

Millbrook High School PTSA
General Meeting – Media Center
January 9, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

Attendance: Brian Saunders, Kathy Parzygnat, Ann Edmondson, Amy Fulk, Amy Cagle, Jodi Bulmer, Sandy Retzlaff, Lynnette Mann, Dawn Bartholomew, Andre Turrentine, Honey Turrentine, Shawn Jackson, Morgan Blue, Warren Holman, Marla Myers, Tracy Vander Meer, Sarah O'Connor, Jocelyn McGuinness-Hickey, Barbara Burgess, Norma Joyner, Kimberly Germillion, Susan Reynolds

PTSA President - Ann Edmondson
Call meeting to order - Welcome and thanks

Administrative Reports

Dr. Brian Saunders – Principal

- Sunday Messages are now being managed by Dr. Saunders. Hearing feedback to continue the messages later in the evenings. (7:30pm)
- Staffing is doing well. Did have a new hire last one day – needed to leave due to medical concerns. Did some rearranging with new teachers coming in – Mr. R will take over the Junior English Class.
- Lateral entry teachers doing some Professional development – do we have the subs to cover them and the answer is YES!
- Chemistry teacher starting in a week as Mrs. Bartney's back fill.

Question: The switching of a class after 10 days, want the policy on that.

Answer: There is a drop add policy at HS level due to transcripts. Will speak more to parent after meeting.

Question: How are the magnet applicants coming?

Answer: 241 with 3 weeks left – predicting 300 applicants

Question: How many applicants are allowed?

Answer: Dr. Saunders will find out

Question: Is there going to be a Winterfest dance?

Answer: Yes! Winterbash is the dance and held on – 2/4. Winterfest is the assembly.

Secretary's Report - Kathy Parzygnat

Jocelyn McGuinness-Hickey *made a motion to approve the December General PTSA minutes and was seconded by Tracy Vander Meer*

Treasurer's Report - Amy Cagle

- End of year is more expense heavy, quiet right now.

- Successful fundraiser for Millbrook Family Adoption (\$8000 raised)

Question: Have all funds for teacher grants been spent?

Answer: No, grants are still available. Currently, 11 have been paid out.

Officer & Committee Reports (as needed)

VP Fundraising - Morgan Blue

Adoption Family – Marla Myers

- Raised \$8000 to help support those families
- \$300 Food Lion gift card to all these families/Planning to do that in the Spring as well!
- Funds are earmarked for later use – Idea is “end of year/graduation” to send them off to Summer

Question: How did you increase the fundraiser so well?

Answer: PTA did a memberhub link

Spirit Nights – Morgan Blue

- Chipotle Spirit Night is 5pm-9pm, Tuesday, January 10
- Crumbl Cookies is coming up, Tazikis and PDQ

VP Outreach - Jocelyn McGuinness-Hickey

Board Advisory Council

- Jocelyn is meeting with new Board member on February 2, 2023. At that meeting they will discuss and plan the upcoming BAC meetings.

Club Support – Jocelyn McGuinness-Hickey

- Three clubs have requested grant support so far. Helping with the International Festival

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Barbara Burgess

- Met with DEI for county – Starting a book club followed by podcast. Co-Chair is going to come and talk with us about what the School Board is doing. Barbara B. will let everyone know the date that it will happen.
- Michelle Keller is posting a Multi-cultural calendar on the first of the month on the PTSA Facebook.
- 2/15 – Black Student Union (BSU) will put on an event.

ACTION ITEM: JOCELYN WILL DOUBLE CHECK THAT THE CLUB ADVISOR FOR BSU KNOWS ABOUT THE CLUB GRANTS.

VP Programs - Amy Fulk

Hospitality/Staff Appreciation - Sarah O'Connor

- Need some help on SUG for this Friday's IB Character Trait (Caring is the Trait)

Academic Celebration (quarter 3 grades) - Sue Reynolds

- Sue will be in touch with the parents soon that expressed interest in helping on the celebration committee

Question: Where can you drop off items before the date of the events?

Answer: Can drop off at main office before or depending on the committee person, you can drop off at their house.

Question: Can we drop off gift cards? What are the gift cards for?

Answer: Yes, the safe is still available and ready. We will give Mrs. Peake a heads up when the gift cards start to come in. The gift cards are used for prizes. (Just \$5 from various places)

Question: Yearbook pricing is high. Concern about not every student being able to pay that. Cost currently \$130. Parent wondered about looking elsewhere.

Answer: Yearbook is a class and the yearbooks are organized by the school, it is not a PTSA program. A link is on OSP to "gift" yearbooks to students that need financial help.

Adjourn Meeting at 7:39pm