

PTA MINUTES

Taylor Road Middle School

08-15-2022 | *Meeting called to order by* Dr. Ahmad Keichour

Secretary Parvathy Mohan

In Attendance

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| PTA Board Members: | Attendees: | Katie |
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| Attached sheet | Quorum Established Attendees:16 in person 49 Online | |
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Secretary Report

Minutes approved from the 04/27/022 meeting: 1. Lynn Blue 2. Sree Sushma V.

Principals Update

Mr. Parker: Shared a video from Uvalde school shooting – and why he wore a pair of green shoes.

Imp of school safety. Kids safety is so much important. An incident that happened last week, with kids who made threats online and were unruly, the parents were called, and the kids will not be coming to school for the foreseeable future.

This year we will follow up with the superintendent once, follow up with the school board once and we are not going to tolerate when people don't do what they are here to do, that is to get through the 6th, 7th and 8th grade

Police and school officers were in school today to help with safety procedures.

Summit counselling – available in school premises.

Teacher Representative Report

Mrs. Mobley:

Mr. Parker – **if you hear something say something.** If they in anyway feel uncomfortable that they should step up and say something.

Mr. Parker was proud of the students who stepped up.

23 years at Taylor Road, teaching connections. Make a good first impression, astounded by the variety of people's names and the reason why people make a first good impression.

Consistently managing buses and hallways.

Biggest transition is using lockers. Teachers have been out in the hall constantly helping kids get over that hurdle. As an advocate of organizational skills and executive functioning skills for students, its really important to learn time management, it is a learning curve. Everyday has improved, and impressed with kids, getting used to that.

Power of not having cell phones. – All across the board are seeing the difference.

Safety number 1, academics number 1. And teaching the kids we are a Taylor Road family

We have a lot of Clubs starting– consider joining at least one club- Clubs start after Labor Day.

VP of PTA

What the PTA does.

Did you know that many teachers use their own money to purchase supplies and educational materials for their classrooms?

The PTA provides stipends and mini grants, which you will hear more about later, to help them offset some of these costs.

Do you know all the programs and activities we support?

In addition to the stipends and mini grants, the PTA also funds the teacher/staff appreciation events (and I know you know how amazing our teachers and staff are at TRMS). We also fund honor roll recognition, the class dances, the 8th grade last blast just to name a few.


Did you know that if you become a member of the PTA, it doesn't mean you have to volunteer?

The PTA is always in need of two things - money to fund all the great programs we support and volunteers to help run them. The first is just as important as the second. Your membership dues to the PTA provides the necessary funding.

We will come out throughout the year asking for volunteers. Please share with friends and family.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Orly Klein

Successfully filed taxes and completed audit for 2021-2022 school year  **Available on the website**

03/31/22 Beginning Balance: \$11,444.94

04/30/22 Ending Balance: \$11,607.12

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07/31/22 Ending Balance: **\$6,865.94**

All expenses for the last blast and everything worked out with the budget.

8/15/22 Today balance is \$13055.00 and \$10K in membership.

Checking and savings account balance update.

Income from membership so far is \$6935.00 as of 8/7/22

Income: from Publix \$481.78 and Kroger \$68.73

Encourage parents to use Amazon, Company Matching program and Give with Bing.

Expenses: Audit and tax filing and insurance expenses, 6th grade boot camp-- photo booth \$325.00, Welcome staff breakfast \$1500.00

New Savings and Funding

- PayPal reregistration helped in lower rates \$1.99+0.30/transaction (rates of \$2.99 previously)
- Opened Giveback account - will introduce over next meeting
- Registered with Walmart account
- Adding sponsors – We are considering partners for PTA like Eduraptor

Budget Discussion and approval

Raised budget as the prices have gone up. Dances and staff appreciation, Mini grants reduced and increased to stipends. Student activities also have more

Vote on the budget 1. Lynn Blue 2. Navdeep Mann Singh

New Business

- **Introduction to the new members** to the PTA Board; VP (Lynn Blue); VP of Communications (Holly Chernushin), VP of Administration support (Valli Balamurugan), VP of Memberships (Navdeep Mann Singh), Secretary (Parvathy Mohan)
- **By Laws Amendment:** 30 days' notice – changes to Term from 1 to 2, and only electronic payments accepted, number of VPs.
- **Happenings since we last met:** Last blast for 8th grade was a success. July 2022 bootcamp, August 1st Welcome breakfast, Schedule verification day.

Meeting Discussions

- Bus discussions
- Use Here comes the bus app
- Use North Transport board numbers – <https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/823> - Scroll down and click on the Taylor Road Middle School link.
- Suggested vendors – purchasing orchestra uniform. – Orchestra teacher will provide the information. Mrs. Paulk
- **VP of Admin Support Upcoming Events:**
Honor Roll celebrations (**Aug 17th**); (**Update by Valli**), Curriculum Nights (**Aug 24th and 25th**), 7 and 8th graders on 24th and 6th graders Spirit Night Bruster's Stipend start date (**Sept 15**)

Incoming President and Outgoing president:

Ahmed Keichour – Thank you to the previous year board, TRMS staff and principal and the community for their support to the PTA. It is a good learning experience and brings you closer to your children.

- **Kellie Allmon-Davis** – Son is 6th grader, from State Bridge Crossing Elementary. Daughter is a teacher in Abbots Hill Elementary. Thanks for entrusting me with this position, goal to serve, students, parents, admin, and teachers. Excited and energetic about this year for Taylor Road. Pressing the reset button. Respectful to everyone, everyone in PTA does their part, and it makes stronger, work more efficiently and together we can achieve our goals. Email: (trmsptapresident@gmail.com)

Total attendees in the room: 16. PTA members who voted: 11 – all voted for Kellie Allmon-Davis (100%) on ballot sheet provided.

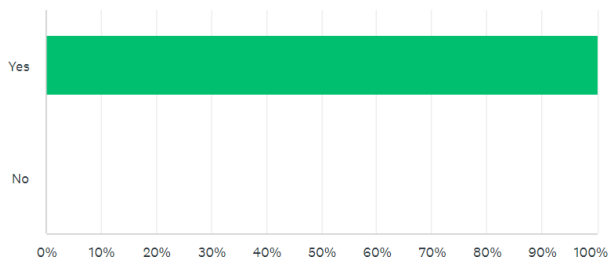
Total attendance in Zoom during voting session starting at 6:10 pm on Aug 15th: 31 attendees.

Zoom attendees who are PTA members: 19.

Voted on incoming PTA President. Kellie Allmon-Davis won by 100%

Do you vote Kellie Allmon-Davis as PTA President for 2022-2023 School year?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Yes | 100.00% | 22 |
| No | 0.00% | |
| Total Respondents: 22 | | |

- **Membership Report, Spirit Wear Update**

VP of Membership:

Big responsibility – getting support from board and parents. We need money to get the events done. Spirit wear sales, grants and mainly membership sales.

This year except for silver membership and staff membership, except for those two, prices for bronze, gold and platinum has reduced, to gain more funds and volunteers. 180 numbers enrollment.

We are close to hitting the 100% mark for staff membership
Platinum and gold are higher than last year (by month)

- **Membership Drive**

Scan QR code at any events, curriculum night, and membershiptoolkit.com
Goal is to hit 590 members out of 1226

VP of Communications:

- Spirit wear is rounding up end of August, We will get them out to the people who purchased by Sept second week. We will open the spirit store again in fall.

Addition on stipends and mini grants

Stipends \$50, things for classrooms, Mini grants – furniture, books etc

MS Mobley – mini grant for stand desks -data and research (assignments got done quicker, and kids preferred) Mini grants need to be back up with research, and its important that they need to address issues for the classroom, kids etc.,

Examples for mini grants: desks, toys

Meeting is adjourned:

This concludes the August 15, 2022, meeting. Next meeting will be on October 19, 2022, at 6pm.