

# Midlothian Middle School PTO

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	11/21/2019		
<b>Meeting Name</b>	PTO Update		
<b>Meeting Topic:</b>	PTO Update		
<b>Location</b>	Midlothian Middle	<b>Time</b>	2:00 – 3:30

### Invitee/Attendance List

Invitee	Attended	Invitee	Attended
Kristen Beazley	x	Pat Stanfield	x
Julie Paris	x	Arianne Hayes	
Jennifer Keller		Beth Wilkerson	x
Jen Ekiert		Laura Burke	x

### Agenda

Agenda Item	Start Time	End Time
Welcome	2:00	
Presidents Report		
Principal's Report		
Treasurer Report		
Chair Report		
New Business		3:30

### Action Items

Action Item	Assigned To	Target Date
Updating website with minutes and financial reports	Jenny/Jen	
Sidewalk paving	Kristen	

### Notes

- I. Welcome by Kristen Beazley.
- II. President's Report:
  - a. Report on the Fall Dance – all went well. Great turn out – about 400 kids. Might want to revisit the donations and volunteers for next year. Might be easier to purchase the waters and cookies to have control over what is served. Might not need as many volunteers – maybe 20 or so.

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- b. Thank you to the Administration for handling the issues surrounding the start of the 2019/2020 school year related to the condition of the school, Canvas and other parent concerns.
- c. Dr. Stanfield noted that the county is still working to correct issues with parents not being able to sign in to Canvas. He had asked that teachers prepare something to send out to the parents to help them understand what was going on in each of their children's classes. He is holding off on having them send anything out since the county seemed to be fixing their end.
- d. Updating the PTO website – we are still working on getting everything updated so that it can be a useful tool for MMS families.
- e. Facebook – We are happy to post updates and requests on behalf of teachers and staff. The earlier the communication the better so that we can plan and time information that is distributed to families.

### III. Principal's Report:

- a. Drug Dogs – the drug dogs were at the school on Monday November 18<sup>th</sup> for a routine visit. They visit once in the fall and once in the spring. Nothing was found.
- b. The AMP program is ongoing. The county has added/fixed the outdoor lighting, the fence around the tennis courts and completed some painting projects.
- c. Fundraising – the fundraising program was a success this year. The students and families raised about \$50,000 of which the school retained \$25,000. While it is not ideal to “give up” half of the collected amounts, it was much more successful than previous years' attempts at fundraising. Dr. Stanfield is open to trying a direct fundraising approach in conjunction with the PTO next year. It will take quite a bit of planning and commitment on behalf of the school and the PTO. Further discussions to take place.

#### November

- 18 - 8th grade (non CBG) DC field trip
- 19 - 8th Grade CBG DC field trip
- 20 - PTO Meeting
- 22 - 6th Grade Career Day
- 25 - Parent Conference Day 11:00 - 7:00
- 26 - Parent Conference Day 7:30 - 3:30
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday

#### December

- 3 - Boys Basketball vs. Tomahawk Creek
- 4 - 6th grade band concert 6:30
- 5 - Boys' Basketball vs. Carver
- 5 - 7th and 8th grade band concert 6:30
- 10 - MAPs testing reading
- 10 - Boys' Basketball vs. Falling Creek
- 11 - MAPs testing math
- 12 - Boys' Basketball vs. Matoaca
- 13 - PTA Cookie Exchange for teachers
- 12 - Orchestra concert (all grades) 6:30
- 16 & 17 - World Language and Earth Science Exams
- 17 - We The People Field Trip
- 17 - Boys Basketball vs. Davis
- 17 - 6th grade chorus concert 6:30
- 18 & 19 - Algebra and Geometry Exams
- 19 - CBG 6th grade field trip
- 19 - Boys Basketball vs. Bailey Bridge
- 19 - 7th and 8th grade chorus concert 6:30

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## IV. Treasurer – Jen Ekiert

- a. Jen not present but sent financials for review. We have about \$4,500 in our account. This should allow us to support the school in a moderate way this year.
- b. PTA wrap up – The account has about \$581 that has been set aside for from the Mustang 5k from last year. We would like for the school to spend that money before the end of the year so that we can move forward in closing the bank account.
- c. The 990 for the PTO was successfully filed on time.

## V. Chair Reports.

- a. Beth Wilkerson – Teacher Appreciation. The cookie exchange will take place on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Request for cookies to go out just after the Thanksgiving break.
- b. Community Partnerships – Susan Fry – Cera Azul planned for 12/16 from 4-8. Laura Burke to reach out to see if she might be able to help Susan. Possible partnership with Chick fil a. Someone other than Susan to work out the details with them. Kristen to contact other volunteer(s).
- c. Basketball Blast – still in need of a chair. Julie will reach out to the coaches to see if we could get some basketball parents involved.
- d. Box Tops – Katy Burkman – boxes around the school. Kristen to discuss the process for electronic scanning of box tops
- e. Membership – Beth Wilkerson. Even though total membership is down so far for the year (435 compared to 583 last year) we have collected about \$900 more since we are no longer paying a portion to the PTA.
- f. Lost and Found – All unclaimed items were donated to Mercy Mall this quarter. Next quarter, any unclaimed coats will be donated to Coats for Kids by Ms. Morgan.

## VI. New Business:

- a. Kristen wants to make sure the school communicates any needs/wants. We are always happy to help. Dr. Stanfield mentioned the ongoing desire to have the sidewalk in the courtyard paved. We will continue to try to find someone to do that.
- b. Kristen asked if Dr. Stanfield knew anything about building a new building to replace MMS or to supplement it. He does not have any information at this time. Laura Burke is interested in working with the community to help bring attention to the issue of when and where.
- c. Cell Phone Policy – Laura Burke expressed her concerns along with those of other parents about the use of cell phones at the middle school. Dr. Stanfield understands that it is an issue and is certainly willing to work with parents on coming up with a solution.

Next Meeting January 29<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm in the MMS Library

Meeting Adjourned