



MWE PTA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
8:08 am to 9:15 am

- I. Welcome/Call to Order - President Pamela Ferworn
The meeting was called to order at 8:08 am.
- II. Establishment of Quorum - Susan Thomas
- III. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Ingrid Hartz to approve the minutes as presented. Kristen Carlson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the membership.
- IV. Principal's Report - Pamela Redd - Principal
 - a. The vice-principal, Mrs. Barry, is the test coordinator for the school and Ms. Redd is doing teacher evaluations in April. Both will not be very visible in April.
 - b. There will be STAAR testing May 9th.
 - c. We have a half-time counselor.
 - d. Budget issues in the district: We are considered a “rich” district in the state and therefore \$27 million dollars is supposed to go back to the state. The ‘15-’16 and 16’-17’ budgets are staying the same and it costs 1.5 million dollars to give teachers 1% raise in the district. In the ‘17-’18 school year, the district will have to pay back \$72 million, so the superintendent Dr. Muri is looking at all departments to see where trimming can happen. There may be some restructuring. In April, there will be the first proposal of a new budget and it will be on the agenda for district Board meetings. Check the district website for details.
 - e. At MWE 35% of students are on free/reduced lunch. We need to reach 40% to qualify for Title 1 funding so the school is only 8 kids away from that percentage. This would mean a minimum of doubling our budget. PTA is a lifesaver to the school because the money the school gets from the district is low due to the population.
 - f. MWE is piloting a new “Parent Ambassadors” program to generate more parental involvement. Ms. Redd had held two meetings to meet with parents not typically involved in PTA to see: 1. What they are interested in being involved with, and 2. How they would like to get involved. The idea was launched to start a babysitting co-op to help make it easier to get more volunteers involved.
- V. Treasurer's Report - Sarah Laird
 - a. The treasurer shared the PTA balance sheet to show \$80,310.36 in total assets with \$41,184.32 in net revenue.

- b. Vote on Budget amendment: A motion was made by Valerie Brennan and seconded by Dunovan Thomas to move \$500.00 into Teacher Workshops from In-House Workshops budget to help cover the costs of the “Curriculum Project” workshop for teachers. This workshop involves a specialist coming to model, observe, and educate the staff on how to better systemize and align objectives and teaching vocabulary. The motion was approved by the membership.
- c. 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. Griff Thomas and Jessica Roberts were volunteered by their spouses to be on this team. 1-2 more people are needed.

VI. President’s Report - Pamela Ferworn

- a. The nominated slate of officers for next school year 2016-2017 were presented by Parliamentarian, Susan Thomas. The slate is as follows:
 - i. Kristen Carlson - President
 - ii. Melanie White - 1st VP Ways and Means
 - iii. Sara Norwood - 2nd VP Programs
 - iv. Sarah Laird - Treasurer
 - v. Heather Craig - Secretary
- b. A motion was made by Donni Blair and seconded by Traci Mundwiler to approve the Slate of Officers for 2016-2017 as presented. The motion carried on a verbal vote.
- c. My School Anywhere is now being used for email reminders and is useful for blasts to everyone or a specific group in PTA. Volunteer sign-ups will be on it. Please provide feedback to Pam Ferworn on your experience with it.
- d. March 5th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon will be the MDUMC community outreach program, OGDOS, that will spruce up the gardens and flower beds in front of the school. Stepping stones will be laid to make paths from the parking lot to the entrance.
- e. SBISD Council of PTA Awards - Info and submissions are due by the end of the month.
- 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 is a community meeting to be held regarding the construction at Bridgepoint Church on March 24th at 6:30 pm.

VII. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Odyssey of the Mind - Donni Blair reminded PTA that the competition will be Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Paul Revere Middle School and Walnut Bend Elementary School. All are welcome and it is a free event. The 3rd grade group will be practicing their demonstration of Friday at school

following morning announcements.

- b. Project Study - Laura Pena presented the submissions the committee received and explained the “option C” recommended by the committee to be approved. A motion was made by Ingrid Hartz and seconded by Dunovan Thomas to approve “option C” for funding by the Project Study Budget. The motion was approved by the attending members.
- c. Boosterthon - This is the upcoming Spring Fundraiser. There are 10 days of team spirit, character lessons, health and fitness education, and pledges that lead up to the day of the Fun Run. This fundraiser requires low volunteer participation because the company handles it all. They take 49% profit which is less than most outside fundraising companies. For those that would like an alternative form of giving to PTA, there is the option to donate to the Eagle Excellence Fund in which PTA takes 100% of the donation. This option has been around for many years. The Fun Run will be on March 10 and volunteers will be needed to help count laps and to count pledge money after Spring Break.
- d. Garden - Volunteers are needed to help maintain the plants in the garden. Contact Sara Vasut or Melissa Endicott to help.
- e. Art - Mrs. Waggenspack would love drop in volunteers to help in her classes.
- f. Talent Show - Shawnee Christian is our Talent Show organizer.

VIII. Adjournment was at 9:15 am.

Susan M Biehl

MWE PTA Secretary 2015 - 2016