

PTSA Piedmont IB Open Middle
 Sept 24, 2022 @ 10am
 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by PTSA President Sherri Johnson at 10:01 a.m.

10:01	Welcome Attendees & Open Meeting	Sherri Johnson
10:02	Review and Approve Sept Minutes The September PTSA meeting minutes were submitted for review and approval. Following a motion by the PTSA secretary, they were accepted. Minutes will be posted on the Piedmont PTSA website.	Lauren Sawyers
10:05	President's Report Sherri welcomed everyone to the meeting and suggested that the theme for this year's PTSA work be "involvement." We need to continue to be involved with our students and school community.	Sherri Johnson
	Administrator's Report Principal Jackie Barone introduced herself and welcomed the attendees. She wants everyone to know she tries to be as accessible as possible; always available. Her "why" is the kids. Open for questions and concerns. Some updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staffing for 7th and 8th grade science and drama currently being filled by guest teachers. Covered and working on staffing. ● Covid still happening, here and there. Coverage and subs as needed. ● Metal detector scanners have been installed. ● Working on guidelines and protocols for athletic event attendance ● Recruitment is about to begin. Open Houses in person and virtual. Showcase of school, too. PTSA involvement will be important. 	Principal Barone

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For 8th graders, around late October/early November, will begin sharing information on high school ● Ms. Austin is still over testing. Will fill and shuffle. 	
10:19	<p>IB Matters</p> <p>Ms. Thornburg shared that we are "back in business this year." So many great things happening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Celebrated International Day of Peace on Wednesday. Students on the field created peace shapes. Peace chains in the classroom. This year's theme is "End racism, build peace." ● Coming up: Opening application for student rep on PTSA ● Campus cleanup coming up on October 15; sign-ups are nearly full ● Thank you to Men of Piedmont for helping with car lot ● 8th grade community project coming up – whole staff will be involved teacher assignments next week ● 7th grade Amazing Race field trip – will need many volunteers ● Recertification coming up – virtual – will need parents to participate 	Miranda Thornburg
10:29	<p>Review Proposed Budget</p> <p>Ms. Clarkson shared that: Carrying over \$15,000 from last year Looking to raise money this year through All Hands on Deck campaign, matching donations, cookie dough sales, spirit wear and book fair. Expect total income to be \$74,000 Major increase – bumped up expectations for AHOD Spirit wear sales are already half-way to goal Major expenses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cookie dough ● Increased staff incentives ● And PTA administration ● Bumped up 8th grade expenses based on what we did last year <p>Anticipate \$68,000 with goal to carry over \$15,000-\$20,000 Moved to accept proposed budget, seconded and no objections. All in favor and the budget is accepted.</p>	Kelley Clarkson

10:37	<p>PTSA Engagement Goals 2022-23 Vice president</p> <p>Ms. Powell reminded attendees that it takes a village to raise our children and encouraged everyone to make sure that when we embark on our goals for the year, we have more hands on deck to make sure that everyone feels like a part and know that there's something you can do, no matter your situation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Look for a survey on time, talent and availability ● Please sign up on CMS volunteer website 	Alethea Powell
	Committee Updates	
10:33	<p>Men of Piedmont Report</p> <p>Mr. Hendrix shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recently held Noble Smoke meeting for dads, grandfathers ● Making our presence relevance importance of inclusion ● Working together to enhance and enrich our community ● Acting, not reacting ● Continuation of carpool – 4th friday of the month ● Part of Be There Dad and the CMS program that encourages more men to get involved in general, particularly Title1. Piedmont looking to adopt a Title 1 school. ● Work on getting car rider lot painted ● Secure new fridge ● Beautification ● Volunteers for amazing race and hall monitoring and Healthy Active Kids – email at menofpiedmont@gmail.com ● Working on new shirts ● Group Me and email is most of how meeting ● Working on a formal mentoring project. 	Alan Hendrix
10:40	<p>Membership</p> <p>Ms. Myles shared that this year's goal is 300 PTSA members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have 106 right now ● Raffle for staff to get involved ● Belonging to the PTSA amplifies your voice as a stakeholder; encourage people to join ● Everyone needs to feel like they are a part of Piedmont IB 	Natasha Myles

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natasha will be sending joining information • Membership is \$10/person. \$6 stays with school 	
10:43	<p>Fundraising</p> <p>Items and incentives coming up throughout the year</p>	Andrea Jasmin/Trinette Mumford
10:45	<p>Hospitality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started with breakfast for staff • September event – football/team spirit • Once a month • Next event is October–Halloween theme • Look for sign-up notice 	Erika Lopez
10:46	<p>Advocacy</p> <p>Ms. Gritter shared that this committee is dedicated to supporting families of Piedmont facing challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply list will be available for things that students can use (deodorant, ear buds, etc.) • Gift cards 	Ariel Gritter
10:48	<p>Spirit Wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active with spirit wear • New apparel in the works • Sign-ups for people to volunteer to staff the merchandise table at upcoming events 	Trinette Murphy
10:51	<p>Appreciation</p> <p>Ms. Harriss shared that the following appreciation efforts have happened or are in the works for teachers and staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast before school started • Working on a “favorite things” form • Volunteers for random acts of kindness • Purchased a coffee maker and K cups • Next meal is holidays/winter break • Taking care of bus drivers, too. 	Sally Harris/Sarah Wilson
10:52	<p>Book Fair</p> <p>Book Fair will be in November; look for sign-up in October</p>	Millie Cort/Chelsie
10:55	<p>Other, PTSA Openings, Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Night – fundraising and community building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Second Tuesday of month 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coming up in October 11 at Chipotle Midtown ○ November 15 at Tziki Mediterranean Midtown ● First week in October, we'll begin sending a PTSA newsletter every other week ● Seeking grade level parent reps for 6th and 7th ● Considering launching the PTSA Reflections program ● Cookie dough runs through October 3 (in person) October 10 (online) ● Fundraising committee needs additional members ● Volunteer opportunities include greeter in the morning, track at healthy kids, lunch monitor, hallway monitor, media center ● Social media opening. Need someone to manage Families of Piedmont Facebook group ● To volunteer, become a CMS volunteer. Participate in the survey to be connected with organizers and contacts. More information to come. ● Website: URL in parent's newsletter (piedmontptsa.weebly.com) ● PTSA leaders and contacts are on website/email addresses ● Curriculum night -TBD ● Food pantry for families in need? There's a little free pantry outside of the school for the community ● Next PTSA meeting October 13 – (Second Thursdays) in the Media Center at 8 a.m. 	
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