

PTMS PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2014

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
 - President Michele Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:21 AM. There were approximately 26 people in attendance in addition to the PTA Board and PTMS Principals (see sign-in sheet).
 - The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
- II. President's Remarks – Michele Thomas
 - The PTMS PTA Board was introduced.
 - We need everyone to help to make this year successful. Please volunteer, even if only for one event.
- III. Secretary's Report – Cathleen Faina
 - The minutes from the May 1, 2014 PTMS PTA Meeting were approved as presented.
- IV. Principals Remarks – Adam Sikorski
 - Mr. Sikorski introduced himself and provided his background. The majority of his experience was obtained in the Pittsburgh schools.
 - He wants to know all of the students, has open communication with Mr. Henaghan, and believes the PTA is important.
 - Questions were taken which dealt with:
 - Types of lunches/pricing, lunch seats being assigned (will be used in safety situations), clarification of when students can use the restroom, lack of shelving in restrooms, and library use.
 - Mr. Sikorski is meeting the kids by greeting them in the mornings, in the cafeteria, in the classrooms, and at events.
 - Changes associated with Common Core were addressed by Mr. Henaghan. Language Arts is more non-fiction and getting into the text and language. Math changes coincided with the revision of the curriculum. All middle school students will have Algebra and apply concepts and theorems. In English/Language Arts, the writing and reading tests will be combined. The books read are determined through the curriculum process with teachers, principals, committees, and the school board. The books to be read have already been decided. Lisa Anderson pointed out that there is a curriculum committee that will be meeting with Dr. Kardambikis on Sept 16th at 3:15 p.m. in the Administration Building.
- V. Guest Speaker – Shelly Belcher: New Volunteer Policy
 - Any volunteer who will be alone with students, such as on field trips, will need clearances. There is a link on-line that answers questions and links to the sites. The deadline is Oct. 30th.
 - Clearances must be turned in to the Administration Building once all paperwork is completed/received. The clearances are good for 5 years.
 - There will be a fingerprinting session in the district on Oct. 8th.
 - School Staff has different clearances and obligations.

- VI. Treasurer's Report – Cathy Vargo (see attached 2013-2014 budget, audit, and 2014-2015 proposed budget)
- The prior year's budget was presented without question.
 - The Audit Committee completed the audit in July and found the books to be correct. A motion to accept the audit was made by Tina Luttringer and a second was made by Michelle Hoffman. All were in favor, none opposed.
 - The current year's budget shows a decrease in D.J. fees (changed D.J.), a decrease in Volleyball (event is every other year), and an increase in 8th Grade Picnic (larger class, may need to rent grills). Donations may change as we have had a good response to membership. A motion to accept the budget was made by Wendy Edgar and a second was made by Peggy Daniels. All were in favor, none opposed.
- VII. First Vice President's Report – Melanie Hutnik
- The Welcome Back Celebration is being chaired by Doreen Bartczak and plans include Rita's Ice and a DJ who will bring things such as limbo and hula hoop. There is a need for volunteers. This event was changed from a dance to an after school event. Mr. Sikorski will talk with the coaches to see if there are any conflicts with this date of Sept. 24th.
 - We can get easy cash for our school from Labels for Education and Box Tops. These can be turned in to the student's homeroom.
- VIII. Second Vice President's Report – Ria Kartsonas
- Student Pictures are being handled by Marcy Judy. The retake day is Oct. 28th.
 - An email requesting bakers for Open House will be sent.
- IX. Old Business
- There are several open committee chair positions – 7th Grade Celebration, 8th Grade Dance, Bylaws, and Welcoming.
- X. New Business -- none
- XI. Adjournment of the meeting was at 11:00 AM.

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

Approved on October 2, 2014, _____
Cathleen Faina, Secretary