

TPMS PTSA General Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

7:00 – 8:30

Zoom

Call to order: 7:04pm

Adjourn: 8:31pm

In attendance: 48

Minutes

- I. Welcome
 - a. Introduction of student representatives.
- II. President's Report: Clare Seelke, TPMS PTSA President
 - a. International Night and Bake Sale Updates - Thanks to parents for amazing events
 - b. PTSA Events for November
 - i. Citrus Sale- unload the truck 11/18 and pick up the fruit 11/19- Jamie Iwugo to coordinate parents, Mr. Goehring will coordinate students
 1. To volunteer to help with delivery. [Click Here](#)
 - ii. Thankful for Souper Teachers
 1. PTSA Soup Contest for Parent-Teacher Conference Day - 11/21
 2. To donate. [Click Here](#)
 - iii. Donation Drive Reminders: School is collecting socks, candy, and shelf-stable Thanksgiving goods - collections end Thursday 11/17
- III. Committee Reports- (see Attachment 1)
 - a. Teacher Appreciation: Heidi Ashton Yoon (haashton@hotmail.com)
 - i. Next staff appreciation day will be Friday, December 15th, keep an eye out for the sign-up.
 - b. Mini Grants: Gave out 11 awards to staff for a range of projects totaling \$3700
 - c. Books & Basketball: Dawn Taylor (dawney66@aol.com)
 - i. Save the date 2/10 - call for parent volunteers for book sale and basketball game. Book donation drive in Dec.
 1. Friday 5:30-9:00pm and Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm (with clean up from 1:00-2:00)
- IV. Motion to approve general meeting minutes from September and October 2022
 - a. Diana moves, Susie seconds
 - b. No discussion, no nays, no abstains
 - c. Approved at 7:18pm
- V. Treasurer's report: Greg Swaluk, TPMS PTSA Treasurer
 - a. Recent Fundraiser Updates: Takoma Eats Out, Citrus Sale, Bake Sale
 - b. Reimbursement Request Process: Please submit within a month to support ongoing accounting
 - c. Monthly Budget Update

- VI. Principal's Report: Erin Martin, TPMS Principal
 - a. Thank you to the PTSA for all the events to date and the mini-grants
 - b. Great turn out for the open house that took place on November 11th.
 - i. Request for feedback from parents regarding the open house
 - 1. Some parents expressed concern on the requirement of personal ids numbers in the office. (This is a MCPS requirement. The google form in advance of the open house was an attempt to expedite the check-in process since the school only has one check-in station.)
 - a. Mr. Einhorn has disseminated a survey for feedback.
 - 2. Parents did not respect the 5 visitors per class, perhaps more visitors per class or multiple turns.
 - 3. Appreciation of bringing open houses back.
 - 4. Agreement with time and duration of the open house, parents would not want to be there all day.
 - 5. Perhaps a morning and an afternoon option
 - c. School Improvement Plan report
 - i. Can be found [here](#).
 - d. MCPS Antiracist System Audit
 - i. Domains include:
 - 1. School culture
 - 2. Workforce diversity
 - 3. Work conditions
 - 4. Pre-K-12 Curriculum
 - 5. Community relations and engagement
 - 6. Equity of access
 - ii. MCPS Full report can be found [here](#)
 - iii. NAACP presentation can be found [here](#)
 - iv. TPMS specific results will be sent to Ms. Martin by the end of the year.
 - e. Student Leader Introduction: Designated student leaders will present priorities to the PTSA
 - i. Difference Makers
 - 1. Saron, VP Difference Makers
 - 2. Naomi Yohannes, President Difference Makers
 - 3. Need from the PTSA
 - a. Encourage students to join the Difference Makers
 - i. Would love to see more 8th grades
 - ii. Meet Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15 in Mr. Gehrig
 - ii. SGA
 - 1. Carter Ollis
 - 2. Ethan Phaneuf
 - 3. Need from the PTSA
 - a. Help with the parent social event in the cafeteria in January
 - i. Organize a crashing of the dance by the parents
 - iii. Minority Scholars
 - 1. Navine Sangare
 - 2. Need from the PTA

a. Funding for field trips and workshops

VII. Closing

- a. Next PTSA Meeting – January 10, 7:00 – 8:30 PM ZOOM (maybe hybrid)

Upcoming TPMS PTSA Events:

- November 18-19: Citrus Arrives: Unload and Distribute Fruit:
bryan.s.goehring@mcpsmd.net or jamieiwugo@gmail.com
- November 21: Thankful for Souper Teachers during parent teacher conferences. To donate lunch items [Click Here](#)
 - Conferences run 1:30-4:00 and 4:30-6:00
 - Arena style

Attachment 1

Committee Reports:

- Mini Grants- Christie Ciabotti-
 - \$3700 for things ranging from the Turkey Trot, Meep of the week, participation in the Takoma Early Career Academy, a French 2 cheese tasting, a kids culinary challenge, a field trip for the Minority Scholars, instrument purchases, arts-related hallway displays, calming corner materials, and archery training for PE teachers
- Staff Appreciation- Heidi Ashton Yoon
 - We had a successful Thoughtful Thursday in October with donuts, apples and cider for the teachers. Many thanks to all of the parents who donated their time, food and drink to make it a great event. Our next Thoughtful Thursday will be in mid December so be on the lookout for a Sign Up on that one.
- International night- Jamie Iwugo
 - The night was a big success in many ways. We had over 400 families in attendance and enthusiastic student volunteers and performers stepped up to make the night enjoyable for all.
 - Having staff controlling the entrance and upholding the “students must be with an adult” rule, took many of last years issues off the table. May hire security for some events to avoid need for parents.
 - We did learn a few things for next year- emphasize the “potluck” aspect of the dinner. A bit more coordination between parent volunteers and school staff. Need more control over the performance line-up.
- Bake sale- Jamie Iwugo/Yingqian Jiang
 - The bake sale was a HUGE success. We made over \$2,000. There was a lot of enthusiasm from parents and students (SSL hours played a big role)