



TMS PTA Meeting Minutes November 14, 2019

Attendees: Bill Oblas (Acting Principal), Jesse Encapera (Vice Principal), Marlene Santos (Acting Vice Principal), Amy Noble (VP), Laurie Guzman (Treasurer), Gwen Meehan (Secretary), Beth Gloe, Theresa Beiter, Kristin Gitlin, Cynthia Hall-Palmer, Kim Coon, Lisa Figueroa, and R. Welt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 am by Vice President Amy Noble.

A quorum was established.

Treasurer's Report

- Laurie provided an overview of the budget and distributed a paper copy of the budget report.

Reports of Committees

Musical

- Contracts have been signed by director and assistant director. Musical director was sent contract over the weekend and we hope to have it signed this week.
- Auditions started on Monday and are scheduled for Wednesday and Friday of this week. Callbacks are Nov 18 & 20 and the cast list is announced on Nov 26. 120 students have signed up to audition.

Grade level dances

- 6th grade dance had over 250 students attend on Nov 1.
- 8th grade dance is Dec 6 and planning has started.
- Dances will be 90 minutes instead of two hours from now on.

Smile Squad

- On Nov 1 fruit was provided for the staff.
- Dec 6 is next First Friday.

Cookie Exchange

- Cookie exchange and staff lunch will take place on Dec 12.
- Sign Up Genius will be going out soon.

Reflections

- About 8-9 submissions were received. Next step is judging and submitting to the Hunt District PTA.

Spirit Nights

- We had a spirit night on Nov 12 at Chipotle.

- Next spirit night is Nov 22 at Atomic Trampoline

Teacher Grants

- The teacher grants were awarded this month. A brief synopsis of each was shared. The check to the school to fund the \$6k in grants will be processed this week.

Membership

- Membership cards have been emailed individually to each family.
- We will extend the membership drive with the pancake breakfast incentive to Nov 30.
- We do not close the membership to new members at all during the school year.

New Business

Student Funding Support

- Student Funding Support line item in the budget has been exhausted. Laurie motioned to increase the amount from the current \$500 to \$1100. The motion passed and the change will be made in the budget.

Principal's update – Mr. Oblas

- Trailside is a pilot school for changes in security. Drivers licenses will be scanned at the second door into the front office after being shown to the camera at the first door outside. This is an extra step in providing security at the school.
 - A parent asked how the school verifies that the person is who they say they are.
 - Another parent asked about the potential of a skimmer being placed on the scanner to steal information. Mr. Oblas and other school staff present didn't seem to think that would be possible.
 - Staff confirmed that the device would be brought into the office during events when the doors are opened and people can come and go so that it will not be tampered with.
- Mrs. Gitlin announced that Dr. Ibarra is interested in becoming the sponsor for the school's Junior ITS troupe (International Thespian Society). She will need to be paid for her time which will be prorated since it won't happen until Jan 1, 2020.
 - Payments will not be collected for ITS online until after Jan 1, 2020 and the student fees will include the staff sponsorship payment.
 - Fundraising will not be possible as ITS will be under the school purview.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 am.