

AG Middle School PTO Executive Board Minutes Thursday, September 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m.

Those in attendance were Lee Ham, Catherine Hensley, Katie Catron, Jennifer McCarthy, Lauren Ball, Amy Strawser, Katharine Bolt, Amy Godwin, and Kathryn Ford.

President Welcome and Introductions

Katharine Bolt and Amy Godwin welcomed the group. We approved the PTO Executive Board Meeting minutes from June 4, 2015.

Assistant Treasurer Report

Lee Ham, Assistant Treasurer, reported that 724 students paperwork has been processed. We have collected \$18,039 in student fees and 332 extra directories were ordered. We have collected \$2,800 in PTO dues and \$20,132 for the AG Bulldog Club. Currently, we have collected \$41,303 in total from our consolidated payment forms.

Principal Report

Principal Bob Folk reported that the start of the school year had gone smoothly, in terms of logistics, transportation and communication. He then updated the committee on the below areas:

Statewide issues: The state released school performance grades for all schools in NC. The state will now grade schools based on proficiency in the school on our tested areas. Seventy-five percent of the grade is based on proficiency, leaving a smaller percent of the grade reflective of a school's growth. AG has continued to exceed our growth expectations and our goal this year is to focus on the middle group of students who are on grade level but need to be more focused and academically challenged. We are striving to get AG students prepared for high school not only academically but also socially and emotionally prepared.

School initiatives: Mr. Folk is considering several options for Middle School Matters including parenting classes.

Secretary Report

The Executive Committee signed the Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct Forms, which are filed in the Secretary's binder. We also discussed updates to the PTO Committee Chair Roster.

Treasurer Report

Lauren Ball reviewed the budget which is posted on the website with this report. The carry over from last year PTO was 42, 012.

Student fees changed this year to \$25 from \$22. Last year, 58% of AG students participated and we hope to have 70% of our students turn in their forms and student fees. We discussed having the forms available for parents on Curriculum Night.

Lauren discussed our current income and expenses and our cash balance. Instructional Support was increased to \$20,000.

Lauren also confirmed that our Athletic Department will first use the \$5,000 given to AG from CMS before using PTO money.

Mr. Folk's recurring staff expenditures will now fall under Staff Recognition. Principal's discretionary budget is for expenses that occur during the year.

President Report

Committee Updates

- School Store/Spirit Wear Committee are displaying new AG spirit wear during lunch and last year their revenue was \$3,700.
- Chess Team will operate now similar to Odyssey of the Mind and will be a yearlong program.
- This year's back to school paperwork printing costs were higher (\$300) because we had it collated to save time on distributing information.
- Exec Committee voted and approved the Audit that was held this summer (2015) and the document is held in the Treasurer's binder.
- Amy Godwin and Katharine Bolt are recommending that Mr. Folk discuss with staff how to best handle back to school supplies as the website supply lists do not always reflect the teacher supply lists handed out at Open House.
- Campus Beautification did a great job with the front of AG planters. We discussed the need to ensure the planters are being maintained.
- Bulldog Bulletin information needs to be submitted the Friday before the BB is submitted.
- Invest in Excellence Committee discussed a new video they are creating for Curriculum Night.

Upcoming Dates

September 9, 8:45 am: PTO General Meeting and Committee Chair Meeting

September 21, 4-5:00 pm: SLT Meeting

September 24, 5:45-6:30 pm: TD Parent Meeting

6:30-8 pm: Back to School Curriculum Night

October 1, 8:30 am: PTO Exec Meeting