



AMMS PTA Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 12, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Call to Order 10:06 am

Attendees: Wendy Englehardt, Ryann Kennedy, Soo Lee, Tamara Liles, Trey Martin, Jennifer Morrow, Zan Ouyang, Jessica Stewart

Announcements: Co-Presidents, Jennifer Morrow & Wendy Englehardt

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the October 1 meeting were shared. Motion to approve the minutes made by Jessica Stewart, seconded by Tamara Liles. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report: Soo Lee- Our current balance available is \$47,624.99. This includes our \$10,000 reserve funds as well. The school store is bringing in good income however, the last few deposits from school store have not matched up with a difference of \$5-\$10. So a third person will check over the receipts to correct this issue.

Principal's Report: Trey Martin-Mr. Martin shared that masking is now optional and so far things are going smoothly. 6th graders have been attending the Junior Achievement field trip this week and that has been fantastic for the students. Monday, Nov. 15, will be the next late state day. This time the special education teachers, world language and connections/pe teachers will be working on staff development. Covid positivity rates in every municipality are currently below 100 per 100,000. Reports are released twice a week by FCS. E-SPLOST passed which is great news. Free online tutoring is offered for students who may have fallen behind. There is a possibility for an 8th grade field trip that would be a day trip but the students are unlikely to have an overnight trip this school year.

Officers' Report:

VP of Academic Enrichment: Zan Ouyang- Reflections had 7 school level winners who went on to the North Fulton level. The North Fulton Exhibition is next Tuesday. Zan will help with setting up the display at the teaching museum. Winners will be announced after the exhibition and will be shared with the community. Many thanks to the media center and front office staff for their help in advertising Reflections and the collection of projects. The board discussed building connections with staff for promoting the Reflections theme next year across band, music, art, broadcasting and ELA to have teachers encourage participation or possibly have

students complete an assignment for class that could also be used for the Reflections program to help boost our participation level.

VP of Finance: Open

Business Sponsors- Please support our business sponsor Cloudland Coffee Company by participating in our spirit day there on Saturday, Nov. 20.

Spiritwear- Boosterwear sent a check for \$558.07 which is the PTA's income from the fall spiritwear sales. PTA plans to offer spiritwear sales again in the 2nd semester. The PTA is considering ordering a small amount of spiritwear to offer for sale in the school store that would be paid for via an in kind donation from Boosterwear. However, there may be some supply chain issues with getting shirts in stock and if it is going to take longer to get stock to the school then we may not want to order any long sleeve shirts as the weather may warm up before the shirts arrive.

School Store- Sales at the school store are strong. Jessica shared an item (braided bracelet in the school colors from Pura Vida) with the group to consider purchasing to sell in the store around Valentine's Day. Minimum order is 50 at a cost of \$3 each. Info on the bracelets will be shared with Suzy for consideration.

VP of Student Support: Jennifer Matheson-We are still waiting for guidelines on non-essential gatherings from the school. Laurie Chans shared with Jennifer that we have not officially scheduled a 6th grade social (not a 'dance') for this year. If we are able to schedule it, she suggests a Thursday night not a Friday night. How about planning a 6th grade social event (4-6pm) for 6th grade this January or middle of February or even March- gym - cafe on a Thursday? (Please note - if we use the gym —no drinks - snacks) however, we may offer refreshments in the rotunda. Perhaps a movie or other activity could be offered.

7th grade: Mimi Gamel shared with Jennifer that typically, 7th grade has a movie night at Studio Movie Grill instead of a dance late January or early February. The timing depends on movies and location's availability. The Studio Movie Grill location on Holcomb Bridge Rd has closed but perhaps another location would work. However, we are unsure of the guidance from the county regarding movie theatres (where we can have students every other seat) as this is not an essential activity.

8th grade: Anita Erickson shared with Jennifer that in years past, we have asked the 8th grade students to vote on whether they would like a dance or Sky Zone (they have voted for Sky Zone consistently). We can revisit this in second semester. The event usually occurs during the last week of school as a special event for the 8th grade students. It has been sponsored by the PTA.

The group discussed other activity options and Ryann will look into Singo (bingo listening for song lyrics instead of numbers) as an option for one grade level.

VP of Teacher Support: Carol Muro- Holiday luncheon will be scheduled for **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**. Catering tbd. Lunch will be delivered at 10:30am for 130 people and will be set up downstairs in the Multi Purpose Room. **Admin requests that 3-4 PTA Board Members be present during luncheon to help serve and give out gift cards.** In the past, Patti and Barb have managed but admin prefers PTA do this. We have permission to decorate in a winter theme. **We will need to recruit Board Members help for this event.** Carol will plan to attend.

Gift card collection messages will start effective Monday, November 15, 2021. Carmen will put a note in the Lions Roar Newsletter and PTA will advertise via our social platforms. A start date and end date for gift cards is stated. We plan to collect physical cards this year in \$10 increments. Tamara explained how monetary donations may be collected as well via sign up genius with the money being transferred to the PTA account via wepay.

Admin would like to have 9 additional gift cards as "Teacher prizes" for a raffle that is done annually to show teacher appreciation. Carol has reached out and collected additional gift cards from: Kroger (Old Alabama Rd. location), Marlow's Tavern (gift certificate), Chick Fil A (will provide a bundle of coupons in a decorative cellophane wrap), Crumbl (coupon for either a 6/12pk of cookies--PENDING), Costco \$50 gift card-PENDING), Perhaps, other board members can recruit for additional gift cards?

VP of Administrative Support: Ryann Kennedy- Pots at the front need upkeep on a regular basis. There are also two hanging pots at the side of the school. Jennifer would like to paint the wooden arch where the hanging plants are near the gym. There is an ongoing cost associated with the plant upkeep. Perhaps students (like the members of the Jr. Beta Club) could help water the plants. Jennifer will discuss with Mr. Martin to determine whether that is a possibility or not. Consider asking for parent volunteers to plant flowers in the urns and come by and water them.

VP of Communications: Elyse Robleto-Social media is going well! Please continue to like the PTA posts and share them when appropriate.

New Business: Requests for teacher stipends for this school year will have a cutoff date of January 31, 2022. This deadline will be communicated to the staff. So far nine teachers have submitted receipts and reimbursement requests. A deadline is being given so that the PTA can allocate any unused funds to other projects in support of the students and school.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:39 am

Important Dates:

11/15 Late Start

11/20 Cloudland Coffee Company Spirit Day

11/22-26 Thanksgiving Break

12/3 December PTA Board Meeting