

## **AG Middle School PTA Committee Chair Minutes**

January 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:05.

Those in attendance were Stephanie Leo, Mary Lunsford, Catherine Hensley, Jennifer McCarthy, Sydney Coffin, Jane O'Donohugh, Ashley Hewitt, Beth Moss, Kathy Dockery, Bob Folk, Sharon Elder, Tary Mecia, Wynn Pickett, Amy Godwin, Chris Brenner, Sloan Dudley, Laura Meier, Anne Yonke, Susan Watts, Braden Hamilton, Jen Blau, Peg Deschamps, Elizabeth Nichols, Christy Horne, Teresa LeBlanc, Kristine Wahr

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the October PTA Committee Chair Meeting were approved.

### **Treasurer Report**

- Ashley Hewitt reviewed start-up expenses and how they were itemized on the budget for planning purposes. Vocabulary books have been moved to that category. We have approved a budget increase for Odyssey of the Mind and Direct School Expenses. Projections are being made currently. Committee chairs will receive line item review. Ashley requested that chairs update her about projected money for year end. Mary Lunsford added that if chairs need additional dollars, we can raise it at the February Exec meeting and do have available funds to approve.

### **Invest in Excellence Report**

- Catherine Hensley reported that \$122,000 in funds has been raised to date. More money is still being collected.
- Over \$6500 has been donated for Sedgfield Middle School, up from last year.

### **Principal's Report**

- Mr. Folk thanked the PTA for the Invest Campaign and discussed how the funds given to Direct School Expenses would be used:
  - Technology: The staff is being surveyed about ideas including lcd projectors, Google Chrome books, IPADS, document cameras, and ideas on how to use them.
  - Facilities: A walk through was conducted on January 15<sup>th</sup> with Kathy Dockery concerning directional signage, paint refreshing, baseboard molding, and additional renovations.
  - Instructional materials and support: Vocabulary books by Sadler Company are purchased with PTA funds for all students. These received high marks from teachers this year.
- Security updates are being installed including new locks, with electronic badges for all staff. Students will be required to wear badges at all schools over time. 40+ cameras are to be installed throughout the school. A new sign-in procedure is in effect at the front, and frequent PTA members can be given key fobs for entry.
- An honor code rally is being scheduled in 4-5 weeks to re-introduce the ideals of honesty, integrity and responsibility during a/e time to all students. Signs are being posted throughout the school.

### **Committee Reports**

- Spring Clubs: Taryn Mecia updated that all clubs are self-funded by teachers with a \$350 stipend to leaders and paid for with a \$40 fee. Must have participation to fund club. Minecraft club is in current need of a leader. Looking for a Yoga club. Clubs run March 17<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>. 2 hours per week, with a March 3 registration.

- Book Fair: Jennifer Blau updated that we made \$13,105 in sales, with 25% of that going to AG PTA. We also get 12% of online sales. Half of all sales came during the coffee house on Friday night of the event.
- Yearbook: Presales are up. Recognition ads are not where we had hoped. Issues exist around cost of recognition ads and who should be buying them.
- Bulldog Club: New uniforms have been purchased for the softball, cheerleading, and golf teams. The ice machine has been updated. We are replenishing FAT equipment quarterly.
- Nominating: Jennifer McCarthy updated that committee chairs will get email from her with action items about
  - Changes to your committee
  - Whether you want to be chair again next year
  - Ideas for other volunteers

Contact Sharon Elder, Nominating Chair, for questions about leadership opportunities for next year.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.**

**Next Meeting of the PTA Committee Chairs: March 13th, 2014, noon**