

Marshall Middle School PTA Minutes: September 21, 2017 @ 4 pm

I. Call to order:

- Time: 4:05
- Quorum Present: Y/N (quorum=7 members) Yes
 - Jamie Richard, Lori Calteux, Robin Anderson, Stacey Haldemann, Heather Kettner, Synthia Taylor, Laura Johnson, Tricia Reif, Kerith Hintz, Ashley Ranum, Linda Splan

II. Secretary Report:

- Membership info: 27 families, 25/117 staff. Thanks to everyone that has already signed up!
- Summer Board meeting details discussed.

III. Treasurer Report:

- Budget proposal reviewed and discussion ensued. (In particular, the grant system was explained and an idea for a pta sponsored supply drive for later this fall was discussed.)
 - Motion made by Heather Kettner to approve proposed budget as written. Motion seconded by Synthia Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Fine Arts/Reflections Contest:

- Ideas for PTA sponsored assemblies/programs for 2017-18
 - African Drummers/Dancers- We have an opportunity to book an appearance with the Limanya Dance Ensemble- they perform traditional music and dance from Guinea and Mali, West Africa. Pricing would be \$500 for a 30-40 minute assembly IF 2 other area schools book an appearance on the same day. Adams Elementary is hoping to book but we would still need to find one more school to book. Staff agree that this might be a good assembly for 7th graders as it would fit in with their curriculum. Will pursue this opportunity further. (We would possibly be looking at booking in February toward the end of the day (2:35-3:23))
 - Science Alliance- A science based assembly. Many different themes available. Discussion ensued. Cost would be \$575 for an hour long assembly (or \$700 if we want to use this as a family engagement night) Staff agrees that this may work well with curriculum for any of the grade levels. Heather Kettner will discuss/plan this further with Karith Hintz at a later date.
 - Other Ideas for assemblies include: some sort of role playing (peer mediation) for trauma/mental health education; Family programs from the Police Dept. or Janesville Mobilizing 4 Change- both groups have many topics available for education.

- Any other suggestions are welcome! If you think of something, let us know!
- Do we have a reflections chair? No, not at this time.
 - Robin will ask if Jessica May is interested in being the chair again this year or at least help someone else learn the ropes.
- Reflections Contest Theme: “Within Reach”

V. Principal Report: Synthia reports we have had a very successful start to the year! Taking Flight (summer school for transitioning incoming 6th graders) was a success with approx. 100 students attending! Also, the school is nearly fully staffed at the beginning of the year (with the exception of a SL teacher)! This year the district has a new superintendent. Some of the main goals of the district will include a focus on math and reading scores, expanding college and career readiness, and putting an emphasis on emotional well-being, health, and safety!

VI. JAC Updates: Meetings first Tuesday of the month; first meeting is on October 3rd @6pm at Harrison: Presentation about the reflections contest.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

- Vote to change meeting day from third Tuesday to third Thursday- Motion made by Heather Kettner to change the day of meetings. Motion seconded by Karith Hintz. Motion carried unanimously.
- Supply Drive: Google form has been sent to all teachers. Plan for drive to be held Oct. 16th-20th. We may set up multiple collection locations throughout the school and Synthia will send a message to families when we hold the drive.

IX. Upcoming Events:

- First Scoopie Night: Monday, October 9th 4-8pm: Volunteers needed- Synthia will cover with staff members.
 - Scoopie night dates: Oct. 9th, Dec. 6th, Feb. 5th, and April 9th.
 - Staff and student groups will volunteer.
- Papa Murphy’s: October 4th 11am-7pm

X. Other/Door Prize winner: Jamie Richard- Congratulations!

XI. Meeting Adjourned: 4:45pm

****Next PTA Meeting: October 19th @4pm! We look forward to seeing you there!**