

# PTA MINUTES

Taylor Road Middle School

01-25-2023 6:10 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Kellie-Allmon Davis

Secretary Parvathy Mohan

## In Attendance

<b>PTA Board Members:</b> Kellie Allmon-Davis Navdeep Mann Singh Orly Klein Lynn Blue Holly Chernushin Parvathy Mohan	<b>Attendees:</b> Mr. Kelly Parker Liz H Rachel Sheffield Julie James Michelle Martin Emily Biscoglia Sushma	Jimmy Chacko S Raghavan Kara Elwell Lynda Carrie Finn Deborah Sheppard Leslie Tiblets
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Quorum Established	<b>Attendees:21 in person 7 Online 14</b>	
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## Secretary Report

**Parvathy Mohan:** Minutes approved from the 10/19/22 meeting: 1. Orly Klein 2. Lynn Blue

## Principals Update

**Mr. Kelly Parker:** Happy to be here after the holidays.

- Thanks to all the staff who helped during the weather event this month and to ensuring the buses left on time.
- Thanks to the staff and Fulton county schools that also helped during Christmas eve time.
- PPW from last week had information on the I-ready scores and they are increasing. We had some good success on the milestones. The success of the I-ready assessments is very important to the success of the milestones.
- This PTA group has been very supportive of the staff for all the recognition that they got. Have been promoting membership for the staff and ask you to reach out to friends and family to bring more membership.

## Teacher Representative Report

- Mr. Parker covering for Mrs. Mobley.
- Mrs. Mobley is having Citizenship breakfast this Friday. It is for kids who have demonstrated good character and that's the kids we celebrate. We have a record turnout of kids, and the parents will be in school on Friday at 9:30 am to celebrate. Make sure to get your kids involved and the next breakfast will be in fall.
- Mrs. Mobley is not present today as she is getting supplies for the Citizenship report.

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## VP of PTA and VP of Staff support Report

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### Lynn Blue substituting for Valli Balamurugan - ADMIN SUPPORT

Since our last meeting we have been busy supporting our teachers and staff. We had our staff holiday luncheon which our teachers and staff enjoyed. It was catered by Never Enough Thyme on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to those who came and helped.

We do birthday month treats for the staff.

We strongly support our teachers with staff stipends. We have given out 47 checks out this year.

Mini grants this year were selected by Mr. Parker and the PTA board members. Orly Klein works closely with the teachers to help order or pay for the mini grant items.

Couple of items for example: Drama program were provided curtains and lights/ sensory items for the sensory room, stress balls and other stress relief items for the counseling department., a teacher from 6<sup>th</sup> grade was able to increase her classroom library from goodwill.

Two new reading promotions this year, readopoly and monthly reading beanstack challenge in the media center.

Generation genius success for a science class and some heimlich maneuver training material for Health

### VP OF PTA – Lynn Blue

Ask friends and family to join the PTA.

Highly encourage the matching program, it's as simple as filling out the form along with the receipt from PTA Membership and the company matches the payment to the membership, sometimes double if there are two or more from the family. For any questions about the Matching program reach out to Lynn Blue.

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## Treasurer Report

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### Mrs. Orly Klein

Thank you for participating in the board meeting.

- Today's balance is \$15,439.00.
- All the income and expenses are provided below. The bottom line is we need more funds and each one of you can assist the PTA with that. The budget built for Membership was \$25000.00 and we have only \$18,550.00.
- We also need more participation from you all by registering with Publix and Kroger. We received over \$400 from Publix last year.
- Matching program is also a great way as Lynn mentioned for donations.
- Also participating in spirit nights will help the PTA by receiving a bigger check.
- The issue we have is the fees that we are paying through Luma Pay now that we switched from Pay pal which means high fees. We can still use pay pal for other donations.
  
- 07/31/22 Ending Balance: \$6,865.94
- 09/30/22 Ending Balance: \$15,097.03
- 09/30/22 Beginning Balance: \$15,097.03
- 12/31/22 Ending Balance: **\$14,247.33**

**Income** from membership so far is \$18,550.00 Budget \$25,000.00

**Company Matching:** \$220 +\$220 on the way, Thank you Isom family and our board member Lynn Blue

Income from 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance - **\$1,392.00**, 7th Grade dance - **\$2,080.00** (total 309 students)

**Income: Box Tops:** \$135.60, **Amazon Smile** - \$95.32 (YTD \$179.76) -Amazon smile program is ending in Feb 2023.

**Kroger:** \$68.08 (\$205.62 Yearly) -67 families, **Publix** \$481.78.

**Paypal Donation** for Holiday Lunch - \$940.00

**Spirit Night:** Culver's: \$191, Chipotle: \$387.62 (\$686.18 yearly)

#### Expenses:

- **GA PTA** membership dues so far \$1,230.00
- **Staff Holiday Lunch** - \$2,366.00
- Teachers **Birthdays** \$139.76
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade** dance expenses - \$1,528.00
- **7<sup>th</sup> grade** dance expenses – Update
- **Red Ribbon Week** - \$107.52
- **New Filters** for the Air Purifier - \$121.30 (Front Desk)
- **New Check Books** \$189.81, **QB Acct Software** - \$320.00
- **47 Stipend Checks** (from 60) - \$2,256(\$760 transferred to Mini grant)
- **9 Mini grants** requested have been approved. Assisting with purchases.

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#### Board News

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#### Happenings since we last met: Kellie Allmon-Davis

- **6<sup>th</sup> grade dance** – Thank you to Ali, Marlo and Jennifer, kids had a great time.
- Red Ribbon Week – thank you Tiffany for taking the lead and thanks to all the volunteers who helped during the week.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade College Fair** – Popped 350 bags of popcorn while 8<sup>th</sup> grade kids learnt more about colleges, Chipotle and Culvers spirit Night – thank you for helping serve Mr. Parker
  - **Holiday Lunch** for staff was in December.
  - Ongoing Shoe Drive to be presented by Holly.
  - **7<sup>th</sup> Grade dance** – thanks to Lisa and Liz, 300 + 7<sup>th</sup> grades, teacher emailed how well it was received. Thanks to all the volunteers who have been with PTA and everyone who participated. Idea by Lisa and Liz, we had a contest for most tickets bought. 2 classes won a donut party and 25\$ gift cards for the teachers.

#### VP of Membership – Navdeep Mann Singh

Total 363 Memberships which more than last year (356). Since the Price per membership is less we have collected only \$18,550 compared to \$23,035 last year

- The reason we kept the membership fees low was to encourage more participation. Our Membership goal for 2022-23, 534 members. We need help from parents and teachers to reach this goal.
- Bronze PTA Membership (\$25 tax-deductible) 152 \$3,800.00
- Silver Membership (\$90 tax-deductible) 70 \$7,000.00
- Gold Level Membership (\$130 tax-deductible) 23 \$3,450.00

- Platinum Membership (\$220 tax-deductible) 13 \$3,250.00
- Staff Membership 105 \$1,050.00
- PPP initiative – Sent emails to home room teachers for the PPP (Popcorn; popsicle; pizza) on January 16<sup>th</sup>. This promotion recognizes the classrooms for reaching 35%, 50% and 75% of the PTA memberships.
- 3 classrooms qualified for the 1<sup>st</sup> level of the promotion. We will recognize them in the next week or so.
- Ms. Deborah Sheppard – 35%
- Ms. Siobhan Watkins – 39%
- Ms. Lindsay Meekhof – 43%

6th grade 113/ 407 - 28%

7th grade - 99/ 413 - 24%

8th grade - 61/ 433 - 14%

We are at risk of not continuing tradition with 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance and last blast. They never pay for tickets normally. We may have to change course if we have to afford the events this year. Help us to raise the membership levels. **Please share this with neighbors and friends who are not yet PTA members.**

The bronze level is reduced to \$25.00 that will help us to get to the membership goal we have. We wanted to make it transparent and the risk that we are facing.

Last year the 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities were around \$9000.00.

#### **VP Of Communication – Holly Chernushin**

- Chattahoochee email collaborations – Enhance our communications with high school and PTSA, to keep informed about all the activities that go on between the two.
- Book Fair – Ended today, and it was a success.
- Shoe Drive – started earlier this month, and it is the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Asking families new / gently shoes and we are going to collect and ship to countries to micro entrepreneurs. We need to collect 100 bags of 25 shoes each which will be sent to the entrepreneurs who will resell them.
- The organization will fund 40 cents a pound to TRMS PTA and if we surpass the numbers they will pay 50 cents.
- Boxes are available in the front box at the atrium. The truck may take up to 45 days and we have more time to collect shoes. We might have time till Feb 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Spirit Night – **Chick-Fil-a** on Feb 15 is at Alpharetta Commons. More details to come. We have a spirit night with Chipotle in May and Crumble cookies in March.

#### **PTA President – Kellie Allmon-Davis**

- Shout out to Holly for an amazing newsletter and collaborating with CHS.
- Email from **Julie James to help organize the lost and found**. We can find the lost and found looking like the picture displayed.
- **Ms. James:** Asking for additional volunteers and this makes it easier for kids to find things.
- **Open Positions** – VP of Membership, VP of Academic Enrichment, VP of Staff Support, Treasurer. Navdeep Mann Singh is leaving, membership tasks include maintaining membership, be there when the school re-opens and find ways to bring in new membership. VP of academic

enrichment – honor roll and reflections. Staff support for helping with lunches, treats, stipends Etc. Finally, Orly is leaving as 4 years capacity is filled. She will be here to assist a new treasurer. We need to elect the members by **April**.

- **Upcoming Events-** International Night – Ms. Sheppard heading that and if PTA can help. Our international night is Mar 16th, and May 12<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance. We have chairs for the dance.
- Carrie Finn: We need more volunteers for the scoliosis screening on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sign up genius and get the Fulton county volunteer training and specific training will be provided. It's Feb 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. It will be added to all the communications.
- Holly can send physical copies for the shoe drive.
- Thanks to all who joined and hope this meeting was productive and informational. If you have any questions please email at [tmsptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:tmsptapresident@gmail.com). Thanks again to everyone who joined and helped us thus far.

**The meeting is adjourned at 6:55pm on January 25, 2023, for Taylor Road Middle School PTA. Next meeting April 12, 2023.**