

# Peters Township Middle School PTA Meeting – Minutes

## January 3, 2013

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
  - a) President Gina Wells called the meeting to order at 9:16 AM. There were approximately 14 in attendance. ( see attachment)
  - b) The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
- II. President's Remarks – Gina Wells
  - a) Gina introduced Dr. Freado and the attendees were shown the video, "It's a Good Time", produced by the PTMS staff for the students.
  - b) The students viewed the video during the Variety Show before Holiday Break.
- III. Principal's Remarks – Dr. Robert Freado
  - a) Dr. Freado stated that PTMS Counselor Stephanie Skrinjar, who was substituting for Ms. Kenney, will move to a substitute counselor position at the PTHS on January 23, 2013.
  - b) Stephanie Skrinjar did thank the parents for their support. Their support was especially appreciated during Character Counts/ Red Ribbon Week. She also stated that she enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to work with the students and staff at PTMS.
  - c) Dr. Freado discussed he would like to see the continued success of holding a Community Chat. It is a great opportunity. It will give the students the opportunity to set goals and ideas they want to achieve, to build on character and to become involved in the community. The Community Chat will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Teachers/Facilitators will be present along with PTA representation.
  - d) Each Homeroom was asked to have a student representative. At the present time three quarters of the Homerooms have students that signed up to be a representative at the Community Chat. Student Representatives will present their ideas and have discussion during the Study Labs.
  - e) Dr. Freado stated he hopes to hear tangible ideas that can help improve PTMS. He hopes for ideas, in areas from Cafeteria food to dress code. Any topic is welcome as long as they are mature, have validation, and along with constructive points.
  - f) Assistant Principal, Mr. Mike Henaghan added that he hopes for the input from students on their awareness of wellness guidelines.
  - g) Mr. Mike Henaghan stated that counselors will be speaking with student in 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade in regards to next year's class scheduling. Counselors will be attending all PTA meetings so to discuss the scheduling information.
- IV. Secretary's Report – Barb Calfo
  - a) The PTMS PTA Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2012 were approved as written.
- V. Treasurer's Report – Jodi Hannah
  - a) Jodi stated that there are currently 348 members of our PTMS PTA.
  - b) Jodi also asked that there be a budget line created for Box Tops so to help increase awareness and promote Box Tops with the students. Deb Smith made a motion and Lori Gummersbach seconds the motion to create a budget line for Box Tops.
  - c) Jodi asked for the excess \$200.00 from Apple Crunch and the \$50.00 from Office Supplies to be moved to Box Tops budget line. Deb Smith made the motioned. Margaret Rauscher seconds the motion.
- VI. First Vice President – Carol Planitzer
  - a) Carol thanked Maureen Brugger for organizing the Teacher/Staff Conference Day Dinner. Carol also thanked those that volunteered for setup, cleanup and those who donated all the delicious desserts.

- b) Carol did ask if there was anyone who would be willing to take on the chair position for Teacher/Staff Appreciation for next year. Maureen will not have a child at PTMS next year.
- c) Carol discussed the first round of the Spelling Bee. Letters were mailed to those students who qualified. Spelling Bee will take place on January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM in the PTMS LGI.

VII. Second Vice President – Cindy Chapman

- a) Cindy discussed the ways that the Box Top chairs will be utilizing the budget to generate and motivate the collection and interest in Box Tops. They will use the budgeted dollars on drawings and incentives. The school did receive a Box Top check for \$554.78 in payment for the first submission of Box Tops collected through October.
- b) Cindy thanked Gina Hansen for providing hospitality for the PTA meeting. A sheet was available for volunteers to sign up for the future PTA hospitality opportunities.
- c) Cindy thanked Maureen Brugger and Sandy Levin for all their help with the Book Fair. She also thanked all the other volunteers who helped make the Book Fair a great success.
- d) Cindy stated that the reflection winners are posted on the website and have moved onto Regional Level.
- e) The next Area Council meeting will be held January 24<sup>th</sup> in the PT Library with the building principals in attendance.
- f) Cindy stated that there is a need for volunteers for the Hot Chocolate Café PTMS Social event. This is the second year for this event that will host a variety of acts performed by PTHS performers. The event is scheduled to take place on January 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM, in the PTMS Cafeteria.

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

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There was no Old Business

X. Adjournment  
Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM

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

Approved February 7, 2013 \_\_\_\_\_  
Barb Calfo, Secretary