

AG Middle School PTA Board Minutes

Thursday, November 1, 2012

This meeting was called to order by Beth Moss at 8:40 am.

Those in attendance were: Beth Moss, Kathy Dockery, Christie Pringle, Bob Folk, Garrell Keesler, Stephanie Leo, Ashley Hewitt, Tammy Brietz, and Heather Goodrum

Principal's Report

Bob reported that during the week of October 30 – Spirit Week, one day was designated “Pink Day”. Students wore pink in honor of cancer awareness, and gave \$1.00. The total money that was raised on this day was over \$900. The American Cancer Society has been invited out to the school where they will be presented with the money on behalf of AG.

Meeting with the Athletic Boosters went very well. They talked of long range planning for the school. Now that the gym renovations are complete they can now move forward with that strategic funding of future projects - 2 years out. There are still some things that CMS will be finishing up and AG Bulldog Club will decided on what they will take care of once the quotes come in from outside sources.

Bob reported that the new Security Associate has started - Greg Hardy. Greg was already a part of the district before coming to AG. Bob said that he will be putting something in the Bulldog Bulletin welcoming Mr. Hardy to AG.

As far as the update on the curriculum update, AG was selected to be 1 of 2 middle schools in the southwest to take part in a pilot program called “Discovery Ed Tech Book”. He is still pushing to get a start date on this and will pass that on as soon as he gets it.

Peak Training – the 3rd session will take place for the staff on Tuesday, November 6 (teacher workday). The 4th session will take place in January. He also suggested that we continue to highlight this in the INVEST campaign now and in the future.

Treasurer's Report

Heather G. handed out copies of AGMS Operating Budget July 2012 – June 2013 (as of 10/31/12). Reported that as of November 1 – we have \$4700 unallocated in the bank account.

Financial Secretary Report

The AG return check policy was emailed out before meeting. No other new business.

President's Report

New Media Relations Position: Beth reported Meredith Ritchie has agreed to take on this position as chair. This new position is to help promote AG through various news media outlets. Along with this we will provide pictures and info about the event.

Mission/Guidelines/Vision: service, student groups, group achievement, (special) events, student recognition, teacher recognition/achievement all will be considered.

Any photos that are taken and submitted with these should follow these guidelines: group shots with no names are ok to submit without approval, individual shots with names must be approved before any are printed.

Any emails concerning possible submittals for these that come from committee chairs – principal and PTA presidents should be copied on emails.

Also the **guidance** staff as well as teachers should be informed of this new position and what it is about so that if they would like to submit anyone they have the opportunity to do so.

Communication policies from outside groups

It was decided as a group that AG only will advertise things that are applicable to AG and its students and parents.

Past President Report

Christie reported on the PayPal payments - according to the bylaws it states that all payments must be made by check.

The plaque has been purchased and will be ready on November 7. This will go over the door of the computer lab.

President Elect Report

Stephanie attended the SLT meeting and the big take away was in regards to how the “new” curriculum (flipped classroom, 21st century, PEAK) is being perceived by all. Many questions are coming out of this.

Invest in Excellence

Stephanie and Mary continue to send updates via email to board. Also this week was a slow one – needs to pick up! Discussed the possibility of sending out reminder letters to send in your contribution/donation to a target audience.

Upcoming Dates

October 29 – Teacher Workday/NO SCHOOL for students

November 8 – PTA Committee Chair Meeting – 9am

November 9 - Honor Roll Recognition – tbd

November 12 - VETERAN’S DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

November 17 – Barnes & Noble Book Fair Family Day (runs thru Nov. 17-21) – 9am - 9pm

November 21 – 23 – THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL

November 26 – SLT Meeting

Respectfully submitted by,

Tammy Brietz, Secretary