



AG Middle School PTA Board Minutes

Thursday, January 3, 2013

This meeting was called to order by Beth Moss at 8:35 am.

Those in attendance were: Beth Moss, Kathy Dockery, Stephanie Leo, Ashley Hewitt, Tammy Brietz, and Heather Goodrum, Mary Lunsford, Bob Folk, Christie Pringle & Doug Thompson/Technology

Principal's Report

Invest Designated Gift: this is a check/gift that came in and ask that their check specifically go toward the purchasing of 6th grade Social Studies books only. Per discussion, the decision was made that there the donor would be contacted to let them know that the District has already purchased and paid for Social Studies materials, including a digital "tech ed" book that will be used by all 6th grade classes. This came at no expense to AG.

Spending Report: Heather and Beth will be providing a new report to show info that is wanted.

FAT Equipment: a deck box has been ordered and arrived. This will be installed and chained to the gazebo and will have a combination lock. Mr. Folk will email the teachers with the code and let them all know that it is now here and they can go ahead and put things in this location. This is for all grades to share, and the PE department will have no further involvement.

Communication about Technology Changes: Doug Thompson stopped in and joined the meeting to give update as to what was going on and what is heading our way.

Brief update: CMS district went forward with the BYOT pilot program. AG was NOT a part of this pilot, however we are BYOT ready. CMS has purchased the following for AG – 500 megabits/sec. – which is more room – which leads to access points in all classrooms and 4 in the hallways....all of these will have internet access. The hope, with the capability that AG will have is to have 35-40 devices in ALL classrooms with internet access. This means that there could potentially be 1500 devices running in the school at 1 time. So as of now we are ready – BYOT ready.

Ideally to be prepared when they "turn" AG to BYOT on the network (when our paperwork is turned in), we need to get the iPads in the hands of the students so that they can get more involved. The cost for purchasing 60 iPads would run around \$35,600. That would get us 60 iPads with security trays for each room. This would be 2 sets of iPads per grade. The security trays mean that they stay locked in one classroom, and it allows them to be upgraded and locked at all times.

Next steps: Doug Thompson is surveying the teachers to see if they are BYOT ready. He would like to PTA to get involved along with him and possibly educate the parents about what is coming their way. Sending a letter, offering an open forum about BYOT. He is going to work on some videos that address possible concerns from parents about BYOT and they will be posted on the AG website.

Treasurer's Report

Heather G. handed out copies of AGMS Operating Budget July 2012 – June 2013 (as of 1/2/2013).

Touched base on those that needed to spend some of their committees money and gave updates where needed.

Current Cash Balance - \$ 115,000

Also touched on the issue of why the Banks' Fees are so high. There was a *motion made* and all approved to move \$150 more into this area for a total now of \$300

Financial Secretary Report

No new business.

President's Report

Beth touched on the subject around the Lacrosse Club and their request to run their clubs money through the PTA. She explained to them that they just like the others much abide by all of the financial requirements of AG and its PTA. Suggestion was made that once a "team mom" has been decided, that the person that is selected will be in charge of handling the funds, not have them coming to the school. They can take "donations" – such as those possibly from parents, grandparents, etc. company to put towards equipment etc.)

Also they will need to understand that the money that is not spent at the end of the season will not be carried over to the next season. Their first option should be to spend it, then if not it should come back to AG.

Agenda for General Meeting next week: Would like to stress to all committee chairs to please be present. Doug Thompson is going to stop by and briefly talk about BYOT for a bit.

Past President Report

No new business.

Invest in Excellence

Money is still coming in!!!! We did great this year, over \$ 96,000!!

Only approximately 20% of AG participated

Matches are going up the more that are coming in.

Upcoming Dates

January 10, 2013 – PTA General meeting & Committee Chair Meeting, 12:00 noon

Respectfully submitted by,

Tammy Brietz, Secretary