

Peters Township Middle School PTA Meeting – Minutes  
October 4, 2012

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
  - a) President, Gina Wells called the meeting to order at 9:22 AM. There were approximately 25 in attendance (see attachment).
  - b) The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
  
- II. President's Remarks – Gina Wells
  - a) Gina introduced Dr. Nina Zetty, PTSD Superintendent, who announced that she has accepted the Superintendent position for the Gateway School District.
  - b) Dr. Zetty presented a power point presentation to the meeting attendees.
  - c) The power point presentation showed the district's budget. She also explained the need for the debt restructuring due to the district constantly facing budget challenges. The most costly challenge the district is dealing with is the retirement increase and the rising cost of healthcare.
  - d) To this date the PTSD School Board has not discussed any tax increase. Currently the PTSD Budget is spent as follows, 73% salaries and benefits, 3% textbooks and supplies, 11% debt service, 13% for contracted services, buses, tuition and utilities.
  
- III. Principal's Remarks – Dr. Robert Freado
  - a) Dr. Freado, stated PTMS Open House would be held October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30PM. Parents should report to their child's homeroom to view a welcome video. After viewing the video parents will follow students schedule having nine minute periods.
  - b) Dr. Freado announced that the attendance calling system will be in effect October 8, 2012, for PTHS and PTMS. Parents/Guardians will receive a global connect automated phone call to confirm their child's absence.
  - c) He asked that parents encourage the students to participate in Character Counts week. There will be Dress Up Days for students that week. Parents can go to school website to view the daily dress-up theme for the week of October 8<sup>th</sup> – October 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - d) In addition to the dress-up week, students are asked to, "Put Your Best Self Forward", and participate in the Service Learning Project during Homeroom period. The seventh graders will be collecting items to make age specific activity bags. The eighth graders will be collecting items for amenity bags.
  - e) On October 18<sup>th</sup>, PTMS will have "Take Your Parent to School Day". Dr. Freado explained all the security procedures to put in place and the class schedule for this special event day at PTMS.
  - f) Assistant Principal, Mr. Mike Henaghan, spoke to the parents about the goals of the Learning Committee. He discussed the team approach and systematic approach when a student has difficulty learning or to streamline to make it efficient. Mr. Henaghan discussed the Key Stone Exams, January testing for Algebra at the High School and the spring testing to take place at PTMS.
  - g) Character Counts recognition will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Council Chambers and the awards will be given by Mr. Henaghan.
  
- IV. Secretary's Report – Barb Calfo
  - a) The PTMS PTA Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2012 were approved as written.

- V. Treasurer's Report – Jodi Hannah
- a) Financial report was distributed.
  - b) Jodi stated that there are presently 328 PTMS PTA members and that we are already at our goal for donations.
- VI. First Vice President's Report – Carol Planitzer
- a) Carol thanked Rita Reo for chairing the Welcome back dance. Carol also thanked the bakers and all the volunteers who helped make the Welcome back Dance a huge success.
  - b) Carol stated that PTMS parents should look for the constant contact emails every Thursday to keep updated on all school information.
  - c) Student Picture retake day will be October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM for PTMS.
- VII. Second Vice President's Report – Cindy Chapman
- a) Cindy thanked Gina Hansen for taking on the position of Hospitality Chairperson.
  - b) Cindy announced that Apple Crunch Day will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Apple Crunch Chairperson, Greta Pardini, asked for volunteers to help with the baking of the selected recipes and serving. The variety of muffins, cookies, apple crunch, apples served with dips will be given to the students during all lunch periods. Bakers will be given their recipe attached to bag of apples which can be picked up at the office.
  - c) Cindy introduced the PTMS Area Council Chairperson, Jan Trombitas. Jan talked about the discussions that took place at the last Area Council meeting and encouraged all to attend the next Area council Meeting to be held October 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - d) Cindy spoke about the PTMS Cash Back Programs. Cash Back Program Chairperson, Robin Ferrari will be holding monthly drawing. The first Friday of every month all students are asked to bring in their box tops attached to sheet that can be found on school website. For every ten (10) Box tops the student will be given a raffle ticket to put in drawing.
  - e) Cindy asked for volunteers to help make posters to promote the reflections program. Reflection Entries are to be dropped off at the PTMS office.
- VIII. Old Business – Gina Wells
- There was no Old business.
- IX. New Business – Gina Wells
- There was no New Business.
- X. Adjournment
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

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

Approved November \_\_\_\_, 2012. \_\_\_\_\_  
Barb Calfo, Secretary