

*Community Middle School PTSA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
11/30/10*

Call to Order: Catherine Foley called the meeting to order at 9:38 AM and introduced the board members.

- 1) *Treasurer's Report:*
 - a) Evelyn Turney reviewed financial report (attached).
 - b) PTSA repaired stage curtains and purchased outside flags for school.
 - c) PTSA has approved approximately \$1,000 in mini grants to date—to be reflected in next financial report.

- 2) *Approval of Minutes:* Minutes from 9/28/10 meeting were distributed. Dawn O'Brien made motion to approve. Gina Ochs seconded the motion.

- 3) *JWAC:* Dawn O'Brien: We are getting closer to our goal and will be sending out a reminder before the end of the year. Remember that donation is 100% tax deductible. JWAC form may be downloaded from website.

- 4) *Principal's Report:*
 - a) Gerard Dalton announced the hiring of a new assistant principal, Barbara Soares, who will be starting in January 2011.
 - b) There are many student activities planned for December and January, including Teen Zones and concerts. Gerard is examining the timing and goals of the various school activities to ensure there is no overlap, that students are not being asked to spend too much money on too many different fronts and that the school is operating within budget constraints given that each event requires paid chaperones.
 - c) Outdoor Education is still under discussion—more information to come. Thank you to Dawn for arranging sale of Outdoor Education wristbands. Pat Lapore ran a segment on Outdoor Education and wristband fundraiser on this morning's Wake Up Community.
 - d) PTSA needs only 8 more teacher memberships before 100% goal is achieved.

- 5) *PTSA President's Report:* Catherine Foley
 - a) Evelyn Turney attended the NJPTA Convention and accepted the awards on behalf of CMS PTSA: Parent Education Award (Honorable Mention) and Environmental Award for Athletes for Action (Honorable Mention)
 - b) Minigrants awarded:
 - i) Set of white boards for Jill Marsch, 7th grade math teacher
 - ii) Quia software for teaching science to ESL/Bilingual students—can also be used by general student population
 - iii) ERB online writing practice program for Special Services
 - iv) Gerard has received additional minigrant proposals which he will pass on to the PTSA

- c) Thank you to parent volunteers who helped with North/South Tailgate. and to Pat Lepore, Gina Ochs, School Life Committee and all who help with Night Owl event.
- 6) *Committee Chair Reports:*
- a) *Membership:* Toni Hendry:
 - i) PTSA has 648 members vs 501 at the end of last year. Of these, 192 are students, up from 164 last year.
 - ii) We have applied for five NJPTA Awards: Early Bird, White Oak, Red Oak, Mighty Oak and Membership Standing Awards.
 - b) *Website:* Evelyn Turney reported that there is a lot of information on the cmsptsa.org website, including forms and links to school activities. To date, there have been 900 unique visitors to the site with over 6,000 hits
 - c) *Pantherwear :* Mickey Weinberg: Clothing still available. On sale at meeting. Makes great holiday gift.
 - d) *Directory:* Catherine explained that there have been some delays, but the directory is being printed and will be out soon.
 - e) *Site-Based Committee:* Dawn O'Brien:
 - i) Finalized homework policy to be incorporated into next year's student agenda
 - ii) Lateness policy under discussion
 - iii) If your child mentions any issues related to school facilities, please let Dawn know.
 - f) *Reflections:* Suparna Mahableshwarkar:
 - i) 10 entries received, a few more coming in
 - ii) 11/24 submission deadline was extended until 11/29
 - iii) 12/10 deadline to Mercer County PTA
 - g) *Athletes for Action:* Dawn O'Brien:
 - i) Thank you for 100 pounds of Halloween candy to distribute to hospitals
 - ii) ½ dozen students have signed up for Princeton Buddies to mentor children with special needs in soccer (fall), basketball (winter) and baseball (spring). Sundays, 1-3 PM
 - iii) Coordinate CARE packages to troops for Valentine's Day
- 7) *Call for New Business:*
- a) Link for Back to School Survey may be found on PTSA website.
 - b) Aztec Graphics donated 1000 green wristbands for Outdoor Education fundraiser to be sold for \$5 each with 100% of proceeds going to West Windsor-Plainsboro Education Foundation.
 - c) If we sell out of wristbands, PNC bank will donate an additional quantity.
 - d) PNC Bank has also offered to make a donation to WWPEF for Outdoor Education for every student who opens a new account with their bank. WWPEF is checking on the feasibility of PNC offering the program within the district.

8) *Guest Presentation:* Mark Wise and Mike Jackson, '21st Century Learning Curriculum'

9) *Next PTSA Meeting:* 2/10, 7:30 PM: Anti-Bullying & Internet Safety

10) *Adjournment:* Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM

Signed,

Allegra D'Adamo
Secretary

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Community Middle School PTSA FINANCIAL REPORT - 2010-2011	ACTUAL 8/1 TO 9/27	ACTUAL 9/28 TO 11/29	Actual YTD 2010-2011	BUDGET	BUDGET vs ACTUAL
BEGINNING CHECKING ACCT BALANCE	22,095	23,971	22,095	22,095	
RECEIPTS:					
Donations - Corporate (McCaffrey's & Box Tops)	-	-	-	225	(225)
Donations - HS Scholarship Fund	567	60	627	750	(123)
Donations - United Way & US Trust	170	91	261	850	(589)
Donations - Outdoor Education	928	99	1,027	-	1,027
Membership Dues -Local Portion- \$1.50 per member	813	123	936	788	149
Membership Dues -NJ/National -\$3.50 per member	1,897	287	2,184	1,838	347
Fundr - Book Fair - Fall	-	8,909	8,909	10,250	(1,341)
Fundr - JWAC	1,485	6,931	8,416	11,500	(3,084)
Fundr - Panther Wear	5,619	595	6,214	6,500	(286)
Program - 8th Grade Dance	-	-	-	3,100	(3,100)
Program - Night Owl	-	2,255	2,255	1,000	1,042
Program - North South Tailgate	-	861	861	1,300	(439)
Program - Student Directory	-	1,795	1,795	1,600	195
Program - Summer Reading	-	-	-	1,400	(1,400)
Program - Talent Show	-	-	-	1,700	(1,700)
Interest Income	2	2	4	10	(6)
TOTAL - RECEIPTS	11,481	22,008	33,489	42,810	(9,534)
EXPENSES					
Donations - Gift to CMS	-	5,336	5,336	15,000	(9,664)
Donations - HS Scholarship Fund (WWP)	-	-	-	1,000	(1,000)
Donations - Minigrants	-	-	-	2,000	(2,000)
Donations - Other (Post Prom, MCPTA, Memorials)	-	300	300	300	-
Donations - Outdoor Education	770	257	1,027	-	1,027
Donations - Sunshine Fund	-	141	141	750	(609)
Membership Dues Pd Out to NJPTA -\$3.5 per mem	-	2,184	2,184	1,838	347
Membership Dues -Mercer Co. Council PTAs	-	95	95	95	-
Fundr - Book Fair - Fall	-	6,414	6,414	7,400	(986)
Fundr - JWAC	690	129	819	950	(131)
Fundr - Panther Wear	5,246	1,149	6,396	5,500	896
Program - 6th Grade Ice Skating	-	-	-	-	-
Program - 7th Grade Year End World Cup	-	-	-	200	(200)
Program - 8th Grade Cameo	140	-	140	740	(600)
Program - 8th Grade Dance	-	-	-	2,000	(2,000)
Program - 8th Grade Salute	-	-	-	600	(600)
Program - Hospitality	117	217	334	650	(316)
Program - Newcomer's Orientation	254	-	254	400	(146)
Program - Night Owl	-	213	213	1,000	(787)
Program - North South Tailgate	-	705	705	950	(245)
Program - Parent Program	-	206	206	400	(194)
Program - Staff Appreciation	61	171	233	1,500	(1,267)
Program - Student Directory	-	1,768	1,768	1,400	368
Program - Student programs	1,550	-	1,550	1,550	-
Program - Summer Reading	-	-	-	1,225	(1,225)
Program - Talent Show	-	-	-	250	(250)
General - Bank Charges	-	-	-	50	(50)
General - Conferences	135	-	135	225	(90)
General - CPA Fees	-	-	-	125	(125)
General - Insurance	-	-	-	150	(150)
General - Plaques	-	-	-	-	-
General - Postage	42	40	81	70	11
General - Registration/Incorporation Fees	110	-	110	200	(90)
General - Supplies	30	122	152	400	(248)
General - Website	460	-	460	460	-
TOTAL - EXPENSES	9,605	19,447	29,052	49,378	(20,326)
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	1,876	2,561	4,437	(6,568)	
ENDING CHECKING ACCT BALANCE	23,971	26,532	26,532	15,527	