

PTSA Piedmont IB Open Middle  
November 10, 2022  
Minutes

Attendees: Ariel Gritter, Sherri Johnson, Carrie Masto, Amy Wilson, Vivienne Wilson, Earnest Winston, Sally Harriss, Lauren Sawyers, Michelle McCloud , Sonja Gantt, Alan Hendrix, Mia Jones, Keva Womble, Rashidah Morgan, Chelsea Sanders

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Owner</b>
8:03 am	Welcome/Call To Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Saturday event at Gantt Center by former students; impressed by Piedmont family support</li><li>● Come to Open Houses in December</li></ul>	Sherri
8:02 am	Approval of <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/11eAwWLa-MaUOXWo7S22Qe2WY8zOnbn87/edit">October Meeting Minutes</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Motion was made, seconded and approved</li></ul>	Lauren
8:04 am	<a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VCTDqxiTU4n5bJJZPFibqUz-Hbbzf-YU/edit?usp=sharing&amp;ouid=104456243225934001649&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true">Treasurer Report</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Discussed budget to date and variants so far</li><li>● Didn't allocate money for school improvements when budget was approved; at some point we're going to amend budget and make a change to that line item. This might include a digital sign for the front of the school. We will discuss at a future meeting.</li><li>● Fundraising income is low because we haven't been paid yet for online orders.</li></ul>	Kelly
8:06 am	<b>Committee Updates</b> Teacher Appreciation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No updates right now</li><li>● Would like to use a black-owned business for lunch in December.</li></ul>	Sally/Sarah

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- For bus drivers planning to do tins of cookies Hospitality Tammy
- Next event is before Thanksgiving holiday; nothing in December Ariel
- Advocacy
  - We have put out a sign-up genius for a gift-card drive for certain families who have a high level of need that counselors have identified. Good response so far. Would like to drop off prior to holiday break.
  - Request for go-to list for urgent needs. Sally
- Fundraising/Cookie Dough Rewards Update
  - Discussing day for rewards Chelsea/Milly
- Book Fair
  - November 28-December 2 Trinette
- Spirit Wear
  - Hoodies available Natasha
- Membership
  - At about 130 members; goal of 300 Alan
- Men of Piedmont
  - Bus duty, carpool duty, hallway monitoring
- 6th-8th Grade Class Reps Michelle
  - Michelle has reached out to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team but not shared with other grade levels, yet.
  - Ernest raised the question about the marquee; can we use the existing one?
  - Dayna not here, but 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance might be in the works
- Student Representatives
  - Mia Ja PTSA president – suggested honor roll celebration at the end of the quarter
  - Vivienne Wilson
  - Beadie ceremonies were discussed – 8<sup>th</sup> graders acknowledgement
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade unclear

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- National Junior Honor Society for 8<sup>th</sup> grade only
- Support for recognition in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades quarterly
- Discussion around social opportunities
- PTSA used to host a social on Sunday afternoon in the cafeteria with DJ. We need to keep equity in mind. Ensure every student has that experience within the school.

8:28

Admin Announcements

Mrs. Barone

- Thank you for snacks on Halloween and support at Open Houses
- Special shout-out to advocacy committee for supporting a family with clothes and money
- Lots of different changes with staffing going on; sending letters to families directly impacted
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade science, 7<sup>th</sup> grade science
- Admin: Mr. Becton is now 6<sup>th</sup> grade admin; Ms. Davis. Mr. Egnot now testing coordinator and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Full team of secretaries now.
- Staff of the month, Ms. Grove, Ms. Chavez, Ms. Moore, Mr. Becton got coffee cards.
- Biggest need is recruitment right now; at least 2/month between now and February

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Guest: Sonja Gantt, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Foundation

- 501 c 3 – CMS's nonprofit support organization
- Harness private money to seed innovation or expand something
- Bridge to people who are committed to public education in Charlotte and CMS
- Money to support the entire district

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- Usually work around fundraising priorities like connect for tech (money had hotspots during COVID; but no power. The Foundation set a \$2.3 million goal and exceeded it. Another fundraising priority is support of teaching residency (alternative pathway to becoming a teacher). Traditional pipeline is dwindling.
- Two new opportunities: Teacher Talks—like Ted Talks, but done by CMS educators. Now open to public. Mr. O’Niell featured a couple years ago.
- CMS-Foundation.org > Voices and stories
- March 9 at Halton; encourage teachers to apply
- Innovation Center: School-based innovation; teams of teachers can think about what would really move their school forward. Deadline to apply by end of December. January through May putting ideas in an incubator. Think about school community and what would take it to the next level. What problem trying to address. Challenges and barriers. Experience during the spring.
- Partnering with What School Could Be to assist.

8:50 am Adjourn

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

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