

PTMS PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2014

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
 - President Rochelle Saxon called the meeting to order at 9:21 AM. There were approximately 4 people in attendance in addition to the PTA Board and PTMS Principals (see attachment).
 - The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
- II. President's Remarks
 - Rochelle thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and Cindy Chapman for hospitality.
- III. Principals Remarks – Dr. Freado
 - The 8th Grade Dance is coming up. This is not a prom and doesn't have to be expensive. Appropriate dress is required and the guidance counselors can answer questions regarding this. There will be no large transportation vehicles. Mr. Henaghan added that this should be modest; not everyone has dates and it is not encouraged. This gives 8th graders a chance to act grown-up. Dr. Freado said that there will be chaperones and appropriate dancing. An email blast will go out regarding this as well as announcements made at school. The students are not permitted to leave except maybe a half hour early as parents arrive. There are dismissal procedures which go smoothly. Chaperones will be by the door and pay attention to with whom the students are leaving.
 - There was an email blast regarding students inflicting eraser burns on themselves.
 - Pick-up procedures are changing so that there is only one line.
 - To address the issue of students skipping school, there may be phone calls or emails when students are not in school. Dr. Henaghan stated that for the most part, parents are aware when their children are missing.
 - The keystones for Biology and Algebra are Monday, May 12th and Tuesday, May 13th. Results should be mid-July.
- IV. Secretary's Report – Cathleen Faina
 - The minutes from the March 6, 2014 PTMS PTA Meeting were approved as presented.
- V. Treasurer's Report – Cathy Vargo (see attached budget)
 - The budget was presented without question.
- VI. First Vice President's Report – Cindy Chapman
 - The Student/Faculty Basketball Game went well. Help is needed for the upcoming Used Book Sale.
- VII. Second Vice President's Report – Michele Thomas
 - The 8th Grade Dance is May 31st. The committee is waiting for the theme voted on by Student Council. The 8th Grade Awards are set for June 3rd.
- VIII. Old Business – none

IX. New Business

- The election of the following officers took place. There were no further nominations, so the nominations were closed. The voice vote showed all in favor and none opposed. The elections were approved and concluded.
 - President – Michele Thomas
 - 1st Vice President – Melanie Hutnik
 - 2nd Vice President – Ria Kartonas
 - Treasurer – Cathy Vargo
 - Secretary – Cathleen Faina
- There are a number of chairperson openings which will be communicated to McMurray for any 6th Grade parents that may be interested.
- Lisa Anderson thanked the principals for allowing the gym to be used during the Used Book Sale. Teachers are welcome to come and select books. Needy school districts were contacted and items will be donated to Goodwill.

X. Adjournment of the meeting was at 10:41 AM.

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

Approved on May 1, 2014, _____
Cathleen Faina, Secretary