

AG Middle School PTA Executive Board Minutes

October 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Those in attendance were Stephanie Leo, Mary Lunsford, Beth Moss, Kathy Dockery, Bob Folk, Catherine Hensley, Jennifer McCarthy, Ashley Hewitt, Jane O'Donoghue, and Sydney Coffin.

Approval of September Minutes

The minutes from September 5th PTA Executive PTA Meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report

Ashley Hewitt Reviewed the budget, which is posted to the website with this report.

Ashley also reviewed the PTA Direct School Expenses Report.

Bounced checks have increased slightly over last year.

She recommended that the payment process for PE uniforms needs to be online as soon as possible, notwithstanding existing inventory.

Stephanie Leo suggested we need to check in the Mr. Folk at end of year to ensure the inventory of locks is improved before fees are collected next year.

Financial Secretary Report

Jane O'Donoghue reviewed Back to School Processing and the Order Form Ledger. The budget is reported to be just slightly short of goals.

Past President Report

Beth Moss gave an overview of the pros and cons of changing from a PTA to a PTO. She was a part of the process at MPHS last year.

Pros to converting to PTO:

- PTA charges dues at local, state and national levels, which would be eliminated as a PTO.
- Lobbying arm by PTA may not match all parental positions.
- PTOs write their own bylaws and can create their own management structure.

Cons to converting to PTO:

- Oversight may be perceived as no longer in place.
- Initial setup requires an attorney and associated fees to file for 501c3 status.
- Must file sales and use tax license as well.

Executive Committee vote for converting to PTO must occur by end of school year and new organization would begin July 1. Beth emphasized that doing it now would mean AG PTA could use process from MPHS's recent conversion to a PTO.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Folk praised the Bulldog Bulletin for its communication of the CMS Bond Package scheduled for a vote in November and implementation in 2018.
- The staff is putting together a fundraising Talent Show for Candace Caine, a teacher paralyzed in an accident this summer. It is scheduled for November 7th at MPHS. It was agreed to ask for a parent volunteer from the drama club.

- Folk gave an overview of the NC Handgun law change effective 10/1. CMS did not support legislation. Increased car break-ins in search of unlocked weapons are the biggest concern.
- An analysis of student fees and vocabulary book purchases was conducted. 57% of people paid fees and 73% of dollars for vocab books was collected. The difference will be covered by Invest Campaign dollars. It was decided to keep in PTA budget for next year because buying the vocabulary books in volume allows parents to pay less overall, while subsidizing books for students who cannot afford it.
- PTA gift cards for teacher of the month will be \$10 each and called "Lunch on Us." Jane will purchase from Jimmy John's, 36 cards for whole year (4/ month).
- Folk requested \$500-600 for cleaning front office chairs and carpet.

Invest in Excellence Report

Catherine Hensley and Jennifer McCarthy thanked Mr.'s Folk and Washburn for help on video. A \$25 gift card was suggested to recognize Mr. Washburn.

Income was reported at \$45,290 from 62 donors after one week of campaign. Communication and outreach will continue.

Upcoming Dates

October 17, 8:45 am, 6th grade parent meeting

October 21, 4 pm, SLT meeting

October 24, 8:45 am, 7th and 8th grade parent meeting

November 7th, 8:30 am, PTA Exec Meeting

The meeting was closed at 10:30 am.