

PSMS PTO MEETING MINUTES

9/1/17

10:00-11:20 AM

PRESENT: Stephanie Sale, Betsy Lewis, Andrea Myers, Jonna Brandel, Amy Perkins, Julie Rudman, Aimee Bernstein, Kara Golian, Anil Kumar, Markie Rankin, Melanie Marquardt, Sarah McQueary, Nicole Barth, Susan Campbell, Eric Rembold, Jenny Hayes

- I. WELCOME—Stephanie Sale: Stephanie welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.
- II. SECRETARY'S REPORT—Susan Campbell: Aimee moved to approve the September minutes. Betsy seconded the motion.
- III. TREASURE'S REPORT—Kara Golian and Anil Kumar: Checking account balance at 8/30/17 - \$46,417.07. Taxes are due November 15th. Anil will be submitting all the necessary documents to our accountant so she can begin preparation. Panther Night results included a deposit of \$1020.00 in admissions and concessions yielded \$77. Cost was \$1138.25 for inflatalbes. 102 students attended as compared to 92 last year. In addition to Panther Night, a deposit of \$1069 for PE Uniform sales and \$965 for Spirit Wear sales. Recent checks written include \$849.00 to Design 4 Sports for PE Uniforms and \$600 to PSMS for staff refreshments. Our current PTO Invest and membership in PSMS balance is \$15,380. There is a form that needs to be completed and signed for cash or checks. The Cash boxes are to be turned back into Mary. Boxes will be picked up one or two days after the event. Budget has been updated and is attached. Susan moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and financials. Betsy seconded the motion.
- IV. PTO/PSMS INVEST REPORT: It may be beneficial to combine PSMS INVEST and the PTO Membership. The goal for INVEST this year is \$17,500. We will try to increase the publicity of the need for and allocations of the these monies.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

- A. 1ST VP REPORTS—Betsy Lewis. PE UNIFORMS--Jonna Brandel: Jonna shared that one more small order is being sent in. We will keep this in place and evaluate the need. SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Betsy is researching materials that each teacher will require for next year. EPI has been used in the past. May stick with EPI. Considering choice for vendor for next year. Sending supplies to the school for the 2018-2019 school year will be reviewed as an option at a later time. SPIRIT WEAR: Sarah McQueary shared that a reorder will be completed. Several hoodie jackets are left over. They may be offered at a reduced rate to teachers only. The products are nice. The products are offered through Scott Henry. Scott is also the vendor for BVHS Spirit Wear. We may sell the remaining items at Football games and P/T Conferences. Communications—Missy Kortre: Missy was not in attendance. Stephanie shared that our Web Site will be utilized to publicize needs and information. It is possible that Missy may create a facebook page for the PTO. A Sign Up Genius will be created for gift cards to give out when kids are caught doing good things. Information to be placed on the website is to be sent to Missy.
- B. 2ND VP REPORTS—Aimee Bernstein. COMMUNITY SERVICE—Julie Rudman: Discussing activities for students and adults. Organizing a blood drive and partnering with PSE in September. A mobile unit will come to the schools. Most likely for staff. Scraps in the Crossroads location. They take scraps of everything you can think of. No food waste. They take scraps of anything and reuse it or sell it. They have birthday parties, etc. This program assists the homeless, and also has an environmental focus. The school will collect donations for Scraps. You can earn community service hours here. 8TH GRADE FAREWELL—Tiffany Way and Amy Perkins: Amy asked if a folder is available for this event. Any ideas are welcome. PANTHER NIGHT—Julie Browne, Mary Garreston, and Tricia Bath: 6th and 7th Grade Panther Night/Fall Frenzy will be September 15.
- C. 3RD VP REPORTS—Melanie Marquart. COMMUNITY PARTNERS—Andrea Myers: Andrea reported that Sonic Night is

tentatively set for September 18 from 5-7:30. The tentative plan will be October 19, Hosea Peppers. Chick-Fil-A; Sunset Grill and Chipotle have not yet been confirmed. December-none; Kona Ice is set up for all games. Chipotle may be in March. May possible have a second Sonic Night and a Sunset Grill in the Spring. Commerce Bank at 135th and Lamar may become a partner. HEALTH SCREENINGS: Jonna shared that this will occur on September 12 @ 7:30 am for 2017-2018 year. SIGN CARETAKER—Megan McNiel: Sign management is in place. STAFF APPRECIATION: Back to School Breakfast was successful and many items were donated. September 22nd will be an all day inservice and snacks will be nice. October 25th/26th will be P/T conferences. Thursday will be lunch. Heavy appetizers and snacks will be offered on the 26th. Cans of soda are a great idea. Inspirational treats throughout the year in mailboxes will be provided. Many items for Staff Appreciation will be collected through Sign Up Genius.

- VI. PSMS ADMINISTRATION REPORT—Eric discussed CANVAS introduction to district. A reinstall may be required. Anyone having issues with the program, should be referred to Eric or the front office. The correct setup will have icons across the top and you should be able to scroll between children. Eric has requested an additional bike rack for the PSMS campus. Eric met with StuCo regarding a fund raiser or donation drive for donating to the Harvey devastation. Students will come back with ideas. There will be incentives for motivation toward meeting goals for the donation. Details to come. Introduction of the role of Social Workers in the schools will help to address the external and internal pressures that kids are under in today's world. A diagram was presented that defines the role of the Counselor versus the role of the Social Worker. Julie Myers is our Social Worker. She has a job share with PSMS and another school in the district. She is a middle school parent in the Shawnee Mission district. Social Workers will deal with grief, intense emotions, homelessness, ect. Seating Chart during lunch is felt to be necessary. The idea behind it is to assist with less stress in their day. Elimination of excluding others, reducing stress in attempting to sit with their friend group, etc are included in these reasons. They are free to sit with whom they choose up to 8 people. They sit with these

8 people for a certain period of time. Additional free seating days may be offered as incentives at various times. If students are dealing with a toxic relationship at the table they are at, the seating chart can be reviewed to find that child a different seat. Students love eating outside. Outdoor lunch is/will be included as incentives for various activities. TCB starts next week, but a late bus has not been scheduled. A request was made for late bus funding. This week's TCB late bus is not set up and Eric will publish that info. Durham is critically short of drivers. It may be beneficial to track this use this year and reevaluate the need for next year. Invest monies have been spent on Spelling Bee \$158, Geography Bee, Eclipse Glasses just under \$450, Rebel \$300, Math Competitions \$260, \$758 in late bus fees. 6th Grade teacher Monica Fearborn will be leaving due to husband's job transferring them out of the area. Looking for a long term sub and wait to find strong candidate. Every building has a structural design coach and ours is a K-12 Math specialist. This is positive for us.

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Stephanie reported that 249 new teachers were hired in the district. Full day K is now offered to Blue Valley families for free. Middle School Task Force is being created. Online application is available. Deadline is next week. A blurb will be sent out to encourage INVEST giving. The goal is \$17,500.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED. NEXT MEETING Friday, October 6.