

## AG Middle School PTA Committee Head/General PTA Minutes

November 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:00

Those in attendance are attached.

### Welcome

Stephanie Leo and Mary Lunsford welcomed all the parents and thanked them for their involvement.

### Principal's Report

Robert Folk announced a new position to enrich professional development for teaching and learning and to assess data. Ms. Courtenay Armstrong, from South Charlotte HS and JM Robinson Middle will fill that position. An instructive Technology facilitator position is currently being interviewed.

Ms. Labrosse had a baby boy on 11/13, and a sub is in position for her classes.

Folk reviewed the new test results, highlighting that the new tests:

- Raise standards
- Increase testing of problem solving
- Have lower results than past tests across the board
- Had results at AG that beat the state and district results.

Principal was asked how the PTA could help him, and he responded that more staffing at the school level was needed.

### Treasurer's Report

Ashley Hewitt reviewed the budget.

- We exceeded our PTA membership drive 846 vs. 800 goal.
- Fat equipment is slated to be replenished more frequently.
- Ad sales for the YB and Directory exceeded goal.
- Principal contributions have been tied more closely to collection of Invest Campaign dollars.
- Committees were asked to review their committee line to ensure they stay on budget.

### PTO/PTA Updates

Beth Moss gave an update on the Executive Board's decision to assess changing our organization from a PTA to a PTO. The reasoning includes:

- Our PTA doesn't fit the national or state profiles
- We can retain more \$ by becoming a PTO
- Our Board organization can be determined from within.
- 2/3 of our dues go to national and state level organizations.

Next steps include creating by-laws, incorporation, buying insurance, hiring a non-profit attorney. Mary Tinkey and Beth Moss have agreed to lead the investigative committee and will communicate decision points as they arise. Final vote on issue will be at the May PTA meeting. Contact Beth at [emoss@carolina.rr.com](mailto:emoss@carolina.rr.com) if you would like to get involved.

### Invest Campaign Update

Catherine Hensley updated that we have met our Invest goal of \$85,000 with four weeks left. We are still looking for support from committee chairs. All funds go toward improving AGMS. We have collected \$6200 for Sedgefield Middle School.

## **Committee Updates**

### **Yearbook**

Nancy Falls updated that the yearbook is underway with the all-girl staff working m,w,f afterschool with Katie Wright as Yearbook Head. 400 books have pre-sold, and recognition ads will be sold until the end of January. Please see online for sales and recognition ad forms!

### **Book Fair, November 2013**

There will be an AG Coffee House on Friday, 11/22 in addition to Family Day. AG receives 25% of all in-store sales at Book Fair toward our school.

### **Middle School Matters**

November 19<sup>th</sup> will be an evening program, Social Media Insanity.

### **AG Spiritwear**

The deadline for holiday gifts is November 22<sup>nd</sup>!

The meeting was adjourned.

### **Upcoming dates:**

Thanksgiving Break, November 27 – 29

January 16th , noon, PTA General Meeting