traummuller and Laura Devine for their work.
- b) Tina Beinhauer submitted information for the directories and is chairing the Student/Faculty Volleyball Game on November 14th. Mr. Amend is the contact person.
- c) Picture retakes are October 30th. Thanks to Christine Belfiore and Cathy Vargo for chairing.
- d) Teacher appreciation is November 7th.

IX. There was no old business.

X. New Business

- a) Michele stated that Mary Pat DeRienzo is coordinating cookies and refreshments for Character Counts.
- b) Rochelle reminded everyone to look at the Dates to Remember.

XI. Adjournment of the meeting was at 10:47 am.

These minutes were recorded by Cathleen Faina, Recording Secretary, PTMS PTA

Approved on 11/8/2013, _____
Cathleen Faina, Secretary