

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

AGMS PTO



February 11, 2022

Alexander Graham Middle School Media Center

Attachments: January AGMS PTO Executive Board Meeting minutes; AGMS PTO Financial Report

BOD Members present:, Kathy Shields, , Denise Pineno, Ali Hoce, Tracie Northan, Brooke Koppang, Trina Cone, Claire Marston, Shelly Cole, Kris Humphreys, Mr Cooper

BOD Members Absent: n/a

Meeting called to order at 8:53a

Approval of January EB meeting Minutes- Trina Cone

Trina motioned to vote to approve the minutes Kris seconded with the Board approving the minutes with a unanimous vote.

Principal Update -Mr. Conner

- Introductions and thank you for the basket ☺ and for the Staff Appreciation on Wednesday
 - Great appreciation for the meet and greet at Mellow Mushroom
 - Board members all shared personal stories about meeting Mr. Conner's delightful wife and how kind it was of his family to drive up from SC to surprise him
 - Mr. Conner is from Myrtle Beach and taught there at the beginning of his career
 - He now lives up in Kannapolis with his wife
- Great first week at AGMS- planning on working at school this weekend
- New Dean and Behavior Support position
 - Mr. Conner is going to hire these 2 positions to add support
 - Lots of social media posts and drama that comes from those posts within the student population
 - Restorative conferences with young ladies involved have been taking place
- Schoolwide data is back and AG did not meet growth measurements last year
 - This is at the top of Mr. Conner's priority list
 - 7th grade math exceeded growth
 - 80 percent of students took EOGs last year (typically 95%)
 - Growth calculated on State projections from the past 3 years
 - -4.70 growth level
 - Differentiation of instruction was discussed
 - Mr. Conner is addressing increasing differentiation with teachers
- Feedback from parents that Teacher communication is less
 - Teachers have less down time as they are covering classes and have lost some planning times
 - Mr. Conner to remind teachers to keep up communications
 - Grade level meetings to be held on Monday, 2/14



- Vacancy in 6th grade ELA –
 - have a guest teacher in there to assist
 - Ms Payne's kids being dispersed for her bereavement leave. Mrs. Hennessey is helping to cover
- Vacancy in ECGE assistant vacancy (visual assistant vacancy)
- Feedback from parents regarding test taking on current platform
 - Kids cannot go back and see what they missed on tests
 - Mastery Connect is new this year. Teacher created assessments can be changed to the settings to review, by state tests cannot.
 - Gap in ELA with being assessed on subjects that the students have not heard before
- EL curriculum- the disconnect is the EOGs are multiple choice and EL is not set up to be multiple choice School
- Psychologist to do a staff presentation on how to walk students through their emotions
 - Introduce Ruler- Regulation of emotions (Recognize Understand Label Express Regulate)
 - Mood meter –to get new vocab to the students
- 8th grade social Idea
 - 8th grade formal for the kids in May after EOGs
 - Food location, DJ, etc
 - Incentive for 8th graders to attend the end of year party
- Community within the building
 - House system- intergrade community
 - Ron Clark academy in Atlanta
 - Discussion on how to fund sending teachers from AGMS
 - Explanation of houses- like Hogwarts in Harry Potter, mixes students from different grades and rewards and encourages good behavior

Financial Report/AG Fund- Shelly Cole

- AG Fund at \$57,000
 - Below the goal, but this feels like the new population of donators- so might adjust next year's projections.
 - This year might be the new baseline.
 - Difference is even bigger than the numbers show because of corporate sponsorship- so parent donation is actually down more than the numbers reflect.
- Kris and Kim met and reconciled numbers and everything lined up
- Currently have 1299 students
- \$107k carryover from not spending last year.
 - Cushion from last year.
 - Take into account to keep a cushion
- Grade level expenses come at the end of the year
- Instructional support- IXL was paid

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- Study Island & Brain Pop- the school paid for Study Island
- Capitol improvement \$11k
- Campus beautification have a pressure washing to schedule
- \$6200 Bulldog Club account
 - Suggestion to transfer funds back to Bulldog Club
 - Before 2019 Bulldog Club was part of PTO
 - Bulldog Club now on their own 501C 3 quickly so had limited amount of money they could accept
 - Kip Keiger is the President
- Brain Pop subscriptions expires in April
 - Mr. Conner to check on if Brain Pop is being utilized by teachers
- Bulldog Club
 - Lunsford looking into the Bulldog Club responsibilities
 - Acct & money
 - 2nd account as PTO for the Field House
 - Follow up meeting to come

President's Report- *Trina Cone*

- Staff Appreciation Update
 - Coffee truck Staff Appreciation Event and the staff and teachers loved it
 - 2/23 there will be a "Candy Bar"
 - March 7-11th Teacher Appreciation
 - Monday snack
 - Tuesday drink
 - Wednesday boxed lunch
 - Thursday gift card
 - Friday dessert
 - April 4/4- treat on Early Release
 - May- luncheon
- AG Fund
 - Planning final push
 - Not having a deadline to close, letting donations continue to roll in
 - Mr. Conner reviewing plan – In Principal Pawprint
 - Last week of Feb there will be a homeroom competition
- Tours Update
 - Lots of requests- added sign up slots to SignUpGenius
- Middle School Matters/PTO meeting
 - Thurs Feb 24

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- Speaker about Middle School Mental Health
- Student Recognition
 - Moved to Feb 17th for 550 students
- Spirit Nights
 - Extra marketing for the Spirits night will begin
- School clean-up day to come
 - Idea to do a once a month sign up genius for campus beautification
 - Get Meg to meet up with Mr. Conner in March

Other Business

- Nominating Update Claire & Brooke
 - Committee created with a parent representative from each feeder school
 - Reached out to all current chairs who want to return or not
 - Good feedback from this year
 - Holding out for the new Presidents role to be filled
- Media Center Update
 - Waiting for CMS to clean out and remove
- ELA Department Request
 - Oratorical contests and want PTO \$120 for 6 \$20 gift cards for winners
 - Take it from Student Recognition

Action Item Review- *Ali Hoce*

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- Denise to put the new video up once we have it from Perspective Parent Night-
 - No new video
- Brooke to follow up with Folk re: new Spirit wear company & check in with Shannon Snider
 - Kathy & Mr. Conner moving to Freeman
- Trina to reach out to Heather Simmons to start clubs process
 - Done- they are set
- Ali to follow up with Ms Wright about CMS removing everything from Media Center
 - Waiting on CMS
- Tracie will run something on Teacher of the Year
 - done
- Mr Conner to do a welcome message to run in Bulldog Bulletin
 - done

New Action Items

- Bulldog Club Meeting to discuss next steps -Kathy & Trina
- Ron Clark Academy – how to fund- meeting with Kathy, Shelly & Trina

Meeting Wrap Up- *Trina Cone/Kathy Shields at 10:51a*

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Upcoming Dates

- PTO General Board Meeting/Middle School Matters, February 24th, 6-7pm
- Staff Appreciation Week, March 7-11
- Spirit Night at Checkers, March 11th
- Chipotle Spirit Night, March 15th, 5pm