

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

## AGMS PTO



November 8th, 2024

Alexander Graham Middle School Media Center

**Attachments:** October AGMS PTO Executive Board meeting minutes; AGMS PTO October Financial Report

**BOD Members present:** Carolyn Floyd, Carla Hamilton, Priya Roy, Thuy Tri, Anne Whalen, Mary Lindsay Evans, Jennifer Whitworth, Quinerly Cowden, Cecily Hudson, Tempie Largen, Mr. Conner

**BOD Members Absent:** Kerri Porter

**Meeting called to order at 8:55 am**

### Topics

1. Welcome & Approval of Minutes *Jennifer Whitworth*
2. Presidents' Report *Jennifer Whitworth*
  - a. AG Website – Quinerly Cowden reviewed Kathy Bradley's proposal. The new website will be \$550 annually, \$2000 for the redesign of new website. Would need to train an AG volunteer. Thuy and Anne will review the proposal. They do not want to redesign until after the AG fundraising is complete and discussed potentially redesigning over Christmas break depending on Kathy's availability.
  - b. AG Fund – Mr. Conner will continue to push, perhaps at the Parent Social as a reminder. Cecily Hudson will put together a slideshow. Jennifer Whitworth will send over pictures for the slideshow.
  - c. Spiritwear – The team discussed having a "Black Friday" AG sale because we have too much inventory. Team discussed bringing the red shirts to the parent social for parents to purchase.
3. Principal Report *Mr. Conner*
  - Mr. Conner reviewed the MVPA SIP Tracking.
  - What led to the shift in the cell phone policy? Mr. Conner said that students abused the privilege of cell phones at FIT and lunch. Cell phone jails were purchased through PTO for 8<sup>th</sup> grade elective teachers. Right now, they are not needed for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.
  - Mr. Conner said regarding misbehavior and incidents this year have been the same compared to the numbers in the past.
  - Mr. Conner said the drama position has been filled but the person has not started. Parents had many questions about the drama position. Mr. Conner will follow-up with Mrs. Anderson about what communication has been sent to parents.
4. Financial Report *Anne Whalan*
  - Anne Whalan reviewed the attached financial report through October 2024
  - Parent Social – if we can raise \$1,800, we could break-even.
  - Back to School Forms – there are still not a lot of students who have not completed these forms. Perhaps there was confusion at Curriculum Night
  - The Board formally approved the "Step and Repeat" bulldog backdrop and the frames for the Bulldog Hall of Fame for Capturing Kids Hearts
  - Jennifer said the new fence needs to be stained and she has received an estimate of about \$1,000 which will last about 5 years. The team approved the staining. The board will reach out to Eagle Scouts first to see if anyone is interested to take this on as a project.
  - Other Business *Jennifer Whitworth*
- 8th Grade Field Trip to Washington D.C. Ms. Brown is in charge, chaperone email has gone out and there is an interest meeting on Wednesday, November 20th at 4:30 online via Microsoft Teams. Pre-approval is requested from Mr. Conner on all fronts to ensure that it runs smoothly.

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- 7th Grade Field Trip to Atlanta. Mr. Lebowitz is working on it.
- P.E. Shirt requirement? They will remain on the website; we will need to update about the policy – Mr. Kokot.
- 6th Grade book student (Mary Lindsay Evans). - November 18th, 7:30 meeting via teams. Book: *Middle School Matters*. Will take a survey to discuss better times and dates as well as in person discussions. The book will be on display at Legion for the parent social. Quinerly to send Mary Lindsay 6th grade volunteers for possible small groups. Mary Lindsay will talk with our school psychologist, Amy Whitman.
- 11/22 Spelling Bee. Priya to volunteer if children are not in the spelling bee
- 11/1 Conner's birthday. Jennifer and Tempie to work on the plan
- Prospective Parents went well, next is 1/7 at 6:30pm
- Ms. Anderson asked if parents could help during FIT (maybe just for quick teacher breaks). Jennifer to ask Mr. Conner if this is possible.
- Possible Spring Event at Vaulted Oak Brewing (Carla). How can we reach more parents, have more parents volunteer? identify families? tutoring, etc. Similar event as our first diversity event to happen in March, possible use of Ms. B (Communities in Schools) and the Grier Heights Community Center. Carla to follow up.
- Angel Tree in the lobby starting 11/12 via Ms. Ames (social worker). 45 families to support and we will supply grocery store gift cards, 5 \$50. 12/9 gift drop off and she would love them wrapped and labeled.

#### 5. Meeting Wrap Up

*Jennifer Whitworth*