

AUTREY MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
PTA Board Meeting
September 9th, 2009

Executive Board Members

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

Committee Chairs, PTA Members & Guests

Deborah White

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Cindy Tromer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August board meeting and Shannon McMahon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved through a vote.

Announcements:

None

Business Partner Update:

Deborah White (a teacher at AMMS) joined the meeting to discuss how to get the word out to families to support the AMMS business partners. There were several suggestions made:

- o Include a kick-off article in the Lion's Roar about the different business partners. Going forward, have a list of the business partners in each issue of the Lion's Roar.
- o Have the business partners make a banner that could be put up at school events. This would be a good advertising campaign for them.
- o Deborah will revisit the idea of a decal for businesses to put in their windows so parents realize that they are indeed a business partner.
- o She would like to make and frame certificates for each business to display in their location.

Treasurer's Report: *Cindy Tromer*

Cindy reviewed the budget report.

- o Membership is currently at \$58,700. Most of the expenses have already been deducted from the amount taken in.
- o So far \$3600 have been distributed in teacher stipends
- o Spiritwear has currently made \$2680
- o School Store has currently made \$1507.57

Principal's Report: *Dr. Ferrell*

Things that have occurred since our last meeting:

- School opened smoothly
- Over 1250 students – gained one PE teacher, one connections teacher, one counselor, an additional secretary
- Checkpoints tests given in math and language arts – Week of August 24
- Picture Day – August 21
- Curriculum Night – August 25 and 27 – parking a big problem
- Local School Council elections
- Affidavits of residence
- Pep Rally – Friday, September 4
- Labor Day holiday – Monday, September 7
- 8th grade writing – practice test – Tuesday, September 8

Things that will occur before our next meeting:

- Progress reports – Monday, September 14
- 7th grade new student meeting – Tuesday, September 15
- Early Release Day – Wednesday, September 16
- 6th grade new student meeting – Wednesday, September 17
- Soccer season begins – Friday, September 18
- ITBS – 8th grade – September 21-25
- Talent Show – 7:00 PM – Tuesday, September 29
- Sixth grade dance – Thursday, October 8

Other items of interest:

Decision about President Obama's speech

VP Communications: Michelle Gaddis

The directory is going off without a hitch. Kinko's will be printing the directory this year.

VP Academic Enrichment: Shannon McMahon

A theme contest is going on for Reflections. The reflections committee would like to host a breakfast for all who enter reflections this year. Dr. Ferrell suggested Tuesday, November 3rd for the breakfast.

Lunch and Learn will be chaired by Brock Malindy this year.

VP Teacher Support: Rona Huey

Copying is going well. The copy committee would like a "heads up" from Dr. Ferrell when there is a big project.

VP Student Support: Donna Ortiz

Donna has met with the women who are planning the 6th grade dance. She sent an e-mail to all chairs with volunteer lists. Volunteer recruitment will all be done from this list.

There was some discussion on the DJ. It was decided that Romeo with Contagious Entertainment would be used for the dances this year. He will be donating his time and only charging a minimal fee (enough to pay his employees). Using him will take us to a new level of entertainment from what we have had in the past.

VP Administrative Support: Mary Wickes

The Media Center & Office volunteers are up and running. All volunteer lists have been distributed to PTA Chairs.

Mary discussed the grounds.

The VIPs coordinator is trying to get a distribution list of all PTA chairs & volunteers that should receive her monthly reminder about volunteer hours.

The book fair will be the week of October 19th.

VP Finance: Shay Brasher

Tanner photography went well.

New Business

1. Some discussion was had on soap dispensers in the bathrooms. Dr. Ferrell will ask the custodians to keep a more watchful eye.
2. Kim explained that we need to decide what we are going to give the Eagle Scouts for their projects. There was some discussion about amounts. It was decided that amounts will be discretionary based on the project and the status of the PTA budget at the time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Minutes taken by:

Leslie Fox

(for Michele Dambach)

AMMS PTA Secretary