

AG PTO Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 3, 2019

In attendance: Ghazale Johnston, Sallie Beason, Rebecca Drendel, Heather Price, Jamie Curtis, Katie Davis, Courtney Lapham, Diana Jones, Robert Folk, Dr. Washburn; Special Guest: Margaret Marshall; Not in attendance: Heather Davis

Meeting began at 8:40 am

Margaret Marshall – CMS Proposed Budget Overview

- Margaret Marshall said there is increased energy around public school funding from the county commissioner. Looking to increase the CMS budget by \$63.7M and the largest part is for a supplement for teachers which would make them the highest paid in the state. Other increases to staff and eventual movement to increase staff support compensation to \$20/ hr. over time. Adding fine arts experiences and curriculum investments.
- From the original proposal about \$20M was cut. What was cut included investments in equity, training for staff in cultural proficiency and funding for homeless transportation.
- On May 9, Margaret Marshall encouraged that the PTO sign up and speak meeting at the meeting. Board of County Commissioners Receive Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Budget Presentation, 2:00 – 4:30 PM, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 267
- Email your county commissioners to give your public input. There are four new county commissioners this year.
- Communities in Schools (CIS) is trying to expand support. AG wants CIS support. MP Foundation pays for CIS support at MP. Myers Park is the only school that pays into it. We should be able to have the conversation to get CIS support in the future for AG.
- Track has not been usable due to safety. Maintenance/ Building Services has a rubric on what is being done in the summer. Athletic facilities get the lowest priority after the school buildings. We have to approve it if it is over \$100K.
- Margaret to check into where the track stands on the priority list.

Treasurer's Report

- Carowinds trip is going through PTO and Paypal so we will be getting checks as well. \$26 or \$60 for the trip. It is \$26 if you have a gold pass to Carowinds. Discussion about how much we can fund for scholarships. Every 14 students we get one free. The PTO is paying for the teachers.
- We have \$2500 in the budget to cover all last week activities for the eighth grade (e.g., dance, Kona Ice Truck and the Carowinds) so there may be additional funds needed to cover scholarship students to Carowinds.
- May have popsicles or an Ice Cream Truck at 5:00 pm when the busses return from Carowinds. We are going to wait to see where we are with the budget to determine if we can cover this expense.

Eighth Grade Events

- 8th Grade events committee (Michele Mangan and Lauren Ball) met with Ms. Harris to discuss end of year activities: Yearbook signing in May, June 4 is Carowinds, Moving On Ceremony (at the gym and split up by lunch period) and the dance.
- There will be two graduation ceremonies depending on your lunch.
- 8th grade communication went out but needs to be resent to ensure delivery to the correct distribution and to correct the Paypal link.
- Need to get the 8th grade end of year activities communication out through Bulldog Bulletin and get the correct Paypal link out.
- Pizza party and tshirts – Request from Mr. Folk and Ms. Dawson to make this week really special. Wants to paint the rock and get a banner. Discussion about getting all 8th graders \$5 t-shirts. Need to determine if we want to increase the Eighth grade events budget to cover the pizza and tshirts. Agreed to fund t-shirt and will give out the t-shirt on the day year books are signed and agreed to not fund the pizza. Mr. Folk plans to surprise the kids with the t-shirts. Will also do the banner for 8th grade graduation that can be reused in coming years.
- Not limiting the number of family members coming to Moving Up Ceremony during Selwyn Red and Blue Day for lower grades. Ghazale Johnston to communicate to Selwyn that AG is having the Moving Up Ceremony on the same day.

Principles Report

- Did have private donor for the SouthPark Campus who did the archway. Belk Family name is on the track. Can we go back to the donors and ask them for funding for the track or put pressure on the School Board/ County Commissioners to replace the track because it is a safety issue?
- We did spend money on the field and the baseball field.
- Mr. Folk to ask Margaret Marshall where the track is on the list. If it gets approved, it will be repaired next summer (2020). The track is going to be increasingly in poor repair with two more years of wear and tear.
- Mr. Folk has the approved list of teacher invest requests with the additional detail. New camcorders, document cameras, headsets, microphone stands, 5 printers (CMS isn't replacing printers because they want to print to copy machines), 7 promethium boards, studio lights for the AG TV studio, wireless microphones, a portable outdoor/ indoor speaker system that you can use a wireless microphone.
- PTO approved the final estimates from Dr. Washburn that included tax.
- Districts are replacing the promethium boards as the projectors stop working but this will take years to complete so supplementing with PTO funding is very helpful.
- Need to follow up with Leigh Robinson to see if we should get an estimate for additional microphones.
- Plumber said that we should be getting new water fountains with water bottle fillers. We should be getting them before next school year – Fall 2019.
- Moments of Hope Ministry is using AG on Sundays. CMS gets the money from their using the space.
- Mr. Folk to ask the Moments of Hope Ministry if they can proctor.
- Topics for Monday Meeting with Margaret Marshall 5/6:

- **Media Center Upgrade:** Dr. Washburn has provided the information for the media center upgrade discussion with Margret Marshall.
- **Counselor:** Mr. Folk has the counselor covered/ approved for next year so Katie Davis/ Jamie Curtis to make Margret Marshall aware.
- **Position funding for AVID** – College Preparatory Program that helps with executive function. Organizational skills are taught. Need a coordinator to teach it. Mr. Folk is asking for a coordinator to teach it. Myers Park and Sedgefield are already doing it. We have funding for the program but not the position.
- **Communities in Schools** – is a topic for discussion with Margraet Marshall.
- **BMT** – Behavior Management position
- **Track upgrade**

PTO President Report

- Nominating Status – nominations for PTO committees are well underway. Only a couple holes to finalize.
- Transition Breakfast – need to determine a date. Need to look at the bylaws to see if we can approve officers at the transition breakfast.
- Band Pops concert is May 20 at Myers Park.
- Staff Appreciation Week – heard that there were Sign-up geniuses are not getting filled so please consider helping out.
- Coffees at our feeder schools to discuss attendance boundary changes are complete and went well.

AG Fund

- Total numbers as of 5/3 – Total Pledged \$119,347, Total Received Net \$110,707

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am