

Peters Township Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2012

- I. Welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance
  - a) President, Gina Wells called the meeting to order at 9:24 AM. There were approximately 18 in attendance. (see attachment)
  - b) The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
  
- II. President's Remarks – Gina Wells
  - a) Gina introduced PTMS Librarian Ms. Katie Stouden. Ms. Stouden thanked the volunteers who help her out in the library.
  - b) Katie stated that all 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been introduced to the PTMS library during their Language Arts Class.
  - c) The 8<sup>th</sup> graders visit the library during Language Arts and Social Studies for their research.
  - d) The students are introduced to iPads, Alexandria / OPAC Book system and Reading Counts book lists.
  - e) Ms. Stouden reported that she is currently locating and applying for grants so to be able to obtain E Readers and more iPads.
  - f) She hopes to start an E book collection for PTMS students. She is working on starting a Student Book Club, "PTMS Reads". The students would meet during Study Labs.
  - g) Gina then introduced PTMS counselors, Bianca Barnabi and Stephani Skrinjar. The counselors presented a power point presentation to the PTA meeting attendees with facts from the Stop Bullying Survey.
  - h) The bullying survey has given the district a platform to understand and address bullying issues and concerns that arise at PTMS.  
As counselors and administration learn from existing surveys, they will continue to build on the current data with future restructured surveys.  
"It takes nothing to stand in a crowd. It takes everything to stand alone"
  
- III. Principal's Remarks – Dr. Robert Freado
  - a) Dr. Freado thanked all of those who made Apple Crunch Day a great success and was enjoyed by students and faculty.
  - b) Dr. Freado stated that "Take Your Parent to School Day" went very well and also was a great success.
  
- IV. Secretary's Report – Barb Calfo
  - a) The PTMS PTA Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2012 were approved as written.
  
- V. Treasurer's Report – Jodi Hannah
  - a) Jodi stated that our PTA state dues were paid, audit submitted and tax return filed. We currently have 340 PTA members at PTMS and are over our goal for donations.
  
- VI. First Vice President – Carol Planitzer
  - a) Carol stated that the District School Directory will be delivered before Thanksgiving.
  - b) Carol asked for volunteers to help with the Spelling Bee that would involve 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. There was a sign-up sheet sent for those interested in helping.
  - c) The Student/ Faculty Volleyball game will be held, November 15<sup>th</sup>,

7:00 P.M. at the PTMS gym. Lynn Soika is the committee chair and Mr. Amend will be handling the student sign-up.

- d) Carol thanked committee chair, Maureen Brugger and all the volunteers who helped with the Teacher/Staff Conference Day Dinner. The dinner was catered by Gretchen's Good Eats along with donated desserts.

VII. Second Vice President – Cindy Chapman

- a) Cindy thanked all the volunteers that baked the apple recipes and those who helped serve the dishes. All recipes can be found on the PTA website.
- b) Cindy stated that the next Area Council meeting will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup>, in the board room of the Administration Building.  
The meeting will begin at 9:15 AM.
- c) Cindy explained the cash back programs and the box top drawings.  
For every ten box tops a student turns in they receive one drawing entry. Drawing is held during homeroom period. The homeroom that collects the most box tops per month will receive a treat. This month the treat will be donuts.
- d) Cindy stated that she would like to see next year, more of the teachers promote the reflection program to get more students involved.
- e) The PTMS Book Fair will be held December 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. Old Business – Gina Wells  
There was no old business.

IX. New Business – Gina Wells  
There was no new business.

X. Adjournment  
Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

These Minutes were recorded by Barb Calfo, Recording Secretary, PTMS PTA

Approved January 3, 2013 \_\_\_\_\_  
Barb Calfo, Secretary