

Heritage Middle School PTA Minutes
September 7 , 2021

Attendance: Adrienne Beck, Kim Glenn, McKenzie Shalla, Luke Miles, Caroline Miles, Emily Stumb, Joellen Newhouse, Andrea Melenbacher, Adam Melenbacher, Carrie Richardson, Crystal Bright, Tonya Brown, Joelle White, Yan Zhao, Courtney Tillman, Christina Kastendike, Diana Pena, Debra Southern, Bryan Richardson, Josh Kuo, Cynthia Kuo, Chad Sternke, Tanesha Grace, Jodi Riedel, Lori Eitel

The meeting was called to order by Kim Glenn at 7:03 p.m.

July and August minutes approved

Budget Approval: McKenzie Schalla presented the budget last meeting. Looking at the pre covid budget and the covid budget she was able to make best estimates of income and expenses for the upcoming year. We are going to try to spend some of the reserve money to benefit the school. \$16,000+ will be used to invest in the school's technology. (This is the school's biggest need)

Carrie motioned to approve the budget. Votes were recorded in the chat of the zoom meeting.

Secretary's Report - None

Treasurer's Report - see above budget approval

Principal's Report - Things have been going well. The school has been fortunate with covid cases (very few) and none have been credited to exposure within the school. Continue to share the importance of wearing masks with students. Enrollment numbers have been made for the year. Student behaviors (maturity loss) seems to be an issue. These behaviors are not typical of those the staff normally see at the grade levels. The school is looking for support from families to address these behaviors.

Needs:

New business: Open positions pointed out to new faces on the zoom call. Introductions amongst all zoom members. Still need box tops, spring celebration, firecracker awards advocacy and sponsorship positions are available. Check being cut for the televisions. There has been a request from the band teacher and choral teacher asking for help covering costs for the NAMFE \$140 and NCMEA \$125 membership fees. Total of \$265.

In order for students to apply, a staff member has to belong. Motion to approve by Carrie Richardson, second by Adrienne Beck. No one was opposed.

Committee Reports:

Mr. and Mrs. Miles staff report- Track 2 teachers enjoying much needed break. Students are doing well wearing their masks. Some of the students are struggling with sitting still, asking to leave the classroom. Students are needing reminders about how to do school.

Carrie Richardson VP-No update

Advocacy - No update

Audit - Carrie reported that she is working on July and August. She loves how thorough we are with everything,

BAC- No update yet, waiting to hear of 1st meeting date

Beautification - Oct. 23 (mulch being ordered) . We can all see each other there!

Book Fair - Tentative November date as well as a potential spring date. Will be using Scholastic. There is a new coordinator.

Box Tops- No update

Communication/Social Media - No update

Cultural Arts - Last week before Grant requests go in. It has been narrowed down to two programs. One in April, poet Allen Wolf (award winning) does a great performance. Reggie Harris is not offering anything new virtually. For February there will be a band with a history of African American roots. The grant request will be put in through the Arts Council a week from today.

Equity - No update

Firecracker Awards-

Hospitality - Schedule staff luncheon Oct 1st . CFA is donating the meals. They are looking into vegetarian options.

Membership: No update

No Fuss-No update

Reward Cards - Thankful for those who helped upload all of the accounts. She is still working with Lowes foods on the accounts that did link up. There are also some from Harris Teeter that didn't link up. They are seeing what they can do. Paper forms and emails are still trickling in.

Spirit Nights - Sept. 2nd at Papa Murphy's. They donated 33% of monies taken in. Waiting to hear back from them as to how much we earned. Oct. 14th will be Mod Pizza. Waiting on confirmation from them.

Spirit Wear -expecting new stuff any day. Requests have been saved. Would like there to be an announcement on social media letting people know that there is new stock. Contacted Home Team Sports about how to put together a spirit wear competition where students would try to design a shirt option. There is a certain design criterion. Waiting on the list of rules to move forward with having the students design something,

Spirit Rock - No update

Sponsorships - Asked for members to let Mrs. Glenn know if they have any suggestions.

Spring Celebration -Open Position

Volunteers- no update

Outstanding Business - none

Next Meeting is October 5, 2021. It will be the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. The meeting will take place via zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:42 PM