

PSMS PTO MEETING MINUTES

1/ 11/19

9:00 AM

PRESENT: Sally Jercha, Betsy Lewis, Kara Golian, Jillaine VonSeldeneck, Tricia Bath, Melanie Marquart, Aimee Bernstein, Andrea Myers, Sara McQuerry, Stephanie Breer, Karen Snyder, Yael, Susan Campbell, Eric Rembold

- I. WELCOME—Sally Jercha. An 8th grade presentation was given explaining a new practice during lunch. An initiative will be set into action to combat gossip and students feeling alienated. One time per month random seat assignments will be given and students will play games to encourage socialization for all students. Students are also working with administration to plan viewing of “Finding Kind” for students and parents.
- II. SECRETARY’S REPORT—Susan Campbell: Tricia moved to approve the December 2018 PSMS PTO minutes. Betsy seconded the motion and the Board approved.
- III. TREASURE’S REPORT—Kara Golian: Checking account balance at 1/9/19 - \$44,176.58. Payments this month include \$150.00 for Staff Welcome Back, \$19.75 for Staff Appreciation and \$434.68 for Teacher Wish Lists (6th grade math). Deposits include \$415.76 for Spirit Wear sales at the band concert and \$465.00 for Directory Ad sales. Our current PTO Invest and Membership in PSMS balance is \$16,545.00 and our 8th Grade Farewell balance is \$5,940.00.
- IV. PTO/PSMS INVEST REPORT: The goal for INVEST this year is \$13,000. Our current PTO Invest and Membership in PSMS balance is \$16,545.00.
- V. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORTS
1ST VP REPORTS—Betsy Lewis. SCHOOL SUPPLIES: No report.
SPIRIT WEAR:--(Sally Jercha)– 6th graders have received a grant to create

Spirit Wear. PTO provided funding for the prototypes. The students will present prototypes on Friday, January 18 @ 9 am. The PTO will select the items to be produced. We have limited quantities of items in remaining inventory. Any monies raised from these products would be reimbursement for prototypes, and additional monies would come back to the PTO. Current remaining Spirit Wear items will be sold with items created by 6th grade. COMMUNICATIONS:--(Jillaine VonSeldeneck) – Jillaine originally planned to compose an email utilizing each family's preferred or provided email address for voting on teacher grant requests. Voting is currently on hold due to low request amounts. If no other email address was provided, the current email address on file will be utilized. An email will be sent out allowing members to vote on Teacher Grants.

2ND VP REPORTS—Aimee Bernstein. Diversity Initiative- Yael reported that Dinner Circles for parents to learn more about other cultures has been going well. The calendar is being reviewed to schedule the next meeting. PANTHER NIGHT/FALL FRENZY (Aimee Bernstein) – We had our final Fall Frenzy for 6th and 7th grade on Sept. 21st. HEALTH SCREENINGS (Andrea Myers) – They are completed for this year and went well. COMMUNITY SERVICE—Aimee reported possible next activities may include collecting plastic shopping bags to create mats for the homeless population and the Giving Brick which includes organizing and taking inventory of legos to create full sets. Projects may be ongoing throughout the quarter. EIGHTH GRADE FAREWELL-- (Jenny) – A note will go out reminding students to pay. Hy-Vee will provide eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy for students for a \$5 fee per student. Breakfast will not be provided for parents.

3RD VP REPORTS—Melanie Marquart. COMMUNITY PARTNERS—Karen shared the parameters around partnering with Charlie's Car Wash on the corner of 151st and Metcalf. They will donate 50% over a one week period of time. The key will be the promotion of the project. We will do this the week of January 14th, 2019. We received a check for approximately \$400 from Kona Ice. Sonic night has been set for May 9,

2019 and October 10, 2019. There is no update on the partnership with His and Her Fitness at this time. Looking into other opportunities for this Fall. BVEF LIASON – Over \$13,000 in grant monies was awarded to PSMS. Major Savor sales to begin in January. The Battle of the Bands is on Saturday, January 19 and will also have an after party this year. All money raised at Battle of the Bands goes back to the schools. SIGN CARETAKER: Sally is ordering additional letters and numbers for the sign. STAFF APPRECIATION: Holiday Jars were successful. A hot chocolate bar was also provided for teachers. DIRECTORY: We have received four checks for ads for the directory. Directories will be distributed soon.

- VI. PSMS ADMINISTRATION REPORT—(Eric Rembold) \$1575 in donations were received for four families identified as being in need for the holidays. \$1400 was distributed between the families. \$175 kept to be utilized on an as needed basis, for example in the case of one family who experienced a fire. 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. Students are currently receiving training related to use and safety. There will be excessive security on the devices. It will be a tool to do the things students' need to do. BVHS will present to 8th grade at the end of the month. Eric asked if anyone might be willing to serve as the organizer of a Veteran's Day Celebration. This request will be included in an email.
- VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT—PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING: No Council Meeting report. The Bank has requested that we remove Stephanie Sale from the PSMS PTO Bank account, as she is no longer President of the organization. Betsy moved that we remove Stephanie from the bank account. Kara seconded the motion.
- VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED. NEXT MEETING will be held in February.