

West Millbrook Middle School

PTA Meeting

Minutes from November 17, 2015

Present: Officers: M. Miller, H. Hodges, A. Lomax

Staff: Ms. Aman, Ms. Reese

Minutes: Prepared by Aimee Lomax

Opening: M. Miller opened the meeting beginning 7:03 PM

Total in Attendance: 11

Welcome: Michelle Miller, PTA

Principal's Update:

Honor roll breakfast is this Friday. Staff is already looking forward to pie buffet in November! If anyone has noticed men in suits around campus FEMA was here yesterday doing a national study of different school buildings to come up with national standards for tornado/earthquake requirements for public schools.

We have a new hire, Kristin Leak, starting tomorrow as a resource working primarily with teachers. There will also be 2 second semester hires, one is an added position to work in Math 8 since the school has not tested well in the past. The other position is a career and tech education teacher. It is only a 50% position and difficult to fill so trying something different, using the 50% as full time for half the year instead of half time for the full year.

There was a meeting last week with the architectural group and parents and staff to give input on what is important to us for the new school. The architects will generate several ideas which will then go to Facilities. Facilities will pare down to three ideas that will be presented to staff and parents at another meeting. We get to recommend but the school board has final say.

Question about project funding- We are partially funded (all the design and some of the construction). There currently is no timeline for when construction will start.

Secretary's Report: none

Approval of the minutes:

October 27, 2015 minutes-motion made by Michelle Miller and seconded by Holly Hodges

Treasurer Report: H. Hodges

We are still getting a few donations from fundraising, we accept all donations, all year! Our checking balance is \$11805.48. We still have many expenses to cover throughout the rest of the year. We are in the process of setting up an Amazon Smile account to hopefully add money. Key to this being successful is communicating. We received \$200 from the last spirit night at Chik Fil A. Please support these! Please check your Harris Teeter receipts to make sure you are correctly linked. It was not accurate for Ms. Aman.

Taxes have been filed with the IRS and logged in to NCAPTA.

President's Report: none

We are still in need of a president.

Vice President's Report: M Miller (1) M Moody (2)

Miller-Fundraiser-Jersey Mike's flyers please pass out to anyone! You can also print a copy from the website. It is only valid at the North Ridge location.

Cultural Arts-Banners were finished up last week, they are at the tailor to be hemmed and will be installed by Lenni and her husband. Lenni wrote a nice thank you to the PTA. In February the band Hot Horns will be here to play for all grades.

Committee Reports:

Passive Fundraising: B. Shanahan Spirit nights at Chipotle require no flyers, looking at a possible date in December. The Kroger code for our school is incorrect, working to fix that. Box tops-good money made. Received a \$100 check from Threadup. Apparently someone designated our school as their charity. Something to look into threadup.com/school

Newsletter: The deadline for the next newsletter is November 22nd to be published December 1st. Email any information to be included to Jeannie Hodges, her email is on the website.

Hospitality: The next hospitality event will be the pie buffet for the staff November 24th. The sign up is already full! A honor roll breakfast is Friday.

Advocacy- J Bulmer We as a PTA sent a resolution email to Wake County School Board regarding draft reassignment which changes traditional calendar option for some areas from West Millbrook to Leesville (which is already overcrowded). We could lose 89 families to this reassignment.

Teacher Reps: M. Reece none

Spirit Wear: We have staff order forms to put in all teacher boxes and will leave samples in copy room. The ordering deadline is November 24th.

Membership: A. Rogers There have been no new members since last report, holding steady at 184 members which includes 50 teachers. We have received the Blue Key Award, if we have 25 more members by January we will receive the Gold Key.

Building and Grounds: M. O'Connor We have been holding off waiting for more information about construction.

Upcoming Events and Open Positions are noted on the agenda. The next meeting is December 15th, which we may skip since December is such a busy month and short in school days. Also looking for help with March Madness, planning begins in January. Christine Grantham is still collecting coats for refugee families.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:41 pm