

# Peters Township Middle School PTA Meeting – Minutes

March 7, 2013

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
  - a) President Gina Wells called the meeting to order at 9:25 AM. There were approximately 29 in attendance. (see attachment)
  - b) The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
- II. President's Remarks – Gina Wells
  - a) Gina reminded parents that tonight would be the PTMS Orientation for Parents of current 6<sup>th</sup> Graders. Gina stated that there would be Student Ambassadors to help them with the building tour. Orientation will take place from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
- III. Principal's Remarks – Dr. Robert Freado
  - a) Dr. Freado welcomed all attending and addressed the current 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents. He discussed the transition and scheduling process for those entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - b) Dr. Freado announced that PTMS has been selected by the PA Dept. of Education, to submit an application as a nominee for, "Blue Ribbon School". PTMS was selected as a nominee because PTMS is considered a consistently high performing school.
  - c) He introduced PTMS guidance counselors, Mary Beth Kenny and Bianca Goodwin. The counselors presented a power point presentation to the attendees. The power point presentation will be presented this evening at the Orientation.
  - d) Mary Beth Kenny also stated that the power point will be online. The current 6<sup>th</sup> grade students viewed the presentation and were able to ask the counselors questions.
  - e) The counselors helped each student register his/her classes for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. All current 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will bring a packet home with course descriptions along with their class selections. The counselors reminded parents they need to sign and return students list of classes, due back March 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents have until May 1, 2013 to change their child's World Language choice. Counselors stated that this is a list of courses not their child's schedule.
  - f) Seventh Grade Student Orientation will be Thursday, August 15, 2013. This will be only for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Students will receive their schedule, practice their locker combination and walk their class schedule.
- IV. Secretary's Report – Barb Calfo
  - a) The PTMS PTA Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2013 were approved as written.
- V. Treasurer's Report – Jodi Hannah
  - a) Jodi stated the PTA funded an assembly, "The Pledge", that will be presented to students the end of March.
  - b) Jodi asked that there be a line item added to budget for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade field day will take place at PTMS when the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade is at Peterswood Park celebrating their 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students will receive a snow cone from Kona Ice. The \$350 will be moved from the Gifts of School to a new line item-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day. Motion to approve was made by Debbie Smith. Second motion was made by Jan Trombitas.

VI. First Vice President's Report – Carol Planitzer

- a) Carol asked for those who are interested in volunteering for the 2013 – 2014 school year to list their contact information on a sign-up sheet that was passed around.
- b) Julianna Chen will be our PTMS Spelling Bee Representative at Children's Hospital on March 23, 2013.

VII. Second Vice President's Report – Cindy Chapman

- a) Cindy stated that all was ready for the Student/Faculty Basketball Game at PTMS that will take place on March 21, 2013. Doors will open at 6:15PM. There will be a half court shooting contest at 6:30 and the game to start at 7:00 PM. Cindy thanked Mr Amend for all his help organizing the student and faculty players.
- b) Cindy announced the PTMS State Reflection Winners. Luke Kaspar placed third in photography and Cindy Hsieh placed first in visual arts. Cindy Hsieh will go on to Nationals.

VIII. Old Business:

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

- a) The slate for the 2013-2014 PTMS PTA Board was prepared by the nominating committee, Lori Gummersbach, Jim Phillips, and Gina Hansen.
- b) Gina Wells opened and closed nominations from the floor for each PTMS PTA Board position.
- c) On behalf of the nominating committee, Lori Gummersbach presented the 2013-2014 slate of officers. Nominees are as follows: President, Rochelle Saxon, for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, Cindy Chapman, for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Michele Thomas, for the office of Treasurer, Cathy Vargo, and for the office of Secretary, Cathleen Faina. This slate having been presented with confidence concludes the duties of this year's Nominating Committee.
- d) The list of nominees will be posted for thirty days and be voted on at the April 4, 2013 PTMS PTA Meeting.
- e) Lisa Breigel spoke briefly about the brochure that will be mailed to all PT families from the PT PTA Area Council. The brochure is to promote awareness for the need to update and improve our PTHS.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

These Minutes were recorded by Barb Calfo, Recording Secretary, PTMS PTA.

Approved April 4, 2013 \_\_\_\_\_

Barb Calfo, Secretary

