



MWE PTA Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 6, 2016  
8:03 am to 8:59 am

- I. Welcome/Call to Order - President Pamela Ferworn  
The meeting was called to order at 8:03 am.
- II. Establishment of Quorum - Pam Ferworn
- III. Treasurer's Report - Sarah Laird
  - a. The treasurer shared the PTA balance sheet to show \$95,772.43 in total assets with \$56,646.39 in net revenue.
  - b. Vote on Budget amendment: A motion was made by Kristen Carlson and seconded by Sarah Vasut to move \$250 from "Programs - other" to "Programs - Random Acts of Kindness Week" to cover actual expenses. The motion passed by a verbal vote.
  - c. The Financial reconciliation committee will be needed to review the financial books over the summer. This commitment requires 2-3 meetings with the committee and 1-2 hours of private review. The review needs to be ready to present at the August meeting. The members of this committee are Linda Hetherwick (head), Griff Thomas and Jessica Roberts. Another person is welcome to join.
  - d. Please remember to use up the money in your budget areas and turn in receipts for reimbursement. These are due May 15. The Fiscal year end is May 31, 2016.
  - e. As of April 5, the Boosterthon Fundraiser has brought in \$22,026.80.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Sarah Vasut to approve the minutes as presented. Sarah Laird seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the membership.
- V. President's Report - Pamela Ferworn
  - a. Jenaye Gardner has been nominated to be an additional PTA officer filling the role of assistant VP of Programs.
  - b. A motion was made by Pam Townsend and seconded by Valerie Brennan to approve Jenaye for the position. The motion carried on a verbal vote.
  - c. The revised By-Laws were approved by the Texas PTA. The Standing Rules are still being reviewed.
  - d. The position to manage the online directory for PTA on My School Anywhere is open for next year. MSA will be utilized more in the next school year and will hopefully streamline some of the communication for the PTA. Sarah Vasut expressed that the site is difficult to navigate for some members.

- e. SBISD Council of PTA Awards - Heather Craig, Traci Mundwiller, and Pam Ferworn are currently writing the applications for these award. They are due April 15, 2016.
  - f. POW's - page 2's need to be completed. Reflect on the past year and add/make adjustments that accurately reflect PTA positions. Send these to Pam Ferworn.
  - g. Memorial Drive construction has started and will last 3 years. PTA is concerned about the safety at crosswalks coming to MWE and Spring Forest. There was a community meeting held regarding the construction at Bridgepoint Church on March 24th at 6:30 pm. There is a SBISD representative involved and Pam Ferworn is representing the community. Please send concerns to her. Before the school year ends, heading east on Memorial towards Rancho Bauer, there will be no left turning onto Memorial Green. Kirkwood/Memorial is being worked on now and the school crosswalk area will be worked on during summertime. Left turns will become difficult. Students are encouraged to ride the bus during this construction period. Fathers in the Watch DOGS program may be utilized to help with students leaving school safely.
  - h. The District of Innovation - Strategic Planning Committee is having meetings this spring. It is important for parents to review the plans and changes that are being recommended for the district. Younger students in the district will be most affected by these plans. There is a lot of information and the pace for change will be quick. All parents are encouraged to get themselves educated on the issues.
- VI. VP Reports
- a. Ways and Means - Melanie White
    - i. School supplies will be available for purchase online again this year. The lists of supplies for each grade will be available on the website as well if parents want to purchase them on their own. There has historically been a low number of supplies provided by the school population. Last year, only 38% of students provided their own supplies and the teachers ran out of supplies very early in the year. For the upcoming year, teachers have carefully reviewed the lists and adjusted them to accurately represent what they need to use in the class and will push to get these things provided by as many students as possible.
  - b. Programs - Kristen Carlson
    - i. Earth Day will be April 22 and has been streamlined this year to happen smoothly. A waterwall, seed bonds, and fabric fish art will be part of the activities. Volunteers are asked to sign up and events will take place in the garden area away from the recess fields.
- VII. Committee Chair Reports
- a. Fun Fitness Friday - the Astros will be here on April 22.
  - b. Field Day will be May 13th.
  - c. Talent show will be May 27th.
- VIII. Principal's Report - Pamela Redd - Principal

- a. Ms. Redd is doing staff evaluations in April.
- b. There will be STAAR testing May 9th. Kids and teachers are more stressed as they have to wait on this new testing schedule. Ratings for the school are all tied into the STAAR scores for the school. This weighs heavily on the teachers. Computer issues/glitches occurred district-wide in March on the 4th grade writing portion. 5th graders are taking an interest in the point of the testing.
- c. Mrs. Taylor has been out on extended leave of absence and her return date is unclear at this time. Mrs. Rapp is taking all the math instruction at this time. Ms. Trout is taking the science. Marissa Perez will be team teaching math and will do the testing.
- d. 5th grade numbers are up to 28-29 students per class. Money for "at-risk" students is being used to hire a full time substitute and form a new class after homeroom.
- e. Next school year, 4th grade may be getting a fifth teacher/classroom. Every other grade will be having 4 classrooms.
- f. There will be some adjustments to faculty placement for next year, but those have not been decided or announced yet.

IX. Adjournment - The meeting ended at 8:59 am.

Susan M Biehl

MWE PTA Secretary 2015 - 2016