

*Community Middle School PTSA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
2/10/11*

Present: Catherine Foley, Dana Krug, Dawn O'Brien, Allegra D'Adamo

Call to Order: Catherine Foley called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM and introduced the board members.

- 1) *Approval of Minutes:* Allegra distributed minutes from 11/30/10 meeting. Dawn O'Brien made motion to approve. Dana Krug seconded the motion.
- 2) *Treasurer's Report:* Dana reviewed financial report (attached). Board is in the process of selecting a gift to school; more details at next meeting
- 3) *Student Council Report:*
 - a) Miriam Li announced new program: placement of one suggestion box in each class of every team. Council brainstorming ways to encourage student participation.
 - b) Working on proposal to request funding from PTSA for recess equipment
 - c) Pep rally went well; planning a second—need to publicize more
 - d) 8th grade dance coming up
- 4) *Principal's Report:*
 - a) Gerard Dalton thanked PTSA and Student Council for all of their hard work.
 - b) Jazz concert rescheduled from snow day preceded tonight's meeting.
- 5) *PTSA President's Report:*
 - a) Catherine Foley announced slate for Nominating Committee: Toni Hendry, Suparna Mahableshwarkar and Courtney Browndorf with Allegra D'Adamo as alternate. Dawn O'Brien made a motion to approve and Dana Krug seconded it.
 - b) Catherine announced realignment of board positions for next year (see agenda). Board is seeking a Secretary and Treasurer for the 2011-2012 school year.
 - c) Nominating Committee will announce the slate of 2011-2012 candidates at the next meeting.
 - d) Elections will be held at May 12th meeting. Anyone interested in running from the floor may do so by giving 20 days' notice in writing to the Nominating Committee, PTA President and Secretary.
 - e) There will be a community forum to discuss WW-P District priorities in the HSS Commons on 2/12, 10-1 and 2/15, 7-9 PM
 - f) Reminder to join cmsptsa.org email list for relevant information on all school and PTSA activities—including link to spring sports forms
 - g) Committee chairs are needed for 2011-2012; if interested, please contact Catherine Foley, catfoley5@gmail.com or Dana Krug, danakrug@comcast.net

- 6) *Committee Chair Reports:*
- a) *Membership:* Dana Krug for Toni Hendry:
 - i) PTSA has over 100 more members this year than last year and is eligible for 4 major NPTA awards.
 - ii) Close to 100% teacher membership.
 - iii) We need 30 more fathers to join in order to qualify for the Focus on Fathers Award.
 - b) *Site-Based Committee:* Dawn O'Brien: Committee met today to discuss:
 - i) Whether students may bring water bottles in and out of class
 - ii) Finalizing a uniform homework policy
 - iii) Consistency in field trips across teams and grades
 - c) *Reflections:* Suparna Mahableshwarkar:
 - i) 30 students participate
 - ii) 3 entries moving up to the state level
 - iii) Participants will be honored at CMS Talent Show
 - d) *Athletes for Action:* Dawn O'Brien:
 - i) ½ dozen students have signed up for Princeton Buddies to mentor children with special needs in basketball
 - ii) Will be collecting soda pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House
 - iii) March--Plainsboro Pantry "Healthy Breakfast" drive
 - iv) May--GroWW recycling day at West Windsor Arts Council—recycled sports equipment will be collected for HomeFront
- 7) *Guest Presentation:* Detective Eric Potts, Plainsboro Police Department, "Cyber-bullying and Cyber-safety"
- 8) *Next PTSA Meeting:* 4/7, 7 PM: CMS Guidance Department & PTSA presentation—"Yikes! Kids are Doing WHAT?!" Guest speaker: Elizabeth Casparian, Executive Director of HiTOPS teen health and education center
- 9) *Adjournment:* Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Signed,

Allegra D'Adamo
Secretary