

PTSA Piedmont IB Open Middle  
 February 9, 2023  
 February Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sarah Wilson, Sherri Johnson, Lauren Sawyers, Kelly Clarkson, Ariel Gritter, Chelsea Sanders, Whit, Sally Harriss, Ms. Thornburg, Ms. Barone, Carrie Mastos, Heather Hoveland, Alen Hendrick, Ms. Gorman, Alethea, Mr. Winston, Vivian, Michelle McCloud

| <b>Time</b> | <b>Item</b>  | <b>Owner</b>  |
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| 8:00 am     | Welcome/Call To Order  | Sherri  |
| 8:02 am     | Approval of December Minutes<br><a href="https://piedmontptsa.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/8/0/10/8002047/december_2022_ptsa_meeting_minutes.pdf">https://piedmontptsa.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/8/0/10/8002047/december_2022_ptsa_meeting_minutes.pdf</a><br>Secoded and approved  | Lauren  |
| 8:04 am     | Financial Report<br>Will finish this weekend and send to team for review next week.<br>Some checks outstanding; Sherri will drop them off this afternoon for second signature  | Kelly Clarkson  |
| 8:06 am     | <b>Committee Updates</b><br>Teacher Appreciation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valentines Day will do something small</li> <li>• Thinking about Teacher Appreciation week since other schools are doing it the same week</li> <li>• Might get a coffee truck; discussed making coffee available and providing gift cards instead</li> </ul> Hospitality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February King Cake</li> <li>• March St. Patrick Day theme and giveaways</li> <li>• May treats for teacher appreciation</li> </ul> Advocacy | Sally/Sarah<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Tammy<br><br><br><br>Ariel |

- No reports but want to call out those who came to Irwin to show up for meeting with Walter Hall

Heather/Carrie

#### Fundraising

- We are planning All Hands on Deck campaign for March 6-17
- Principal Barone suggested we raise funds to update closed-circuit system, new math and reading workbooks, classroom needs and other needs as they arise
- No large incentive plans
- Skittle Fridays
- 8th grade showcase is one of those days; will have volunteers there to solicit donations
- Spirit night with volunteers available to hand out fliers and collect donations
- Biggest need will be throughout the week in carpool line and front office
- Next Spirit Night is Tuesday, February 21 from 5-9 p.m. at Ace #3 (1001 Belmont Ave.)

#### Book Fair

Chelsea/Milly

- March 27-April 4 scheduled

#### Spirit Wear

Trinette

- Selling at games as well as snacks
- Recruiting parents of kids on the teams to help sell

#### Membership

Natasha

#### Men of Piedmont

Alan

- February 21 Piedmont Gentlemen will kick off
- Looking for floater mentors 45 minutes-hour/month
- March 24: March Dadness
  - Slightly different format
  - Be There Dad founder doing a workshop

- New Men of Piedmont shirts are finished; bulk order this month
- Hallway monitors needed; sign-up would be helpful but drop-ins are welcome

#### 6th-8th Grade Class Reps

#### Student Representative

#### Nominations

- Fundraising committee for next year; more people to run the cookie dough sale and others to jump in for spirit nights and AHOD and corporate partners
- Need assistant treasurer and membership chair

#### Other

- Tax statements have gone out for donations to the school
- Women of Piedmont in the works; express interest as this comes together
- Beautification coming up
- 8th grade (promotion and dance) events will be soon
- National Honor Society for 8th graders; other grades can't just be pulled in. Could do more around honor rolls. Dance should be reserved for 8th grade because it takes manpower

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#### Admin Announcements

Mrs Barone

- Thank you for the holiday luncheon and book fair help
- Last open house is this week; thanks to all the support for those
- Thanks for staff of the month gift cards; used leftover cards for January; February's given out yesterday – staff picks via Google doc, which is shared with teachers whether they win or not. Will continue March, April and May then use leftover funds for more.

- Staffing updates: Mr. Walker on military leave; full-time sub coming in. Other two teachers zooming or physically moving as needed. Ms. Gorman helping as well during sixth block. Mr. Devero has left, have a candidate and waiting for a confirmation.
- Gained a campus security associate
- Looking to increase test scores. Round 2 of MAP tests was this week. Will have school and student-level data. Will re-shuffle 6th-block assignments based on results. Ms. Gorman sent comms about extended day beginning February 27 for kids who did not perform well on MAPs or EOG or teacher observations.
- Panorama survey; students can opt out. But data helps determine what needs to be focused on during SLT time. Student engagement showed as a need.
- Lottery is wrapping up
- Registration comes up next
- Binders are setting off security scanners, but trying to find plastic-ringed binders as a replacement
- Wraps for bathroom stalls that prevent graffiti
- Magnet boundary changes have been a big deal. None specific to Piedmont, but seeing that some of the changes happening elsewhere could have an impact on Piedmont (Irwin, Sedegefield and others). Might need help getting a Board of Education member involved.
- Ms. Thornburg shared that we won Magnet Schools of America's School of Excellence Award. She also discussed:

- 8th grade community project videos now available
- March 16 event at school
- Service hours
- Community garden
- Newsletter

8:50 am Discussion / Adjourn

- Open discussion on scholarships and anonymous donations to help students in need of financial ML assistance for field trips and activities — working with counselors

Resources: [PTSA Board and Committee Chairs 2022-23](#)

Calendar: [2022-23 PTSA Calendar Shell](#)