

PTA Meeting Minutes

Thoreau Middle School

February 25, 2014

Attendees: Lori Louden, Robin Moroney, Allison King, Michelle Kang, Patty Shields, Liz Potenura, Liz DiFrancisco, Nancy Socher, Becky Allison, Rita Molfetas, Anne-Stuart Kirkhorn, Amy Masters & Beth Eachus.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am

President's Report—Beth

- 7th grade dinner – huge success!
- Parent programs very popular
- Hospitality – 160 pies in Nov, cookies in Dec and Valentines this month
- Setting up an iPad lab – kids love them and they are much more flexible and functional than laptops. We do have funds to support
- Faculty basketball game coming at Marshall HS – date coming TMS vs KMS
- Enews letter has been well received and used.

Minutes – Becky

- Accepted as written and posted on the website

Principal's Report—Greg

- Weather has thrown the schedule for a loop! Rising 7th graders coming on the 26th.
- Looking into programs for center eligible kids who choose TMS instead of AAP center.

Treasurer's Report – Beth

- See current budget
- Considering using \$2,500 earmarked for teacher conferences to iPad project

Landscape – Liz

- We are a certified wildlife habitat in the courtyard!!
- Planning to add more turtles in spring

Parent Programs – Nancy

- Dr Robbins presentation on depression
- Understanding the Teenage Brain seminar Wednesday March 26th

School Store – Patti

- Sold some apparel at the 7th grade dinner – next year will advertise a little more
- Order forms will be given to rising 7th graders. Will get to the elementary schools via email or online.
- Spirit packs will be set up to order for the faculty basketball game.

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Hospitality – Robin

- Teacher appreciation week is May 5-9th planning in the process. Volunteers are always needed.
- March activity coming soon – watch for the sign up genius
- April 7th will be yogurt surprise

Communications –Beth and Michelle

- ENews has been a hit. Great way to get info home on a weekly basis.
- Possible updates to the PTA website coming soon.

New Business

- In November the Administration asked for funds for the iPad lab.
- Anne Stuart Kirkhorn moved we donate \$7,500 (\$5k from instructional support and \$2.5K from teacher conference) toward the iPad cart of 32 iPads. Second by Nancy Socher. Vote passed.
- Golden eagle Mascot costume purchased by school. PTA contributing. Patty Shield moved to donate \$1K toward the cost. Second by Rita Molfetas. Vote passed.

Meeting adjourned 10:47am