

PTA MINUTES

Taylor Road Middle School

01-12-2022 6:22pm| *Meeting called to order by* Dr Ahmed Keichour

Secretary Bethany Lopez

In Attendance

PTA Board Members:	Attendees:	
Ahmad Keichour	Mr. Parker	
	Mr. Floyd Motsi	
Parvathy Mohan	Ms Hue Tang	
Orly Klein	Mrs. Debbie Sheppard	
	Mrs. Denise Haltrecht	
Kristina Madh	Mrs. Tracey Brown	

Principals Update

Mr. Parker:

- Couple of things to share, highlights of what we talked about with the staff and what we plan to do in the 2nd semester. We had a slow start of the week and activities are paused but appreciate everyone and glad to back together and back at it.
- We give prizes that we give to each other, stuffed Tiggers that celebrate each other. Wants PTA to consider by giving happy thanks to other people. Always a fun way to start the meeting. Half a dozen were handed out on Tuesday.
- We don't learn from experiences; we learn from reflecting on the experience. John Dewey. How we could have done differently, how we could do better and celebrate our victories.
- Ubuntu= "I am, because we are". Taylor Road is not me, but Taylor road is every one and that makes me who I am.
- Vision/Mission and Motto of Taylor road.
- PBIS refreshers to staff-Kids were briefed on PBIS. Teachers also having PBIS teacher rewards.
- Realizes PTA has been doing things for teachers and staff and thinks its important to celebrate them every month.

Secretary Report

Minutes approved from the 011/30/2021 meeting: 1. Mr Parker 2. Mr Floyd, 3. Mrs Sheppard

Reported by Orly Klein:

- 09/30/21 Beginning Balance: \$25,640.90
- 10/31/21 Ending Balance: \$23,567.57
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- 12/31/21 Ending Balance: \$21,172.16
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- Business Partner Update: We received quarterly income from Amazon Smile (\$121.30).
- Spirit Night with Cloudland Coffee we made \$60.00
- Income from 7th grade dance \$1988.00
- Paypal fundraiser from Holiday Lunch we gained \$1565.00. We still have \$451.00 left and it is for the teachers. Mr Moxley wants to order lunch, we can give it.
- Tanner photography we gained \$300.00 Next year we might change the photographer.
- Income from Membership is \$22,430.00
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- Expenses
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- Mini-Grant list for \$2,500 so far PTA has paid out for 4 teachers (Ms Paul, Ms Burnwell, Ms Andres, Ms Sandridge – total of \$1,304.64. We still have \$1,195.36 left. Mr Parker had approved it. We still have money left. We can use it for other things that Mr Parker mentioned.
- Mr Parker: are there other mini grants that are still pending.
- Mrs Klein: Yes, in the list there are more. I don't know if there are any waiting for me in the school. I have not been to the school this week.
- Mr Parker: I would probably leave that in a separate account for a while because there are probably some that haven't finished their shopping or haven't turned in the receipts. That's my suggestion.
- Mrs Klein: Ok, it was easy for teachers when I paid them. But I can ask them.
- Teachers Stipend - \$2500 budget, all 50 teachers have submitted their expenses totaling \$2500.00
- Another expense – reflection ceremony almost \$500.
- Holiday Lunch – Food, decorations, all came up to \$2113.00. We still have left.
- 7th grade dance expenses were \$1800.00 which is still ok, because we got the ticket.
- The important thing we from ticket payments is that we gained more membership. When people go into the system, they realize they don't have membership and they did.
- About 6th grade, we paid for photobooth and DJ, so hopefully we will know when we reschedule that.
- Mr Parker: Have you guys decided on a date?
- Mrs Klein: Are we doing 6th grade before 8th grade?
- Mr Keichour – we need to wait it out till end of January to get a good picture. We should have a safer and healthier environment to resume our activities.
- Mr Parker: The superintendent of Fulton county has dates for Jan 21 to make masks optional, I think by that date we will have a better idea.
- Mr Keichour: I can email Mr Huggins to see what dates are available. Hope by that time 8th grade dance will be finalized.

New Business

Mrs Mohan: Looking forward to the spirit night in Feb. One is the Gladiators Vs Norfolk game. We will be sending out promotional emails soon. Hopefully the environment will be safer.

We will have another spirit night on Feb 24th and will get fliers early February.

What would we a good date for March and April spirit night.

Mr Keichour: Whom do we email for events

Mr Parker: Best source is Ms Baker for the calendar.

Mrs Mohan: My Gourmet Parlor: They are interested in partnering with us, should we do a spirit night or do we invite them to sponsor an event.

Mr Parker: It is good to have them at one of the events like 6th grade or 8th grade dance and can benefit.

Mrs. Mohan: Any dates for SAW and Teacher of the Year.

Mrs Parker: it is set by the national organization.

Meeting Discussions

- Diversity council chair position open. Mr Parker will send out email link to anyone interested in joining the virtual meetings on Thursdays at 7:45 am. A new faculty member is going to be introduced to the group tomorrow. Its and easy meeting and fun and powerful.
- Appreciation for Valli for Teachers Luncheon and Reflections Valli and Divya.]
- Officers and Mr Parker can discuss about upcoming chair positions. We will fix a zoom call.

VP of Membership

- We had 31 new memberships in November: 19 Bronze, 7 Silver, 1 Gold and 4 Staff
- We had 1 new (Silver) membership in December.
- Position for VP of Membership – for 2022-2023 – Open for membership toolkit training.
- Spirit Wear – 4 orders for spirit wear were filled up after opening in November.
- Coupons were a tremendous success during the year, and we were profitable. Suggest keeping this for next year as well. (Mrs Klein: it was very good and we made a lot of money)
- Chair for Spirit Wear for school year 2022-2023 open.

Next Meeting will be Feb 16, 2022 at 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 by Ahmad Keichour