

## West Millbrook Middle School

### PTA Meeting

Minutes from January 26, 2016

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

Staff: Ms. Aman, Ms. Reese, Ms. Kerns

Minutes: Prepared by Aimee Lomax

Opening: M. Miller opened the meeting beginning 7:08 PM

Total in Attendance: 13

Welcome: Michelle Miller, PTA

#### **Principal's Update:**

The make-up days for Friday and Monday snow days will be February 15th and March 24. Spring break still intact, Thursday March 24th was a teacher workday. Spring break starts on Friday the 25th and continues through the entire next week.

We have two new teachers-Mr. Bean as career and technology, and Jill Gregory in a new support math position. Mr. Bean will be teaching "Exploring Career Decisions" as an elective. Ms. Gregory will be working mostly with Math 8 teachers as extra support. She was a previous student teacher here that really impressed the staff.

The Talent Show had to be cancelled due to the snow. It will be rescheduled but struggling to find a date. Hopefully late February or early March.

There are new dismissal procedures in place, if you haven't heard about them ask your child why you haven't! It is not a change in how the cars move through carpool but rather how the kids use carpool and get to the bus lot. Kids were socializing instead of watching for their ride, walkers now must leave campus at the bell instead of talking with friends in carpool until they were picked up. There has been more backlash from the neighborhood behind the school regarding the drop off/pick up in their neighborhood. Police will be writing citations. In 2 weeks motorcycle enforcement has written 17 tickets. We have a crossing guard this year that is providing feedback to the police regarding speeders on Strickland.

Asked if there is any update on the new building. Nothing new to report, have not received the "booklet" of options from the architect firm.

**Secretary's Report:** none

**Approval of the minutes:**

November 17, 2015 minutes-motion made by Michelle Miller and seconded by Eva Lee

**Treasurer Report:** H. Hodges

We have received \$656.50 from the last Boxtops submission and \$50 from Harris Teeter from an online promotion. Not a lot of activity for us in the past 2 months. We have started an Amazon Smile account and sent out notification to our families in November. A check is sent 45 days after each quarter so we won't know for a while how much we will get from that. Hopefully it can give us some income.

**President's Report:** none

We are still in need of a president.

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

none

**Committee Reports:**

Cultural Arts: (M. Miller) Assembly February 8th "Hot Horns" band. There will be 2 performances, one for 6th and 7th grade and one for 8th grade. There will also be an after school class for band students to participate in if they wish.

Passive Fundraising: (M. Miller) Boxtops competition coming up in mid February for the March submission date. Spirit night February 22nd at Milton's from 5-10. No flyer needed and includes eat in or take out.

Newsletter: (M. Miller) The deadline for the next newsletter is January 28th. Email any information to be included to Jeannie Hodges, her email is on the website.

Hospitality: (M. Miller) The next hospitality event is Valentine's Day. Candy is needed to make bags for staff. There is a sign up genius and donations can be dropped off in the office until February 8th.

March Madness: (M. Miller) We need help planning, there is no specific committee yet. Date is set for March 18th. We would also like feedback about the event-is this event supported by our families? What else could we do for fundraising? if we have it should it be after school or evening?

Career Day: (M. Miller) Career Day is March 4th. Ruth Godwin is looking for someone to shadow her since next year is her last year here.

Advocacy: (M. Miller) There are 2 new awards a school can earn and recognition for creating a healthy environment for students. March 12th is a gardening day at Marbles if anyone is interested in this event.

District Rep: (K. Aman for Ann Rogers) We have information for the next board advisory meeting which will be February 8th at East Millbrook Middle at 5:30. It is open to the public. It would be well worth attending since it is discussing the changes to our district that will affect all of us. District 3 (Kevin Hill) will go away and be merged.

Teacher Reps: M. Kerns The banners in the 8th grade building look really good! The 8th grade Biltmore trip is Wednesday March 23rd, now that Thursday the 24th is a snow make-up day it will make for a very long day.

Nominating Committee: (M. Miller) Our bylaws require a nominating committee be formed to fill board positions. If you are interested in serving let us know.

Upcoming Events and Open Positions are noted on the agenda.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:46 pm