

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

AGMS PTO



September 13, 2024

Alexander Graham Middle School Media Center

Attachments: August AGMS PTO Executive Board meeting minutes; AGMS PTO September Financial Report

BOD Members present: Carla Hamilton, Cecily Hudson, Carolyn Floyd, Quinerly Cowden, Tempie Largen, Anne Whalan, Thuy Tri, Prirya Roy, Jennifer Whitworth, Mr. Conner

BOD Members Absent: Kerri Porter

Meeting called to order at 8:50am

Topics

1. Presidents' Report

Jennifer Whitworth

1. Campus Beautification – the committee will replace rose bushes and will plant fall flowers
2. Communications – Quinerly Cowden updated the team about Constant Contact and asked for approved to pay \$739.20 for an annual membership of Constant Contact. Moving to Parent Square this year will not be an option this year. The Bulldog Bulletin submission deadline is Friday at 5pm and runs on Wednesday at 10:00 am. The board discussed how to translate the Constant Contact into Spanish. Anne Whalan will follow-up with her contact at CMS. Back to school form reminders will continue to run through curriculum night and until end of October. Mr. Conner should include in his message through Parent Square
3. Open House – Team discussed parking issues and how to improve for next year. There were concerns of teacher openings.
4. Fall Fiesta – The event was a huge success and have plans for a similar event in the spring. Spent \$1,000.
5. Bulldog Bonanza – A Mr. & Mrs. Bulldog will be voted by the teachers and will have a 6th, 7th and 8th grade court.
6. Parent Social – Tuesday, November 12th at Legion Brewery. Carla discussed having another event in the spring at a location closer to the Cotswold location – the Vaulted Oak
7. Chalk Board Sign – Jennifer will do research on a chalk board sign that can be used for different events
8. Spiritwear – Dabney Estile has a link with additional options through her website. Kelly and Wanda will continue the school store through the PTO and decided to streamline to one design.
9. Student Support – Mary Lindsay Evans discussed how we build upon the work we are currently doing and aligning more with Staff Appreciation to make them feel supported. The new full time social worker will connect with Mary Lindsay. The team also discussed staff highlights. The Bulldog Hall of Fame will start as part of student recognition initiatives and staff will select one student from each pod.
10. Grants – there are 4 parent volunteers led by Sharon Jones. Thuy Tri discussed the many grant opportunities they are identifying.
11. Corporate Sponsorships – Please continue to communicate the need for corporate sponsorships.

2. Principal Report

Mr. Conner

- Mr. Conner expressed appreciation for all the help and support to get the year started off especially with the success of last weekend's Fall Fiesta
- Mr. Conner reviewed the state measurement for growth and end of year testing. School year ending 2023, we had a total of 5 areas out of 12 "not met". Our school was at a -4.88 last year to see if the student grew. Last school year had 2 areas out of 12 areas "not met". The two areas that we did not meet were with our black population and math. The SIT is working through the plan and will review and approve it on Tuesday. It will then be reviewed at the next Exec Board meeting. Mr. Conner reviewed that we did receive an additional EC teacher and an



additional ML teacher for a total of 4 ML teachers. Mr. Conner will share this data and school performance grade with parents and will work through a communication plan.

- Please encourage your friends to come to Curriculum Night on 9/24 from 5pm – 7pm
- Mr. Conner also discussed 2 staff positions open – 8th grade Math and Drama

3. Financial Report

Anne Whalan

- Anne reviewed the August financial report and discussed in detail the new Staff Appreciation & Support initiatives
- All 8th grade teachers will be using cell phone jails for formal places to lock up phones which will get them ready for high school
- InReach budget will shift this year and move away for the holiday gift bags. Moving forward, the budget will allow for Food Lion gift cards and supplies for the clothing closet if needed.
- Goal at the end of the year is to end with about \$50,000 to get through the summer and ongoing expenses.
- Anne asked for a vote for approval of carryover operating funds spend. Typically the carryover budget is a one-time expense but will give the board an idea of what may want to be built into future budgets
 1. Back to school spirit wear for all teacher and staff members (fleece jackets)
 2. Grant for teachers for special training (approved last year)
 3. Mural outside the Bulldog Café (approved last year)
 4. Carpet cleaning
 5. Removed concrete benches and moved picnic tables
 6. Counselor office and closet renovated
 7. New fencing around dumpster
 8. Stair project with motivational quotes
- The Executive Board approved the carryover spend and the 2024-25 budget

4. Meeting Wrap Up

Jennifer Whitworth

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am