

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

Attendees: Sherri Johnson, Sarah Wilson, Sally Harriss, Milly Cort, Ms. Barone, Ms. Thornburg, Lauren Sawyers, Kelly Clarkson, Earnest Winston, Ariel Gritter, Robyn Johnson, Deyna Rogers, Ms. Gorman

Time	Item	Owner
8:00 am	Welcome/Call To Order	Sherri
8:02 am	Approval of February Minutes https://piedmontpta.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/8/0/10/8002047/february_2023_ptsa_meeting_minutes.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lauren made a motion to approve. Seconded and approved; no objections.	Lauren
8:04 am	Financial Report In good shape; Spirit Wear has been successful YTD at 6,000 toward 30,000 goal Income budget ahead of where we should be at this time in the school year Confident we'll close out the year strong with income relative to expenses Book fair income to come	Kelly
8:10	General Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Magnet Changes<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discussion during SLT meeting this week. Walter Hall from CMS joined. No specifics related to changes to Piedmont, though there's talk of a possible gifted/TD middle school program in the future. Community engagement to begin shortly. CMS will reach out to administrators, SLT and PTA leaders at impacted schools, then	Sherri

community. Sherri has been in touch on Piedmont's behalf.

- Ariel Gritter recommends parents ask questions and stay engaged so that Magnet Office doesn't overlook our concerns. Deyna Rogers weighed in, too, suggesting we remain engaged as details are being sorted out.
- Ms. Thornburg will share recording from this week's SLT meeting.
- Robyn Johnson asked what's driving the desire to make changes. Sherri said that wasn't mentioned. There's bond issue and using magnets to increase equity around CMS. There was a question as to whether that's the purpose of magnets.
- Ms. Barone weighed in: There's a Board policy that says every 6 years, they examine student assignment. Parents should connect with Board rep because they may be the ones driving changes or not be in the loop if they don't hear from other constituents.
 - Mr. Winston agreed with Ms. Barone.
- All Hands on Deck
 - Kicked off this week; Skittles on Friday
 - Runs March 10-17
- March Dadness
 - Open to male and female students
 - Speakers, activities, sessions
 - Had been just for boys; girls with dads, too.
- 23-24 initiatives
 - Sherri proposed more support programming along the lines of March

Dadness. Parents of middle schoolers, for example. Possibly a Toastmaster's club. "Passion Talk" for later in life ideas. Need for cardboard campout for next year. Kickball day or game night. SEL time – brief lesson each morning? Build an alumni association. Author visits.

8:20 am **Committee Updates**

Teacher Appreciation

Sally/Sarah

- Sally gave updates: Bus driver appreciation week in February (individually wrapped cookies for each driver); Valentine's Day we passed out small box of chocolates for each teacher from Sam's. Teacher appreciation week in May; will begin working on soon, in conjunction with Hospitality.
- Sprit night update: Pizza was pretty successful. Ace No. 3 – we made \$430. Great turnout! Upcoming: YAFO Tuesday, March 14 from 4-8 p.m. (NOTE: Central is closed right now; have to go around.)
- March 23: Science Olympiad 4-8 p.m. at Panera on Providence Rd.

Hospitality

Tammy

- Mardi Gras celebration – King cakes
- St. Patrick's Day next

Advocacy

Ariel

- Checking in with counselors for needs. Lately, unscented deodorant and lotion.
- Transitioning to new advocacy chair is in the works.

Book Fair (week of March 28)

Chelsea/Milly

- Volunteers needed; will begin promoting
- Discussed whether we take the payout or take Scholastic Dollars.

- We have a new Little Free Library next to the car lot. Might be good for filling.
- We should provide funds for students who can't afford to buy

Trinette

Spirit Wear

- Will continue selling snacks at games

Membership

Natasha

6th-8th Grade Class Reps

Student Representative

8:30

Admin Announcements

Mrs. Thornburg

- Spring beautification this Saturday
 - Garden is full, but we need help in the courtyard
- Showcase: 164 visitors plus 700 6th and 7th graders
- Tuesday is IB Day at Piedmont

Mrs. Barone

- Community show case proud moment. Barone pulled away to handle issues. Thankful for our parents. Great start
- Testement to our community
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- Staff Highlights
 - - Plugged in staff members. Covering absences. Piedmont kind of day
 - - OK for students to talk about what went wrong on community showcase. It is the process not the project
 - - Staff of the month - Kennedy, Hager, Chavez, Sommerman, Henderson
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 - - Walker (on military leave) - sub will not return.
 - - Chavez and Palgut are covering. Gorman is doing tutoring during Sixth block.
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- - Found Social Studies teacher for 7th grade. Waiting on HR
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- - Mrs Davis - Leaving 6th grade ELA on Friday. Will use Mr Milligan to jump in with small group and 101. Other ELA teachers will cover and split classes
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- - Staffing opens for next year on Monday
- - Will post some vacancies early
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- - Family support - If you know teachers that are looking to move, let Barone know. It's a matter of keeping a good teacher in the district
- - Open to other counties etc...
- - Magnet school staffing stays pretty consistent. Barone is not going anywhere
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- - Registration is happening now. - Process for 8th graders . 22 different high schools
- - If you have a magnet spot - register. Schools will work out transfers etc
- - In house registration starts next week for 6th and 7th graders
- - Lottery results - Piedmont is full
- - 180 6th graders waiting, 86 7th graders waiting
- - If you have friends/fam they are on the waitlist - get in touch with Barone and/or Thornburg. They can tell you about the waitlist

8:50 am Discussion / Adjourn

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

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