

AG Middle School PTA Committee Chair Minutes

March 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:00.

Those in attendance were Stephanie Leo, Mary Lunsford, Catherine Hensley, Jennifer McCarthy, Sydney Coffin, Jane O'Donohugh, Ashley Hewitt, Beth Moss, Kathy Dockery, Isabel Bader, Kathryn Ford, Rosie Rogers, J.J. Holshouser, Mary Tinkey, Janet Taylor, Kellie Rush, Colby Nicholson

Principal's Report

- Stephanie Leo reported for Robert Folk that AGMS is working with a grant from the Bechtler Museum to create a sculpture garden of work from students that will go between the office and the gymnasium. The target date for installation is this spring.
- The Bulldog Sports Club is upgrading the fence between the football and soccer fields.
- Security cameras will be installed around campus in May along with staff badges for entry.

Treasurer's Report

- Ashley Hewitt reminded Committee chairs to please pay attention to their budget outstandings and make a plan for spending their outstanding dollars by the end of the year.
- She reviewed direct expenses line items in the budget.

Invest in Excellence Report

- Catherine Hensley reported that \$137,451 in funds has been raised to date. More money is still being collected. 344 families have donated, 26.22% of AG families.
- Over \$6590 has been donated for Sedgefield Middle School, up from last year.

Committee Reports

- Campus beautification: Directional signage, interior and exterior paint, office rugs, and refurbished bulletin boards are all planned for implementation over the next quarter. Suggestions were made to assess the concession stand for locks on the pull down doors, and its overall cleanliness.
- Book Fair: Scheduled for March 24 – 28th, 8 – 4 in the media center with Kristine Wahr and Colby Nicholson chairing. There is an online link on Bulldog Bulletin. The proceeds will go to the media center for class novels. It will run online one week after. Parents night will be March 25 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. with refreshments, treats, and a raffle, which includes prizes like: Roasting Co, Sundries, Hubie Ds, Chik-fil-A, Blo, Substation II, and more.
- Nominating: Jennifer McCarthy and Catherine Hensley reported that Board Positions for 2014-15 are almost filled. A proposed luncheon date is tentatively scheduled for May 8. Rosie Rogers suggested a formal meeting for transitioning committee chairs.
- Staff Appreciation Week: "AG TEACHERS ROCK" is the theme which will include baskets in the morning with pop rocks, cinnamon rolls, Hershey kisses. There will be raffles, meals and donations from Nakado.

PTO Update

- Beth Moss updated the group on the PTAs research into transitioning to a PTO. The PTA board is recommending the transition for the following reasons:
 1. The AG PTA is a mature organization with its own structure and organization. We don't need the support or direction of a state or national organization.

2. We are required to pay dues per family to the state PTA, despite getting little value for it.
 3. Also allows us more flexibility to support the school in a way that best serves our students, families and teachers
- The process for setting up a PTO to replace our PTA is as follows:
 1. Establish a PTO.
 - a. Request non-profit status
 - b. Incorporate
 - c. Obtain licensing
 - d. Manage legal "stuff."
 2. Dissolve PTA
 - a. PTA Exec has already adopted resolution to take issue to General Membership on May 29th meeting for vote.
 3. Communication
 - a. Bulldog Bulletin: We will be sending regular updates in our online Bulldog Bulletin.
 - b. We will have a question and answer session for anyone with questions on April 3rd in the Media Center at 12 noon.

Calendar Updates for the 8th grade dance, SLT meeting, Spring Book Fair, PTA Exec Meeting, and PTO Transition forum were reviewed.

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

Next Meeting of the PTA Committee Chairs: May 29th, 2014, noon