

PTMS PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2014

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
 - President Rochelle Saxon called the meeting to order at 9:23 AM. There were approximately 20 people in attendance in addition to the PTA Board, Middle School Guidance Counselors and PTMS Principals (see attachment).
 - The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
- II. President's Remarks
 - Rochelle explained that Brunch with the Principal will be conducted after the PTA meeting is adjourned.
- III. Principals Remarks – Dr. Freado
 - Brunch with the Principal was conducted after the PTA meeting. This was to provide information to parents of incoming middle school students.
- IV. Secretary's Report – Cathleen Faina
 - The minutes from the February 6, 2014 PTMS PTA Meeting and the February 20, 2014 Special PTMS PTA Meeting were approved as presented.
- V. Treasurer's Report – Cathy Vargo (see attached budget)
 - The budget was presented without question.
 - Cathy reminded everyone to submit outstanding expenses as soon as possible.
- VI. First Vice President's Report – Cindy Chapman
 - Cindy explained the Community Chat that the PTA Board attended. Representatives from each homeroom met as a group (7th and 8th grade separately) with the principals and select teachers to present ideas/suggestions for changes that they would like to see.
 - Area Council update was provided by Lisa Anderson. SPP scores were discussed; Peters Township's score was over 90 (94.5) which gives access to more grants. Audio as well as video will now be recorded on school buses. Keystone exams were discussed; students may need remediation in order to pass the Keystones. The middle school curriculum will phase out Family Consumer Science and incorporate into the GOAL program. Middle school will add voice lessons. Eighth grade literature will switch books and add *Incarceron*. Collections boxes are at all of the schools for the Used Book Sale on April 4th - 5th in the middle school gym.
 - The Student/Faculty Basketball Game is March 20th. It will start at 6:30 PM with half court shots, two tries for \$1. Admission is \$3 and the game starts at 7:00. The chairpersons are Karen Allison and Julie Hesse.
 - The Grade 7 Celebration needs help because one of the chairpersons will be out of town on May 8th. Shuping Liu is the other chairperson. The event is right after school until 4:30 PM and consists of a DJ, games, and food.
 - Thank you to Shuping, Lori Gummersbach, and Jen Gaudlip for hospitality. A hospitality chairperson is needed for next year.
 - Box Tops total is \$1370.85, which is up \$300 from last year. Continue to send in box tops for monthly drawings (except the 1st and last months, December, and January).

VII. Second Vice President's Report – Michele Thomas

- Staff Appreciation was February 18th. Thanks to Dawn Scheve and Deb Magyar for a great event. The teachers were appreciative.
- The 8th Grade Dance is May 31st. There was a meeting with Student Council to determine a theme, which needs to be voted on. There is a volunteer list, but a co-chair is needed. The DJ is booked.

VIII. Old Business – none

IX. New Business

- The nominating committee presented the following names for the next PTMS PTA Board. This concludes the duties of the nominating committee, but nominations can still be taken.
 - President – Michele Thomas
 - 1st Vice President – Melanie Hutnik
 - 2nd Vice President – Ria Kartonas
 - Treasurer – Cathy Vargo
 - Secretary – Cathleen Faina
- Grade 8 Picnic is June 4th from 10:00 AM to Noon. Debbie Healey Langley needs a co-chair. There will be on-line sign-up. The event is at Peterswood Park Shelter 4 with reservations at the Rec Center in case of rain. The students are bussed over.
- Grade 8 Awards are June 3rd. Lisa Anderson is the chairperson. It is in the morning and parents are invited.

X. Adjournment of the meeting was at 9:47 AM.

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

Approved on April 3, 2014, _____
Cathleen Faina, Secretary