

**Annapolis Middle School
PTSA General Membership Meeting
September 15, 2015**

16 people in attendance

Call to order at 6:35 by Matt Schuster, PTSA President

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2015, approved unanimously

Introduction of new officers:

Matt Schuster, PTSA President
Karma O'Neill, The Blast
Angie Carroll, VP and Enrichment Chair
Melissa Fennelly, Treasurer and Fundraising Chair
Kathi Lynch, Secretary and Membership Chair

Presidents Report:

Review of key dates

9.15.15 PTSA General Membership Meeting, 6:30pm
9.17.15 AMS Back to School night, 7th & 8th grade, 6:30pm
9.22.15 Picture Day
9.23.15 No School, Yom Kippur
9.30.15 Interims Sent Home
10.1.15 Stem HS night, South River High School, 6:30-8pm
10.5.15 Noches Latinas Night, 6-7pm, Media Center
10.7.15 PVA HS info, Annapolis High 6:30-8pm
10.19.15 IB MYP/DP HS night Annapolis High 6:30-8pm
10.20.15 BOE Workshop-School Start times, 6:30pm at Parham Building

Can anyone help sell spirit wear at BTS NIGHT 15-20 minutes before and after?

We have two XL sweatshirts in stock; we have polos (\$10), tee shirts (\$10) and sweatshirts (\$20 each)

Fundraiser kick off starts Friday, September 18th. Eric the DJ is going to visit students at school to promote. Participants will be invited to a DJ, pizza and soda party if you sell 5 items or more. Parents can also choose to opt out of catalog fundraiser by donating \$25 per student. This also allows students to participate in the DJ party. Donation is tax deductible.

Treasurer Report

We had \$8k to work with last school year at AMS PTSA. Treasurer requested Plans of Work from every coordinator. She needs these plans in order to prepare a proposed budget for the membership's approval at the next membership meeting.

Let's all help promote the fundraiser. Our funds will support courtyard clean up, Dragon Games, Teacher Appreciation, Dragon Supplies, Dances, etc.

Treasurer made a motion to put \$1,000 into the budget for spending on operational expenses until our next PTSA meeting. She is still preparing the budget to propose to the membership for approval.

Discussion: Will we have a detailed budget to pass next PTSA meeting? Yes

What are the fundraisers this year? Believe Kids catalog sales and a possible spring fundraiser

Do we need 3 enrichment activities per fundraiser? Yes

Dining Outs are considered donations and not a fundraiser

Laura Booth seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously

Clarification and explanation of the importance of including solicitation requests in Plans of Work

Principal's Report

We went around the table with parent introductions per request of the principal
We have 782 students, anticipating 800 by year end
He has been here 8 years
Eight years ago we didn't have a PTSA at AMS
Update of where we are now.
We do not have PARCC scores yet
60-70% of our students should be scoring a 5 or higher on any assessment
We are an IB school, inquiry based learning. Students are taught to create their own conclusion.
We had average of 3.08 for testing, highest level for the entire school last year
95% of students attend school regularly
Mr. Kelly gave the PTSA Treasurer a Plan of Work for recess; we are the only middle school in AA County that has recess so far; improvement on behavior issues, less suspensions and disciplinary actions; 5th and 6th period are more manageable since recess took effect

Committee Reports

Teacher Appreciation – Committee wants to encourage the approval of spending for teachers and staff appreciation. They budgeted about \$15 per teacher. They submitted a low, medium and high budget.

Book Fair is October 2-9th mhbuck@aacps.org – we need volunteers during the day.

BOE (Board of Education) – BOE is going to pass the budget this Wednesday. See attached. Angie is currently at the BOE meeting learning more regarding the redistricting and new construction plans. Tyler Heights will be housed in AMS. This will help promote air conditioning lobbying for the elementary wing.

Local PTAs are asked to send two representatives to the AACCPA meeting on September 19th at 10 am in the Carver Building. BOE meeting on October 1st.

Annapolis Education Commission – Two vacancies on the board. See attached.

PTSA Membership - We have 51 PTSA members so far from Orientation and BTS Nights. 6 single, 14 families, 2 dragon. We pay \$4.25 for each membership. More to come!

8th grade promotion party – Karma is coordinating

New Business

CAC Representative is Karma O'Neill – BOE is having a workshop on October 20th to discuss later start times, public is invited. Feel free to contact Karma at sokarmik@aol.com

Meeting adjourn 8 pm