

**Alexander Graham Middle School
PTO Exec Board Meeting
Thursday, March 2, 2017**

Approval of February Minutes

People present: Katie Catron, Lee Ham, Sara Plyler, Diana Jones, Heather Price, Katharine Bolt

Principal Report

- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Fire Department Proposal – The Fire Department might want to purchase property from CMS – some from AG – the wooden area between Selwyn and AG along Runnymede. Covers 2-2.5 acres. They would purchase for fill-in fire station in this general vicinity to increase their response time. Working with the City of Charlotte real estate. SLT asked a lot of questions about noise, traffic flow, cutting of trees, etc.
- School Performance Priority Policy – BoE passed this policy 11/16. Offers students the option from lower performing school to reassign to higher performing schools. Will not impact AG in a large way. Parents can opt for a different school for their child. Based on space and availability, placement is possible. Rising 6th graders can not opt for this – only for 7th/8th. Less than 10 students are possibly attending AG next year based on this policy. Silver lining is this could help AG keep teachers/staff.
- School Safety Protocols – AK had a significant # of threats made on social media. At AG in the boys bathroom, someone wrote “Don’t come to school on Tuesday. There will be a shooting!!!”. Even though it was believed to be a copycat of AK, school took it very seriously. Bob told the staff and took a picture of it, sent out a Connect ED, Talked to CMPD, CMS PD, planned communications. Had additional officers on campus. Very hard to distinguish who wrote it. That afternoon, it got into AG social media – spread around “wearing purple on Tuesday, or you will get shot”. Children got very anxious/worked up about not coming to school on Tuesday. Seemed to be more of a social media issue than an actual threat.
- Maker Space quote – 3D printer that Bob would like to purchase @\$6K. Bob would like to purchase 10 other printers as well for @\$3K.
- Media Center/Dr. Washburn – would like to buy a new laminator – might need to come out of Invest.
- Student Council/Candygram sale - @\$2100. Might use to purchase FIT equipment. Possibly help pay for laminator.
- Instructional funds from CMS– used for teacher supplies, paper, supplies for classroom, science lab equipment, etc.

Treasurer Report

- Review of Budget – this month the bulldog club bought a gator and blades. They have @\$750 left in their budget. Bob bought curriculum training “Engaging Schools” (coming out of staff development and training, other portion was paid by CMS). Screenagers viewing cost \$650.

President Report

- Nominating Committee – working with Liz Bundon. Need to fill the Bulldog Bulletin. Moving forward filling spots.

Invest Report

- Status of collections v. budget – Collections are \$109, 501.53. Expenses are \$2170.37. Sedgefield is receiving are \$3540. Matching gifts not received \$4400. Donations pledged not received are \$8683.00. Paypal fees are \$977.17. Total number of families donated are 288.

Upcoming Important Dates:

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| March 1 – 3 | | 8th Grade Trip to Washington DC |
| March 8 | 1:00pm | Tour |
| March 8 | 8:45am | PTO Committee Chair Meeting |
| March 14 | 7:00pm | Rising 9 th Grade Night – Registration Information |
| March 16 | 5:00pm | Rising Freshman Night at Myers Park |
| March 22 | 1:00pm | Tour |
| March 30 | | End of 3rd Quarter |
| March 31 | | No School |
| April 5 | 1:00pm | Tour |
| April 6 | 8:30am | PTO Executive Board Meeting |