

PSMS PTO MEETING MINUTES

11/02/18

9:00 AM

PRESENT: Sally Jercha, Lindsay McCown, Betsy Lewis, Kara Golian, Jillaine vonSeldeneck, Tricia Bath, Melanie Marquart, Susan Campbell, Karen Snyder, Eric Rembold

- I. WELCOME—Sally Jercha: Members introduced themselves and were welcomed by Sally.
- II. SECRETARY’S REPORT—Susan Campbell: Kara moved to approve the October 2018 PSMS PTO minutes. Betsy seconded the motion and the Board approved.
- III. TREASURE’S REPORT—Kara Golian: 11/2/18 current checking account balance at 10/31/18 - \$45,896.69. Payments this month include \$647.00 to Pinstripes for staff lunch during conferences, \$99.00 to renew our Word Press subscription, \$294.16 for Teacher Wish List items previously approved, \$145.00 to Lori Hisle for tax preparation, and \$50.00 for Staff Welcome Back. Deposits include \$23.42 from Amazon Smile. Taxes have been completed and filed. Our current PTO Invest and Membership in PSMS balance is \$16,170.00 and our 8th Grade Farewell balance is \$5,625.00. A motion came from Betsy Lewis to approve the previous month’s Treasurer’s report. It was seconded by Aimee Bernstein and the board approved.
- IV. PTO/PSMS INVEST REPORT: The goal for INVEST this year is \$13,000. Our current PTO Invest and Membership in PSMS balance is \$16,170.
- V. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORTS
 - 1ST VP REPORTS—Betsy Lewis. SCHOOL SUPPLIES: No report.
 - SPIRIT WEAR:--(Sally Jercha)– We will sell any remaining inventory at the Home Basketball games.
 - COMMUNICATIONS:--(Jillaine vonSeldeneck) – A template was created in MailChimp. One of the benefits is allowing all

members of the PTO to vote on various issues for those who can't attend meetings. A form will be sent out to ask for members to identify the email address they want to utilize for voting. The notice of this voting system will be sent out on November 16. Our current website is www.psmspto.org and this is where we post our meeting minutes, budget, school supply sales, and spirit wear sales. We are looking for ways to utilize this website more. The board is beginning to revisit the Membership Toolkit idea for next year considering both feeder elementary schools use it and now BVHS is beginning to transition over as well. It is \$725 a year so we are weighing the pros and cons of this website. Jillaine is also composing an email regarding a fall membership drive for PTO.

2ND VP REPORTS—Aimee Bernstein. Diversity Initiative- Yael brought to the board an idea of starting Dinner Circles for parents to learn more about other cultures. Approximately 40 have signed up for this. Topics of conversation would be provided. PANTHER NIGHT/FALL FRENZY (Aimee Bernstein) – We had our final Fall Frenzy for 6th and 7th grade on Sept. 21st. We had 110 7th graders attend afterschool and 105 6th graders attend that evening. We have leftover concession treats to get rid of. We are contacting the school to see if they would like to purchase for their sports concession stands or donating them to PSMS to use in their Panther Paws program. HEALTH SCREENINGS (Andrea Myers) – They are done for this year and went well. COMMUNITY SERVICE-- (Lindsay McCown) – PSMS participated in Socktober in Oct. Over 1900 pairs of socks were collected. Some of the socks will be utilized to create kits including the socks, small first aid supplies, and some food items. The 8th grade beat the 550 pair of socks goal and will receive smoothies. Although 6th and 7th grade did not meet the goal, Mr. Rembold has some items he will present to these grades for the efforts put forth. Candy will be collected for the troops through today (11/2/18). The next activity will be to collect plastic shopping bags to create mats for the homeless population. EIGHTH GRADE FAREWELL-- (Aimee Bernstein) – Aimee was

not present, however the committee has placed a deposit on the location that has been selected.

3RD VP REPORTS—Melanie Marquart. COMMUNITY PARTNERS—We received a check for approximately \$400 from Kona Ice. Sally suggested looking into partnering with Charlie’s Car Wash on the corner of 151st and Metcalf. They will contribute 20% over a two week time period. Sonic night has been set for May 9, 2019 and October 10, 2019. Looking into other opportunities for this Fall. A recommendation is to have signs at the entrance to Sonic that state that all tips will be given to PSMS during a specific time period. Karen will discuss options with the Sonic Manager. We will invite our students to assist with this. BVEF LIASON – Teachers from PSMS have applied for BVEF grants and will be notified by mid-November if they receive one. SIGN CARETAKER: Sally is researching where to order additional letters and numbers for the sign. STAFF APPRECIATION: A Sign-up Genius was utilized for Fall Conferences and was completely filled. Conference meals and snacks were provided. Jars will be given again prior to Winter Break. The committee will meet today to map out the remainder of the year. DIRECTORY: Melissa Fields will communicate with Laura Swarens to discuss how the production of the directory last year. The goal would be to get the Directory out prior to Thanksgiving, and hopefully deliver the directory to the school by November 15 or 16.

- VI. PSMS ADMINISTRATION REPORT—(Eric Rembold) The camera and process for entering the school utilizing ID are in place. Parents/visitors must show ID every time they would like to enter the school. Eric will also be putting an email out soon about making donations to families in our school family that may be in need during the holidays. PTO will partner with the school on this. Students’ mental health is of concern. The school is working to serve the student population in the best way possible. When issues occur that require investigation, administration is not at liberty to share specific information with students or families. Informational reports are filed with the Leawood Police Department

regarding any threatening situation. The Green House is being utilized to grow items for science classes. The students are excited about this. Power Up happens January 25. Chromebooks will be distributed to 6th and 7th graders. Students and parents will be required to follow certain protocol for students to receive a device. A parent meeting will be held for anyone who wishes to attend. Students are currently receiving training related to this.

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT—PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING: The District is promoting Zero Reasons Why. The topic of student mental health is very important and a focus for the District. BV Well will offer seminars on November 14 and December 1 at varying times. A 5-year plan is being created for each Blue Valley student. The view includes their hopes, aspirations, and dreams and not only statistics of academic performance. The balance of screen time is also being looked at. The Board is currently in the process of reviewing Boundaries. Teachers applied for Grants in October. Those who do not receive their grants will have grant requests filtered into a system where the PTO members can vote on which grants should be awarded. Teachers will submit additional grant requests by November 9. The PTO has approximately \$2500 available to fund these grants. The Battle of the Bands is December 19. There is a possible desire for Science Olympiad to be initiated at PSMS.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED. NEXT MEETING will be held in December.