

MINUTES

Taylor Road Middle School

10-8-2019 6:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Brianna Graham

Meeting Secretary: Jen Simmons

In Attendance

PTA Board Members:	Attendees:	Jennifer Oh
Brianna Graham	Martha Patorgis	
Jen Simmons (phone)	Amanda Mobley	
Jennifer Reed-Askey	Kristina Madh (phone)	
	James Mason (phone)	

Principals Update

Ms. Patorgis shared that TRMS staff will be participating in a safety audit soon. Also, Thursday, October 10th is a Professional Learning Day. As well, Friday, October 11th is a Teacher Workday/Conference Day. Ms. Patorgis also shared that the music program, extended learning programs, and Scouts are now using the school for meetings more often meaning that things are busier after school at TRMS.

Our next meeting will include a “learning by doing” exercise led by Mrs. Mobley. As we have more details, we will communicate these with parents.

Teacher Representative Report

Mrs. Mobley noted that teachers are very happy that the PTA is funding the Mini-Grant Program again this year. She also said that the turnout for “Fresh Start” each morning at 7:30 a.m. has been increasingly large. This before-school program is a time for students to do homework and receive support, and that most departments are organizing tutoring days so that there is a tutor on-site at Fresh Start for each subject every day of the week, as well as peer helpers. This program is unique to Taylor Road. In fact, we are only one of a few middle schools who open this early! In addition to tutoring, students can play games, do arts and crafts, and also get help with using the MyHomework app. Please encourage your students to attend this amazing program!

Secretary Report

Minutes approved from 9/17/19 meeting. 1. Amanda Mobley 2. Jennifer Oh

Treasurer Report

Orly Klein reported the following:

09/01/2019 Beginning Balance: \$\$23,096.21

09/30/2019 Ending Balance: \$26,812.17

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10/06/2019 Ending Balance: \$27,331.20

New Business

- Reminder: anyone working on Dance Planning Committees should submit receipts for expenditures. The Check Reimbursement Request Form can be found on our website at <https://www.trmspta.com/forms-minutes-and-budgets.html> and should be submitted along with original receipts as instructed on the form.
- We discussed planning a Spirit Wear contest close to Halloween where the Homeroom wearing/sporting the most Spirit Wear items wins a prize. The contest may coincide with the events of Red Ribbon Week (10/23-31) since one day during that special week is usually a dress-up day. Kristina Madh is our Red Ribbon Week Chair and will check in with Brianna and Mr. Johnson, staff lead for Red Ribbon Week, about such a contest.
- We are trying to incorporate new ways to raise funds for our PTA. Amongst these new avenues are 1) the Publix Partners program where parents simply sign up for a **Publix.com account** at <https://www.publix.com/myaccount/register>, select "*Taylor Road Middle School PTA - Johns Creek*" in *Account Settings*, then enter their phone number at checkout and earn money for our PTA with each purchase, and 2) the Matching Gift Program whereby businesses give back to their communities by matching their employees' contributions to non-profits, in this case the TRMS PTA. Parents can read all about the Matching Gifts program here: <https://www.trmspta.com/matching-gifts-program.html>

Meeting Discussions

- On Wednesday, October 9th, Ms. Estavan's Homeroom (6th Grade) will be treated to a catered lunch from Chick-fil-A courtesy of the PTA since they are our winning classroom in our Fall Membership Contest! Congrats to Ms. Estavan's Homeroom and thank you to the parents in her class for your support.
- Our students loved the Honor Roll Ceremony on Thursday, October 3rd. Staff reported that the kids were so happy and there was a good energy in the room! Students received personalized Honor Roll Certificates, ate popcorn, and got to hang out with each other. Mrs. Mobley noted that this was very motivating for students who may not be doing well this year but were last year (and thus earned Honor Roll for Spring 2019 which we celebrated this Fall). The PTA would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Huggins and Kimberley Breitsprecher, our PTA Honor Roll Chair, for coordinating this event! In the Spring, we plan on having the Kona Ice Truck for our Honor Roll Ceremony.

- Membership Chair Jennifer Reed-Askey reported that September dues have been paid to Georgia PTA. Also, the TRMS PTA will receive the Pacesetters Award for having 300 members by August 30th. We are close to 400 members now.

Next Meeting will be on November 12, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm by Brianna Graham.