

Ellicott Mills Middle School PTA
General Meeting and
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: September 22, 2011

The General Meeting was called to order by Jocelyn Turner.

In attendance were: Jocelyn Turner, Jo Ellen Fusco, Diane Hauk, Nat Turner, Todd Hochkeppel, Fawzieh White, Amy Frey, Cathy Schneider, Margaret Caporaletti, Nancy Eisenhuth, Kristen Goodwin, Cherie Hromek, Michael Goins, Jill Calhoun, Michelle Proudfoot, Paula Shane, Lisa Solomon, Lucy Eldridge, Wendy Patte, Shanta Robertson, Biz Merkey, Kim McCauley.

Everyone introduced themselves and indicated which office or committee they are working on this year.

The 2011-2012 budget was presented and discussed. A motion to pass the budget was made. The motion passed by a majority.

The General Meeting was adjourned and the Executive Board Committee was started.

Executive Board Meeting

President's Report:

- ◆ Need chairpersons for the Reflections Committee and Awards Committee. If you are interested, please contact Jocelyn directly.
- ◆ Back to School night (BTSN) is Tuesday, September 27th. PTA will have tables at a few places in the building and will be selling the entertainment books and memberships. There will also be a table with information about volunteers and membership.

Treasurer's Report:

- ◆ Michelle Proudfoot reviewed the budget (attached) noting income and expenses during the last month. Most of the bills were related to hospitality, website and orientation program.

Vice President's Report:

- ◆ No report

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

- ◆ No report

PTA Delegate's Report:

- ◆ There are two delegates right now and they are looking for a third. If interested let Shanta Robertson know.
- ◆ All PTAC committees need volunteers. Especially the curriculum, family involvement, safety, after prom, reflections and new website development.
- ◆ Ellen Flynn Giles addressed the PTAC and discussed the boundary line adjustments that will be coming up in the next few years.

Principal's Report:

- ◆ Michael Goins reported that the beginning of the year has started very well. The kids are nice kids and the staff is doing great work. There are 725 students so far. Very large 6th grade class.

- ◆ The bus situation is very challenging because there is not enough room in the bus loop for all of the busses.
- ◆ The lunch line is very long because there is only one cafeteria worker assigned to EMMS. There is not enough time for one person to serve all of the lunches and allow time for the students to eat.
- ◆ Back to School Night will be at 6:30 pm on September 27th. All parents should report to homeroom. Parking will be a huge problem. Please carpool if possible.
- ◆ Instructional Reporting Model is still in place and there are reporting days every two weeks. This is year four of this model being implemented at EMMS and it is very successful. Many schools are following the model now.
- ◆ The Aspen Parent Portal is now live and parents can log in. Teachers are required to post grades by October 4th. However, some may be doing it already. The teachers just went through training. This is mandatory for all teachers to use.
- ◆ Assemblies went well for each grade. 6th grade – Power of Words, 7th grade – bullying. Students signed a pledge to use good words and learned that words can heal. 8th grade heard an inspirational story about an athlete that competes in an Iron Man competition.

Assistant Principal's Report:

- ◆ Nancy Eisenhuth reported that the students are happy and very polite.
- ◆ In honor of 9/11 the kids are participating in a program called Change to remember. The goal is 500.00 which will pay for a paver at the memorial site.
- ◆ Intermurals starting in October. There is a decopage class, crochet, lego robots and legos. Basketball will start soon as well.

Teacher's Report:

- ◇ Field trips for all grades are happening soon. Chaperones are needed.

Committee Reports:

◆ **Ways & Means:**

The fundraiser is behind right now. Need to sell 113 more to make budget. 237 have been sold so far. The sale will be extended to try and get more sales. The booklets cost \$20.00 and the PTA earns 10.00 for every book sold. Students each took two books home. Any unsold booklets should be returned to the school.

◆ **Membership:**

- ◆ We currently have 319 Members represented by 219 Families and Staff. That figure is only 39% of the 560 Families and Staff at EMMS. Our poster represents possible families and staff. The reason for the difference in total members and total families is because 100 of our families purchased 2 memberships. Below is a comparison of our current numbers to last year's figures.

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	2011-2012	2010-2011
Total Members	319	301
Direct Donations	\$1060	\$2555
Families/Staff	194/25	188/32

- ◆ The thermometers showing memberships sold will be displayed at BTSN.

- ◆ **Volunteer Coordination:**
 - ◇ No report

- ◆ **Social Events:**
 - ◇ November 18th is a proposed date for the first dance. Chairperson will check the calendar and report back.

- ◆ **School Improvement Team (SIT) Liaison:**
 - ◇ No report

- ◆ **Publicity:**
 - ◇ Please send Todd photos and notifications on upcoming events

- ◆ **Programs:**
 - ◇ Bring your parent to school day is November 15th.
 - ◇ Coffee with the Principal is Monday, October 10th. It is being held on Columbus Day in hopes that more parents will be able to come.

- ◆ **Hospitality:**
 - Thanks again to Fawzieh White and Ann Russo for a great staff lunch.

- ◆ **Directory:**
 - ◇ Kathy Schneider is getting started on the directory. She will need some guidance.

- ◆ **Legislation:**
 - ◇ No report

- ◆ **Cultural Arts:**
 - ◇ No report

- ◆ **Grocery Receipts/Box Tops:**
 - ◇ No report

- ◆ **Business Partners:**
 - No report

- ◆ **Citizens Advisory Council:**
 - ◇ No report

- ◆ **Technology:**
 - ◇ PTA minutes should go on website as soon as they are approved.

- ◆ **Spiritwear:**
 - No report

- ◆ **Awards:**

- ◇ No report
- ◆ **Reflections:**
 - ◇ No report
- ◆ **Nominating Committee:**
- ◆ **Drama:**
 - ◇ Todd Hochkeppel reported that the Drama program will have an informational meeting before Thanksgiving. Hoping to have auditions in December. Still planning to meet on Thursdays after school and hoping to have the show before spring break. Will charge 80.00 at the beginning to participate in program and that price will include a certain amount of tickets.
 - ◇ Shows under consideration of A night at the Wax Museum and Romeo and Harriet.
 - ◇ Todd asked Mr. Goins for help in securing dates for the show.

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:
Tuesday, October 18, 2011
7:00 p.m.
in the Media Center at EMMS

The meeting was adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim McCauley
Recording Secretary