

AUTREY MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
PTA Board Meeting
August 6, 2009

Executive Board Members

Dr. Ann Ferrell	Leslie Fox
Cindy Tromer	Elynn Carbone
Shannon McMahon	Kim Wilkinson
Shay Brasher	Mary Wickes
Donna Ortiz	Rona Huey
Michele Dambach	

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Kim Wilkinson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May board meeting and Mary Wickes seconded the motion. The minutes were approved through a vote.

Announcements:

For board members who are volunteering during Sneak Preview, you may arrive 15 minutes early for your child's day/time, so that you may get their schedules early and proceed to the Media Center. For next year's Sneak Preview, we will not be requesting as many parent volunteers, as they tend to cancel or be no-shows.

Information on a new program was sent to Dr. Ferrell. The "Be There Program" is centered around parent involvement. At AMMS we are fortunate to have a high level of parent involvement; this program is really for schools where this is an issue and where parents are uninvolved. The PTA Board does support this program.

The Eagle Scout project by Jeff Martino has been approved; Fulton County approved the shade structure to be added to the outdoor classroom area. Jeff will need some financial help with the plantings and he will be submitting all costs/receipts. The Board discussed this issue and since there will be many more Eagle Scout projects in the future, we will look to cover a percentage of each project. The Board will vote on this at a future meeting, once some of the costs are known. The school is very appreciative of all of the hard work done by the Eagle Scouts thus far.

Treasurer's Report: *Cindy Tromer*

Cindy reviewed the budget report.

- There was \$19,000 left over from last year that we have carried over for the 2009-2010 school year. This money will go to fund 2 Promethean boards, and extra \$300 for Principal Hospitality and possibly coffee service for all of the breakfast functions.

- There was \$1700 left over in Teacher Stipend which was used to make bags for each teacher that was filled with supplies.
- Dr. Ferrell is looking into a new Coffee Service that would be provided for the teachers each day, and also for PTA functions. The cost is approximately \$1000 - \$1200 for the school year. Once the figure is known, the Board may vote to cover half of the cost from the Teacher Hospitality budget. Coffee and all related items (cups, sugar, etc) are included. Prices for purchasing these items from Costco will also be looked into.

Principal's Report: *Dr. Ferrell*

-Five new teachers were hired:

Todd Shelnett – From Northview – 8th grade science

Kristine Clements – from Ridgeview – 7th grade science

Kim Pinckney – from South Carolina – special ed – 6th grade

Amy Day – new teacher – special ed – 8th grade

Ed Clawson – from North Springs – diversified technology

-The school is prepared to open; all of the teachers and staff have done a great job, even dealing with three day furlough.

VP Communications: *Michelle Gaddis*

Irene Sanders will be doing the Directory again this year. Michelle Gaddis will sell ads. We will also be doing ads in conjunction with new Johns Creek High School, and offer a 2 for 1 deal. We will work with JCHS on the printing costs.

VP Academic Enrichment: *Shannon McMahon*

Career Day is November 18. Let Shannon know if a board member knows of any interested parents.

VP Teacher Support: *Rona Huey*

Breakfast for the teachers went really well. Wanda Moran is in charge of the copying this year – she needs more volunteers. There will be a Cluster meeting on August 13th; Lorena and Julie will be handling this with the same menu as for the teacher breakfast.

VP Student Support: *Donna Ortiz*

Chris Baum and Merry Swan will chair the 7th grade dance. Toni Gorowitz will chair the 8th grade. Merry Swan and Michele Dambach will co-chair Red Ribbon Week again this year in October. Donna is seeking bids from dj's, as the current dj continues to raise prices and is over-booked. Leslie Fox will talk with a company she knows, Contagious Entertainment. They may provide a good cost for a free ad in the directory.

VP Administrative Support: *Mary Wickes*

No updates on the grounds. There is a new company working on the grounds. Beth Van Riper is setting up on-line volunteer opportunities, which will make receiving the volunteer information much easier. This will be available at Sneak Preview.

VP Finance: *Shay Brasher*

Spiritwear will be sold at all Sneak Previews. Some items and sizes were pre-ordered; the remainder will be ordered along with the sweatshirts. Teachers will be able to purchase their spiritwear today. It was mentioned to remember to keep small sizes in the Spring for the baskets that Dr. Ferrell sends to the elementary schools for auction baskets. Chris Baum will be chairing Tanner again; signup sheets will be at Sneak Preview tonight.

New Business

1. With some of the leftover Caring & Sharing budget, a gift card for Marlowe's will be purchased for Cappy and her family.
2. Carol Brasher put together all of the teacher bags. She used leftover stipends. Elynn suggested going to Staples at the end of the school year; several people have a contact there and Staples would do it at cost and do all of the filling of the bags for us. Elynn will head this up at the end of this school year.
3. The first Johns Creek High School football game is on August 28th at 7:30PM.
4. A discussion was begun about revising membership levels in the future. It was suggested to begin the conversation earlier in the spring for the following Fall, rather than always waiting until the final meeting and rushing the conversation. It was suggested that there needs to be more levels between the \$150 level and the \$500 level.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes taken by:
Michele Dambach
AMMS PTA Secretary