

AG Middle School PTO Committee Chair Meeting

November 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am.
Those in attendance are listed on the attached sheet.

Principal's Report

Heath Morrison's resignation: Mr. Folk's opinion is that he was a supporter of parents and our schools. He never saw disrespect from him, but much energy and passion. Mr. Folk praised Ann Clark, the Deputy Superintendent and would like to see her take Morrison's position. Mr. Folk suggested to the committee chair members to write the school board and voice their opinion about the next Superintendent.

Isabel Bader asked about Morrison's suggestion of a time change for High School and the changes in the grading scale. Mr. Folk said the grading scale change has already been made. The time change was not addressed before Morrison's departure.

Invest Funds:

1. Continue with campus beautification projects. He wants to continue to make our school look and feel nice.
2. Mr. Folk has asked an Eagle Scout to take on fixing a drainage problem near the gazebo as a project.
3. IXL Math games. Mr. Folk would like to purchase this program to further enhance our students math skills. The program is linked to the NC standards and it adapts to each students responses. Any skill can be assigned to any student for practicing math. The students like it because it is similar to playing games.

One-to-One School: AG received a grant to be one of the first middle schools in CMS to have a Chrome Book for every student to use by February. The devices will stay at school. It is one step closer to digital academics.

Mr. Folk will continue to promote the Invest in Excellence campaign. He is also promoting the Candemonium and Street Turkeys Drives. Stephanie Leo suggested putting signs in the Barclay Downs neighborhood to promote the Drives. Janet Taylor will list it in the Barclay Downs newsletter.

AG is being re-evaluated to continue our School-to-Watch status. AG has been designated with this status since 2006 because of our core values. The school is re-certified every 3 years.

Treasurer's Report

Jane O'Donoghue restated she can run account details for each committee's budget, if needed. The reports are generated at the end of each month. Deposits go to Lauren Ball. Check requests take 1-2 weeks to process.

Invest in Excellence

The Invest Chairs asked all committee heads to donate to the campaign to show 100% support. Currently, 54% of the committee heads have donated. Only 15% of AG parents have contributed. December 12 is the end of the campaign.

Committee Reports

Inreach/Outreach – Candemonium and Street Turkeys. The committee requested small, sturdy boxes to be dropped off to Mr. Washburn at school for the cans.

Book Fair – All plans are being finalized and no extra volunteers are needed at this time. The students can earn double FAT passes by attending family day of the book fair.

Prospective Parents – Mary Tinkley reported there has been a change to the school tours. The tours will now follow the two prospective parent meetings. Private tours are still available.

PTO Presidents – note changes in the school calendar – located on the AG website.

Next Meeting

PTO General Meeting and Committee Chair Meeting

Jan 14, 12:00pm