

AG Middle School PTO Committee Head/General PTO Minutes
September 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm
Those in attendance are attached.

Welcome

Jennifer McCarthy welcomed all the parents and thanked them for their involvement. She explained there are 3 general board meetings in a school year.

Treasurer's Report

Jane O'Donoghue reviewed the budget highlighting the \$42,121 carryover from the prior fiscal year (PTA). Jane reminded committee heads of their individual budgets. If chairs must go over budget, approval by the Executive Board is required. The Invest Goal was raised this year to \$95,000.

The budget was approved.

Introductions

The PTO Executive Board was introduced.

Update Board Roster

All were asked to update email and phone numbers for the PTO Committee Chair List.

Procedural Review

The communication procedures are listed on the AG website for review. Committee heads send any information needed to be posted on the AG website to Jennifer and Catherine for review. Jenny Primm, the PTO contact for updating the website, will post the information. Debbie Cobb is the AG contact and will handle school information.

Committee Reports

Volunteers

Jessica Jenkins keeps an ongoing list of volunteers. Currently, 385 parents have volunteered. Each committee chair was sent a list of volunteers for their group. An addendum will be emailed with any new parent volunteers. Jennifer McCarthy asked all committee chairs to reach out to the volunteers on their lists to thank them and to let them know they will be called upon.

Book Fair

Leslie Ford discussed the AG Barnes and Noble Book Fair taking place on Friday November 21 and Saturday, November 22. AG Coffee house is Friday from 6-8pm. Students from the band, orchestra, drama and the language arts department will perform throughout the evening. Saturday is Family Day and the AG Art showcase from 10-2pm. AG receives a percentage of the all in-store sales at the Book Fair. Leslie encouraged everyone to buy the cheesecakes sold in the coffee shop.

Middle School Matters

The first event is on Tuesday, October 7th at 7pm with a panel discussion on “Instagram Insanity & Tech Talk”. The second event will take place January 20th from 7-8pm. Social and Emotional Development is the topic.

Invest in Excellence

Amy Godwin stated the Invest campaign letters are to be mailed out in the next 2 weeks. The video promoting the fundraiser will be shown at curriculum night. All committee board members were asked to donate to show full participation and support for our school.

In Reach/Out Reach

Allison Grant said all gift cards donated to the school are being used for our students and shared with our School Mates partner, Sedgefield Elementary.

There is a need for girls clothes for the donation closet at school. Larger sizes are needed most.

Volunteers are needed to tutor Grier Heights children Monday-Thursday.

Corporate Rebates

Melissa asked everyone to link their Harris Teeter VIC cards to AG.

Principal's Report

Robert Folk thanked the parent and committee heads for their involvement.

1. Beautification of the Campus. All the new upgrades throughout the school were noted. This was achieved through PTO funds. He would like more done this school year.
2. Personalized Learning. Mr. Folk found a need for more personalized learning for some kids in math and reading. There is a disconnect between class performance and standardized test results. A standard plus class was established to help kids with executive functioning. That is, to be better organized, have better planning skills and do better at homework. MAP testing will help track progress throughout the year. Personal meetings with Mr. Folk were offered to all parents to discuss the needs of the kids. It has been well received.
3. Security. Video cameras have been placed around campus and are active. Mr. Folk and the AG resource officer can view footage from all cameras. Locks on exterior doors with access to public areas are getting replaced with an auto-lock system. They will be activated in a couple of weeks and can be unlocked by key cards.

Next Meetings:

November 12 Committee Chair Meeting 9am

January 14 PTO General Meeting & Committee Chair Meeting 12pm

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.