

AG Middle School PTO Executive Board Minutes

October 2, 2014

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

Those in attendance were Jennifer McCarthy, Catherine Hensley, Amy Godwin, Katharine Bolt, Stephanie Leo, Mary Lunsford, Jane O'Donoghue, Lauren Ball and Julie Steffens.

Opening Business

The minutes from the September Executive PTO meeting were approved.

Assistant Treasurer Report

Lauren Ball reported 57.1% of Back to School Processing as been completed. Student

Fees: \$18,268

Extra Directory: \$405

PTO Dues: \$3,340

Bulldog Club: \$23,543

A total of \$45,556

Treasurer Report

Jane O'Donoghue reported as of September 30, \$5900 as been collected via paypal from Invest Fund.

Spirit Wear's sales are down by one-half compared to last year's sales.

Ad sales for yearbook and the school directory have increased by 153% from last year's sales.

6th Grade Activities expenses were increased per Jennifer McCarthy because of added t-shirt expense. The additional money needed to pay for shirts not covered by individuals will come from this money. 6th grade collections have gone well.

Direct School Expense: \$12,936 as been spent to date. Money in contingent on Invest dollars coming in.

Mr. Washburn in the media center wants to expand the Jr. Library Guild. The budget request will be monitored and decided upon based on book fair sales.

Outreach Committee has paid ½ of the cost for Crossroads snacks.

Campus Beautification Committee as spent 1/3 of the yearly budget. Catherine Hensley will monitor committee.

Past President's Report

Stephanie Leo reported that the crossing guards are making less money this year due to budget cuts. She plans to draft a letter requesting more money from CMS. She will ask Selwyn and Myers Park High School's boards if they want to be included in the drafted letter. The letter will be reviewed by the boards for approval. Catherine Hensley will inquire from the other schools if they will contribute to a gift for the guards from the PTO's.

Presidents Report

Salad Bar – Whole Foods store donates salad bar items to schools through a grant program. Bob asked Catherine and Jennifer to find out more information about the program before the board discusses the possibility of having it at AG.

Invest in Excellence Report

\$17,830 has been collected.

A break out report will be provided at the next meeting. Catherine requested weekly reports to be sent to the President's and the Principal.

A brokerage account has been opened for the PTO so stock transfer donations can be accepted.

Principal Report

Mecklenburg County Sales Use Tax:

Bob Folk stated the message at curriculum night was well done by the PTO. The same message, encouraging parents to vote for the sales use tax will be repeated in the Bulldog Bulletin for the next four weeks. Posters will be displayed around school with information about the sales use tax. Bob will do a Connect Ed message before the November vote. We need to promote that the sales tax increase will not be applied to food, gas or medicine.

Topics for Parent Meetings:

Specific information, per grade level will be discussed. Upcoming events, including field trips for the entire year will be highlighted.

Parents will be told what to expect developmentally for their child throughout the year.

Academic expectations for each grade level will be discussed. Each grade level's counselor and administrator will attend meetings. Bob wants parents to know who to reach out to for questions.

Piano:

A baby grand piano was donated to the school and placed in the multipurpose room. PTO paid the \$325 moving expense. Bob will request more funds from PTO to cover the initial expense to clean and tune the piano after he gets some quotes. On-going tuning will be covered by CMS.

Upcoming Dates

Middle School Matters – Tech Talk	Oct 7	7-8pm
8 th Grade Parent Meeting	Oct 9	8:45-10am
7 th Grade Parent Meeting	Oct 16	8:45-10am
SLT Meeting	Oct 20	4pm
6 th Grade Parent Meeting	Oct 23	8:45-10am
November Exec Board Meeting	Nov 6	8:30

