

McDade PTI -- General Meeting Minutes

McDade Middle School -- Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Total in Attendance: 8

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Nicki Carpenter.

Nicki welcomed all of the new faces to the meeting and made introductions. She also shared that three new people signed up for PTI membership at the Homecoming Community Night.

Previous Meeting Minutes from the September meeting was shared by Jeanette Williams. A motion to approve as written was made by Corina Nuby, seconded by Josh Williams, and vote carried.

Treasurer's Report from Stacy Mauck was shared by Nicki Carpenter. Line items from the budget were discussed. A motion was made by Jeanette Williams to accept the report as summarized, seconded by Josh Williams, and vote carried.

Committee Reports:

Communication: Josh Williams has been updating the PTI website found at mcdadebulldogs.wordpress.com. There are now current pictures and information posted. He is using a color-coding method on current web-site posts. At the November meeting, Josh will make use of a Promethean Board to share the website with the committee. He is looking into an alternative email address with a larger storage space for the PTI correspondence to use. Contact will be made with Sabrina Thomas or Jed Dube to get access to the McDade PTI Facebook account. Michelle Breehl has volunteered to manage the Facebook posts for PTI.

BoxTops: The next prize table for BoxTops collection is scheduled for October 20 during lunch. A flyer will be sent home stating students will receive prizes for groups of 25 BoxTops. Josh Williams will man this event, but a second volunteer is needed. After the collection is completed, Amanda Hankemeier has volunteered her class to take care of trimming the Boxtops coupons and counting them into bags of 50 for submission. Michelle Breehl will take care of packing and mailing the fall collection before November 1. The boxes of prizes and banners left from last year are missing, stored in an unknown location during the inter-campus move during the summer. Several people are hunting for these supplies. Many other people are offering additional prize materials for this event, in case the boxes are not located.

Mini-Grants: Eight mini-grants were submitted and Nicki Carpenter will deliver them to Stacy Mauck for processing.

Bylaws: Tabled until later date.

Fundraising: The catalog sales fundraiser kicked off last Thursday and will run through October 19, though order forms will be accepted through the following Monday or Tuesday. Corina Nuby will organize all prizes and get them out to the students. She delivered the ghosts to Grant Hennig today for those students that returned the postcard packet for mail requests. This fundraiser will garner PTI a 40% profit from sales and the large prizes will be awarded after Thanksgiving at another large assembly. For the spring fundraiser, Corina has continued to research the discount card company in Waco. There is no minimum order, we don't have to pay upfront, and Giddings ISD is using this company currently. Jeanette Williams made a motion to proceed with this venture and get onto the spring calendar with this company, Josh Williams seconded, and vote carried. The Penguin Patch Christmas store was discussed. Due to current space limitations on campus, it was decided to table this fundraiser until next year.

Unfinished/Old Business:

Mission: Tabled for a later meeting.

AED: All four AED units have been inspected with battery changes where needed and both child and adult pads checked for expiration and replaced as needed. An alarm was installed on the one wall cabinet that did not have one. The discarded materials were saved to be used in future AED training sessions. The purchase of an additional unit was discussed with the recommendation that it is housed in the new Central Office Building, but the purchase has been tabled until a later date. One unit (High School Gym) travels with the team on the bus for away games. Research will occur as to if all teams and band need to travel with an AED unit. In the meantime, the unit from the Elementary Cafeteria can be used for a second bus, leaving one unit on each campus at all times.

Teacher Fridge: A 'Bulldog' thank you card to Elgin's First National Bank for donating the funds for a mini-fridge in the Elementary workroom/lounge was passed around for member signatures. The card will be placed in the workroom/lounge for staff signatures and then will be sent to the bank.

Providing Lunches for Testing Dates: tabled.

Homecoming Community Night: There was a fairly low turn-out for the Community Night Out. Reasons discussed included: first time for this Homecoming Week, no school on Monday or the preceding Friday, lack of clear understanding in the community as to the purpose. There was a donated bounce-house, several games and a slide show on a Promethean Board displaying many of the activities that PTI supports.

PTI members also manned the concession stand and t-shirt sales that support Athletic Boosters.

New Business:

Christmas Program: This year's Christmas Program/Winter Program will be split into two separate nights, with the Elementary performing on December 14 and the Band will have a concert on either December 11 or 12. All festivities will occur at the High School Building, including the visit with Santa and refreshments, putting an end to the long walk in the cold and dark night. Refreshment tables can be set up in the High School cafeteria and the Silent Auction can be set up in the adjoining classroom. There will be a photo with Santa opportunity down the long hall, with a backdrop at the end. Mrs. Plumley will be contacted asking for photographer assistance, photos will be printed at Walgreens with a Christmas frame. Josh Williams offered use of a tripod and Mayra Molina offered lights. Corina Nuby will organize the photo project. Michelle Breehl will organize the 'reindeer' food that the children will receive. It was decided to serve hot chocolate and cookies, purchased by PTI (and maybe donated by staff). There will be no charge for pictures, snacks, etc., but donation buckets will be available in the entrance. During the week of October 17, information will be shared with the teachers concerning the Silent Auction baskets and the donation requests that will need to be made to make this a success.

Board Member Selection: The need to add a minimum of two Board Members to stay in compliance with bylaws was discussed. Research will be made as to what exact duties the Board Members have. Three PTI members were nominated to serve as Board Members: Michelle Breehl, Corina Nuby and Joshua Williams. Jeanette Williams made a motion that we add all three as our Board Members, seconded by Mayra Molina and vote passed. At the November meeting, pictures will be taken of these members to be posted on the PTI web-page.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:31 p.m. by President Nicki Carpenter.

Minutes submitted by Jeanette Williams on October 11, 2017