

PTSA Piedmont IB Open Middle  
May 11, 2023 | 8:04 am  
May Agenda

Attendees: Jackie Barone, Deyna Rogers, Carrie Masto, Sherri Johnson, Erika Caul, Chelsea Sanders, Alan Hendrix, Heather Hoveland, Kelly Clarkson, Ariel Gritter, Sally Harriss, and others from zoom call

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Owner</b>
8:00 am	Welcome/Call To Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teacher Appreciation Week and Luncheon today :)</li><li>•</li></ul>	Sherri
8:02 am	Approval of March Minutes <a href="https://piedmontptsa.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/8/0/10/8002047/february_2023_ptsa_meeting_minutes.pdf">https://piedmontptsa.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/8/0/10/8002047/february_2023_ptsa_meeting_minutes.pdf</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes approved</li></ul>	Lauren
8:04 am	Financial Report: Kelly <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial statements not completed at this</li></ul>	
8:10	time, but will be updated by Saturday meeting	

General Updates: Sherri

- Calendar Changes: 8th grade dance 6/3, PTSA voting meeting Saturday 5/13
- 8th Grade Dance/Promotion: 6/3, 3:30-6pm
  - At the school, in the afternoon, promoting social not dance/prom.
  - Talking points app with survey sent out to suggest themes, not necessary but helpful.
  - Chaperones: Men of Piedmont, hoping to extend out of the cafeteria and into the courtyard to have options...as many chaperones as possible (bathroom, cafeteria, courtyard, etc).

- 50 tickets sold already (350 8th graders total), tickets available to all students regardless of financial need.
- Attire is banquet-esque, fancy dresses/attire not necessary...meant for all!!!
- Crowdsourcing music playlist.
- 8th Grade Promotion: 6/8, need 6th and 7th grader parents to help with set up and organization
- 23-24 initiatives:
  - What do we want to give back to the school next year?
  - What events can we offer as a new way to integrate new families?
  - Brainstorming session to come.

8:20 am **Committee Updates**

Teacher Appreciation: Sally/Sarah

- Lunch today at 11:00 (paper towels and wipes available)
- Busy week with Teacher Appreciation, committee met last week and put together fun things for teachers and staff
  - Monday: donuts
  - Tuesday: notes
  - Wednesday: gift cart
  - Thursday: lunch
  - Friday: Coffee cards to new coffee shop
- Spirit Night: Sabor for May but no one has been able to contact them...Cinco de Mayo was last week, maybe that's why?
  - 5/23 or 5/24, TBD
- Spirit Night at Marble Slab 6/6 with guest ice cream scoopers. Central and Pecan, they have been very generous to Piedmont! (free ice cream cards and gift cards).

- Staff Appreciation: extra money will provide another food event after school ends (box lunch, TBD)

Hospitality: Tammy

- Helped this week with Teacher Appreciation week.

Advocacy: Ariel

- No updates at this moment
- Transitioning to Advocacy Chair is next on the agenda

Book Fair: Chelsea/Milly

- Thank you for helping with the Spring Fair
- Lower sales than fall: \$4297.43
- Did opt to take the profit in cash \$1700
- \$6313.28 scholastic dollars
- Fall sale a little earlier next year, in October not December, Spring will be in April
- Vouchers? Not a lot of participation, 6-7 kids came with them, we expected more.
- Staff books: encourage staff to pick out wish list items, Newburger purchasing the summer reader (Seed Folks by Paul Fleishman) for this summer)
- \$1200-1400 to staff books
- 7th grade ELA extension, 8th grade extension, look through catalogue, technology items possibly? Book binder

Spirit Wear: Trinette

- Going along, some requests

Membership: Natasha

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6th-8th Grade Class Reps:

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Student Representative

Nominations: Carrie Masto  
Beautification Chair  
Co-Treasurer  
Membership Chair  
Erika Caul (Social Media Communications)  
8th Grade End of year Chair

Men of Piedmont: Alan Hendrix

- Better engagement this year and always hopes for more in the coming year
- Mentoring program last session is next week, smaller but intimate group

8:30

Admin Announcements

Mrs. Barone  
Mrs. Thornburg

- Thank you!! Teacher Appreciation week is always amazing, thank you! Luncheon day is the best because teachers get to eat together for the full hour:)
- 21 days to go, tough busy days!
- Staffing and Safety:
  - 3 vacancies and 1 leave of absence
  - The applicant pool doesn't exist this time of year, CMS rules
  - Ms. Gorman and Ms. Thornburg and Mr. Milligan are BIG TIME stepping up and teaching classes!!
  - Mr. Becton teaching some as well
  - 6th block tutoring available as well for kids
  - Next year: some vacancies as well. We are in the transfer period in CMS now...goal is to start next year with no vacancies, now until July is the best time to hire teachers.
  - 2 new teachers are local to Piedmont, cool transition of this area

- Parent support is a big interest and concern for new teachers
- Safety:
  - Recent incidents, scanners, feedback on kids arriving late and not passing through the scanners, we have fixed that issue
  - Someone is up in the office and reminding kids to walk through the scanners
  - Parent volunteers are always welcome to help with arrival, but not the scanners
  - Admin only can look through a backpack
  - Parents can help with late bus passes, recording bus arrivals/late arrivals; also use parents in the hallways to encourage kids to get to class on time; just show up!!
- Needs:
  - Proctors!!
  - Bathroom monitors, hallway monitors
  - World Language testing starts today, 5/11
  - Testing time is stressful for teachers and principals
  - Delaney is in the office every morning smiling and keeping things calm
- 8th grade recognition coming up, lots of excitement!
- Excited to have the 8th grade social back 😊
- Getting ready for next year!
  - Great turnout for registration night!! Energy is high!
  - Group email for incoming families, send info via this platform

- Testing: 8th grade testing or EOG and EOC
  - 5/30, 5/31, 6/1 science
- End of year celebrations?? What's the new normal?
  - Thursday is recognition day, maybe Friday activities could use some of this money, ice cream? Field Day? Bring this back??
- Alethea: Transition date communication TBD
- Decorations for 8th grade recognition ceremony? Alan to provide info...Sally and Alan worked with a woman with balloons (Donovan?) What was the cost? It did fit within the budget!

8:50 am Discussion / Adjourn 8:58 am  
Next Meeting to vote on next year 5/13 10am via Zoom

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