

**Perry Hall Middle School  
PTSA Board Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2019**

**Attendance:** Christine Fatkin, Laurie Schattall, Melissa Gage, Marisa Ehrlich, Amy Connolly, Jennifer Narango, Laura Thursten, , Tina Mangini, Mackenzie Willis, Eileen Roberts, Lisa Perry, Jill Cherundolo, Nicole DiPietro

**Call to Order & Welcome** – 7:03 pm; Christine Fatkin, President

- Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes:**

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Marisa Ehrlich; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amy Connolly

**Guest Speaker:** Sue Truesdell, BCPS Director of School Support Achievement

- Supervises all middle and high schools in E Zone
- Questioning the current cell phone practice at PHMS
  - Out of sight during learning time; can have phones at lunch with that privilege taken away as needed
  - What do we like about school's policy?
    - Less distractions during classtime
    - Controlled but accessible
    - Reduces amount of drama – can stay more focused on school work
  - How do cell phones help?
    - Can use it to access Schoology, contact teachers
    - Set reminders, alarms, use note section, take photo of schoolwork, record on phone and then upload to device
    - Parent has GPS tracker on phone "Life 360"
    - Text parent for permission
  - How do cell phones detract from school experience?
    - No comments given

**President's Report** – Christine Fatkin

- *Volunteers*
  - Stephanie Castro taking lead with volunteer committee

- PTSA sending out volunteer form to put together a Google doc.; sending it out through website, Facebook, call home, email attachment

*-Membership/Direct Donation*

- 219 Families; 59 staff; 1 business
- \$4,631 – not close to budgeted goal; will do another push now and again after the holidays

**Principal's Report** - Mrs. Perry

- November 21<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report cards
- American Education Week (a little different this year): parents / caregivers of any grade can come in at the following times – November 19, 9am – 11am; November 20, 11am – 1pm; November 21, 12pm – 2pm; plan to have a pre-registration
- Book Fair during American Education Week
- Petitioned with High School to host Student Council Conference; will take place at the Perry Hall High School on November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- November 25<sup>th</sup> – make-up picture day
- Schoology has grade summary feature; Ms. Gianelli sent email last week; Amy will add the information to the website

**Faculty Report** – Laura Thursten

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Holocaust speaker set; Washington Zoo possible field trip

**Treasurer's Report** – Jennifer Navarro

- Not much activity this month
- Gave money for T-shirts (\$600), t-shirts given to families for donation of \$50 or more
- Received \$78 from Beachmont
- Approve Budget: 1<sup>st</sup> – Laurie Schattall; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Melissa Gage

**Student Report**

- Mackenzie Willis, grade 7: recent field trip seemed to be enjoyed by all; buses are overcrowded
- Caden Russell, grade 8: enjoyed field trip today to Junior Leadership

## **Student Council** – Mackenzie Willis

- Candyland theme for winter dance
- Boo Bash went well
- Excited about Student Council Conference

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Hospitality***

- Swatti working on breakfast for teachers during holiday time

### ***Restaurant Nights*** – Keri Cockey

- *Outback Steakhouse* – November 20<sup>th</sup>
- *Chik-Fil-A* – December 18<sup>th</sup>
- *Texas Roadhouse* – January 16<sup>th</sup>

### ***Dave and Busters*** – Steph Castro

- Selling gift cards in November; fliers will be sent home soon

### ***Texas Roadhouse*** – Steph Castro

- Selling gift cards end of November – beginning December

### ***Paint Night*** – Tricia Willis

Nothing to report

### ***Spirit Wear***

- Site for online purchases coming out now through November 26<sup>th</sup>

### ***Website*** – Amy Connolly

- Updating with all fundraiser fliers and spirit wear

### ***Box Tops*** – Melissa Gage

- \$117.40 and \$66.20 from last year = \$183.60
- \$14.90 for app

### ***Communication*** – Marisa Ehrlich

- Sent newsletter out/ box top info sent out
- Email sent out about Book Fair

- Put Spirit Nights on Facebook

### ***Book Fair*** – Eileen Roberts

- Scheduled for American Education Week November 18 – 22 with family night on November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Need more volunteers; Mrs. Perry sending out connect-ed message

### ***Box Tops*** – Melissa Gage

- First submission will be November 1<sup>st</sup>

### ***Communications*** – Marisa Ehrlich

- Will begin bi-weekly emails
- Approval of bi-laws on its way to being finalized by National PTA

### ***Red Bags*** – Tina Mangini

- September total = 40; October total = 62

### **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> – Amy Connolly; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Melissa Gage
- 8:18 pm

Next meeting – December 11, 2019 at 7pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by Laurie Schattall, Recording Secretary