

PTMS PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2015

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
 - President Michele Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:17 AM. There were approximately 23 people in attendance in addition to the PTA Board and PTMS Principal (see sign-in sheet).
 - The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
- II. Secretary's Report – Cathleen Faina
 - The minutes from the February 5, 2015 PTMS PTA Meeting were approved as presented.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Cathy Vargo
 - The budget was presented without question (see attached).
- IV. Principal's Remarks
 - Mr. Henaghan introduced the Middle School and High School counselors and stated that they are trying to ease the transitions for students.
- V. Guest Speakers – PTMS Guidance Counselors, Bianca Goodwin (7th Grade) and Mary Beth Kenny (8th Grade); PTHS Guidance Counselors, Vicky Cunningham and Heather Wawrzeniak
 - An overview of the scheduling process, particularly for 8th graders moving to high school, was presented and questions were answered. Remember that schedules for middle school are not final until the day of orientation, which is August 20th. Move up day for 8th graders is the last week of school.
 - The course description packet is on-line, as well as the presentation which will be given tomorrow evening at the high school. Board approval is needed for some classes, such as Summer Gym; the next Board meeting is March 16th.
 - Students need to fill a 9-period day. Make sure that alternate electives are chosen and are classes that the student is willing to take. Honors classes will require nightly homework and are more rigorous. Students have been saying that the workload in high school is similar to middle school.
- VI. First Vice President's Report – Melanie Hutnik
 - Continue to send in Labels for Education and Box Tops
 - Mr. Amend and Sharon Traumuller have been planning the Student/Faculty Basketball Game for March 19th. Bakers and volunteers are needed.
 - The updated By-laws were presented for approval. A motion was made by Jeannine Shannon and the second was made by Serena King. All were in favor, none opposed.
- VII. Second Vice President's Report – Ria Kartsonas
 - The Area Council meeting was reviewed.
- VIII. President's Remarks – Michele Thomas
 - The Nominating Committee was thanked for their work. Serena King presented the slate for next year's PTMS PTA Board: President, Ria Kartsonas; 1st Vice President, Laura Spernak, 2nd Vice President, Gretchen Walker; Treasurer, Lisa Argent; Secretary, Kristi

DeVentura.

IX. Old Business -- none

X. New Business

- Kelly Trupiano from the High School Nominating Committee is looking for people interested in filling the open positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

XI. Adjournment of the meeting was at 10:26 AM.

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

Approved on April 9, 2015, _____
Cathleen Faina, Secretary