

Peters Township Middle School PTA Meeting – Minutes  
September 6, 2012

- I. Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance
  - a) President Gina Wells called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM. There were approximately 26 in attendance (see attachment).
  - b) The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
  
- II. President's Remarks – Gina Wells
  - a) Gina welcomed the assembled parents and introduced the board members and principals.
  - b) Gina encouraged all to volunteer and become involved at PTMS. She stated there were a few Committee Chairperson Positions open and many opportunities to volunteer throughout the year. She stated that there was a volunteer sign-up sheet sent home in the first day packet, listing those opportunities.
  - c) Gina introduced Public Safety Director/Chief of Police, Officer Harry Freucht from the Peters Township Police Department. Officer Freucht stated that on September 29, 2012 from 10-2, the Peters police department will implement the "Drug take Back Program". Drop off locations will include the McMurray Dairy Bar, Walgreens, Kmart and Fire House Subs.
  - d) Officer Freucht then addressed the issue of student walkers and the recent problems the mass number of walkers are causing for the local businesses, especially on Friday afternoons. He stated the dangers that are involved with the students not using the crosswalks. Also that the merchants are filing reports of property damage and students loitering. Officer Freucht requested the help of parents to talk with their children about these issues and to discuss the consequences if caught loitering, vandalizing or participating in any other illegal activities.
  - e) Gina then introduced Lisa Runco, PTSD Director of food service. Lisa talked and discussed with the parents the changes that have been made statewide to the food regulations with reimbursable lunches. Paragon is the food service that is being used and the allotted calorie for a PTMS lunch is 600-700 calories. Lisa stated she would like to use more fruits and vegetables from our local farms. She also encouraged those with questions or concerns about the school lunches to contact her.
  
- III. Principal's Remarks – Dr. Robert Freado
  - a) Dr. Freado stated that the school year was off to a great start. There will be a built in day next summer for the incoming students to PTMS to visit the school and set up lockers and become more acquainted with the school.
  - b) The district is analyzing and refining the bullying survey in hopes to be able to use the information received more effectively.
  - c) Bring parent to school day will be October 18<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Freado also talked about Homeroom agenda for the students would be to set goals on what they want to accomplish.
  - d) Dr. Freado also stated that the Character Counts awards will be in the Council Chambers on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - e) Shelly Belcher will be implementing an attendance system with global connect. Parents will receive an automated phone call when their child is absent from either the middle school or high school.

IV. Secretary's Report – Barb Calfo

- a) The minutes from May 3, 2012 were presented and were approved as written.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Jodi Hannah

- a) The end of year audit took place and the audit committee consisted of Sarah Lindsay, Laura Spernak and Sandy Levin.
- b) This year's budget was presented and a motion to approve was made by Debbie Smith and second by Laura Spernak. Jodi stated that there were changes in category/committee names.
- c) There was a change to the standing rules in regards to the change of committee names and the PTA dues adjustment to \$8.50. Motion to accept was made by Michelle Smith and second by Debbie Smith.

V. First Vice President's Report – Carol Planitzer

- a) Carol stated that Michele Szewczyk is our Constant Contact/Newsletter Chairperson. Carol asked that all parents make sure they update their email addresses on the PTA website. Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents, if already on PTA email list, will be rolled over to PTMS.
- b) Anyone interested in being a Library Volunteer should contact Debbie Langeloy.
- c) Carol announced that PTMS Student Picture Day will be September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- d) Carol thanked Rita Reo for being the chair for the Welcome Back Dance that will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-9 PM. Rita then stated she will need 20 volunteers to help with the dance and to contact her if able to volunteer.
- e) Carol stated that there was still a need for chairpersons for the Spelling Bee and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Award Committees.

VI. Second Vice President's Report- Cindy Chapman

- a) Cindy talked about the PTA cash back programs. Asked for parents to send in the box tops and soup labels with the students. And the need for a chairperson for this committee was discussed.
- b) Cindy also asked that everyone sign up for the Giant Eagle Apples for Students. Also register at Target and Office Depot when making purchases.
- c) Cindy sent around a sheet for volunteer sign up for hospitality. She stated there was a need for a Hospitality Chairperson.
- d) Cindy stated that there were membership envelopes available for those who wanted to join the PTMS PTA. This year there will be a new membership card.
- e) The theme for this year's Reflections, "The Magic of the Moment". Committee Chairs are Brenda Falcione and Mary Lou Bulseco. A box will be placed in the PTMS office for entries.
- f) Apple Crunch Day will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. This event is part of the Health and Wellness committee which provides students at lunch with homemade samples of snacks, cookies, muffins and dips made from apples. Greta Pardini is the chairperson for this event.

VII. Old Business: There was no old business to report.

VIII. New Business: There was no new business to report.

IX. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

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

Approved October 4, 2012.

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Barb Calfo, Secretary

