



**AMMS PTA Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 1, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order 10:06 am

Attendees: Wendy Englehardt, Ryann Kennedy, Soo Lee, Trey Martin, Jennifer Matheson, Jennifer Morrow, Carol Muro, Zan Ouyang, Jessica Stewart

Announcements: Co-Presidents, Jennifer Morrow & Wendy Englehardt

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the September 14 meeting were shared. Motion to approve the minutes made by Jessica Stewart, seconded by Jennifer Matheson. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report: Soo Lee- Soo shared that \$10,790.05 was spent in July; the majority of which was spent on grounds upkeep followed by school store expenditures to stock up for the beginning of the year and a back to school lunch for the staff. The current checking account balance is \$47,726.31 and the net income as of the end of August was \$28,262.06. So far, the PTA has fallen short of our projected income for the year and the budget will need to be reexamined to prioritize expenditures and evaluate how much we truly have available to spend. The PTA audit has been submitted to the state and the tax return has also been turned in.

Principal's Report: Trey Martin-Mr. Martin shared that the school has won an award for iReady participation with the lowest number of red rush flags in the district during the evaluation at the beginning of the year.

Covid cases have continued to decline throughout the school and the system. If the rate of infection for Johns Creek drops below the level of 100 cases per 100,000 persons then masks will become optional in the school.

Mr. Martin also discussed concerns surrounding social media challenges that encourage school vandalism and assaults on teachers. Information will be included in the school's newsletter to encourage parents to talk with their student and let them know that those behaviors are unacceptable and that the code of conduct must be followed.

In November there will be a countywide vote on the continuation of the 1% sales tax for educational spending known as E-Splost. Continued approval of E-Splost will allow the district to pay for new construction, renovation and technology. If E-Splost is not approved, the school

board could consider borrowing money through school bonds or raising taxes for homeowners. Current the FCS district is debt free.

Mr. Martin indicated that some of the staff members were having difficulty with signing up for PTA membership on Membership toolkit. A paper form will be created to distribute to the staff members to make it easier for them to join.

Carol Muro expressed concerns about the unit assessments that were created this summer by district employees and are mandated by the district to be given at certain points in the math and ELA curriculum. Students who are otherwise performing well in class and on teacher assessments are experiencing difficulty with the new assessments that frequently have 10 or fewer questions and the potential negative impact on students' grades is of concern to many parents. Mr. Martin said that teachers are allowed to show the completed tests to students and parents so that they can see what areas they need to work on. He said he would discuss the concerns with Dr. Gamel who is in charge of the ELA professional learning community at the school.

Officers' Report:

VP of Academic Enrichment: Zan Ouyang-Zan discussed the Reflections competition. The deadline for students to submit their entries is Oct. 8. Zan has hung up posters and placed boxes in the front office and the media center where students can turn in their projects. The media specialist has been very supportive of the Reflections program.

VP of Finance: Open

Business Sponsors- Jennifer Morrow and Carol Muro shared that Mibab Orthodontics, Boosterthon, and Cloudland Coffee are business sponsors this year. Cloudland Coffee will offer a spirit day on Nov. 20 and on March 5. Carol has ideas for more businesses to approach in the community and hopes to see more income coming in from this. Business sponsor signs hang along the fence as you enter the school. There are different levels of sponsorship available and Jennifer will send them out to the group.

Spiritwear-Carol shared that 64 orders were placed in the fall semester for spiritwear. Shirts should arrive at the school in early October and will then be distributed to the students. There will be a second opportunity to order spiritwear in February.

School Store-Suzy is working with the teachers to offer PBIS rewards in the school store as well as the regular items. The school store is open three times a week and has been very successful this school year bringing in \$700 in income so far.

VP of Student Support: Jennifer Matheson-Jennifer shared that there will be a 6th grade dance after school on Dec. 3rd. There is winter décor available for use in the PTA closet. In the past, the PTA has hired a DJ and provided pizza and drinks. While the PTA has budgeted \$1000 for this event, there may not be that much actually available. Jennifer knows of several 6th grade parents that will be ready and willing to help with planning this event.

VP of Teacher Support: Carol Muro- Carol discussed possibilities for teacher support on the Oct. 12 workday. Unfortunately it is unclear if there are sufficient funds available at this time so the PTA will not be providing any lunch or treats for this workday.

VP of Administrative Support: Ryann Kennedy- Ryann suggested that the PTA take advantage of the ability to send out messages to members through Membership Toolkit in addition to the emails that are sent out by the school for us and the information that is included in the Lion's Roar newsletter. The more ways we reach out to our community, the more likely we are to connect with them.

VP of Communications: Elyse Robleto-Elyse has been doing a phenomenal job with her motivational messages on our social media. It was also great to see the lion suit back in action!

New Business: The group discussed concerns about the budget and the fact that we have not brought in as much income through membership as we had hoped. So far, \$39,678 has been brought in through membership and we planned for a membership income of \$50,000. As of today, membership donation level breakdown is as follows: Lion's Den-4, Diamond-8, Platinum-48, Gold-63, Silver-86, Bronze-65 and Staff-39. Jennifer, Wendy and Soo will meet to discuss the budget and figure out how much money is available after we meet our obligations for payments for yearbooks that are included with certain levels of membership purchase, teacher stipends, membership fees to Georgia PTA. The PTA also needs to reserve funds for recycling, landscaping, the electric sign, and other operating expenses.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:39 am

Important Dates:

10/11 No School Columbus Day

10/12 No School Teacher Workday

10/25 Late Start

10/31 Halloween

11/2 Election Day

11/5 November PTA Board Meeting

11/7 Daylight Savings Time Ends

11/15 Late Start

11/20 Cloudland Coffee Company Spirit Day

11/22-26 Thanksgiving Break