

PTMS PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2014

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
 - President Michele Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM. There were approximately 3 people in attendance in addition to the PTA Board and PTMS Principals (see sign-in sheet).
 - The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
- II. President's Remarks – Michele Thomas
 - The January PTA meeting will be held in the Middle School LGI.
- III. Secretary's Report – Cathleen Faina
 - The minutes from the October 2, 2014 PTMS PTA Meeting were approved as presented.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Cathy Vargo
 - The budget was presented without question (see attached).
- V. Guest Speaker – Officer Dave Stanton of the Peters Township Police Department

Officer Stanton discussed the new program “Cool to be Clean” that will reward kids for making good decisions and will be developed by middle school students, starting with Student Council. Business owners in the area have signed on to help support this program. The proposed logo is “C2BC”. The decision to start with middle schoolers was made because there is still a chance to make an impact before these kids get to high school. Office Stanton can be reached at DJStanton@PetersTownship.com.
- VI. Principals Remarks – Mike Henaghan
 - Apple Crunch was successful. Everyone was excited and respectful. Maureen Watson chaired the event and Trax Farm donated a bushel of apples.
 - The fall celebration is October 23rd and replaces the dance that was not well attended. This event is to meet the needs of students not involved in other activities. Thanks to Doreen Bartczak and Heislars Market. NHS helped with face painting.
 - The last day of the book fair is today. Thanks to Ann Lilley for getting volunteers.
 - The School Performance Profile was published and we are 96.8. It appears that we are the 6th highest middle school in PA. Our students are growing at the correct rate due to skilled teachers and committed parents. This is a more comprehensive measure than AYP. Growth is based on individual students from 3rd grade to middle school. Ingomar and N. Allegheny were the only schools in the region that scored higher. Information can be found by typing “School Performance Profile” into an internet browser.
- VII. First Vice President's Report – Melanie Hutnik
 - Red Ribbon week door decorating contest winners were Mr. Griffin’s homeroom and Ms. Bladel’s homeroom.
 - Continue to send in Labels for Education and Box Tops. Robin Ferrari is looking at prizes for the most box tops. Mr. Bayto’s homeroom won donuts.
- VIII. Second Vice President's Report – Ria Kartsonas

- The Area Council meeting had well wishes for Mrs. Gustafson, Bower Hill Principal, as she leaves the district and for Mr. Fisher, Pleasant Valley Principal, as he moves to his new position.
- Thanks to Kristi DeVentura and Dale Malencia for setting up the new procedure for library volunteers through ViaDale.
- Thanks to Dawn Sheve and Deb Magyar for yesterday's staff appreciation.

IX. Old Business

- Still need a Bylaws Chairperson.

X. New Business

- Mr. Merrell from the School Board discussed that scores are being watched by building principals and the education committee for drops. Common Core may be discontinued. The high school will again participate in the Tribune Review Lip Dub contest. Many applications have been received for open teaching and principal positions. \$4.5 million in renovations are needed at McMurray. All positions, including long-term substitutes are subject to scrutiny and written policy is followed for all new hires.

XI. Adjournment of the meeting was at 10:19 AM.

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

Approved on January __ , 2015, _____
Cathleen Faina, Secretary