

*Community Middle School PTSA  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
4/7/11*

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

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

1) *Treasurer's Report:*

- a. PTSA would like to:
  - i. Amend budget to increase Gift to School by \$1,000.
  - ii. Give CMS \$7,000-\$10,000 to support the curriculum for classroom libraries. Details to follow.
  - iii. Give Student Council \$1,000 towards the purchase of recess equipment. Details to follow.
- b. Dana made a motion to approve, Anita Franzione seconded. Membership voted unanimously to approve.

2) *PTSA Presidents' Report:*

- a. Special PTSA General Membership Meeting: Executive Board election, Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM
- b. Gifts to school: See 1 a) and b) above
- c. Budget Vote & School Board Election: April 27<sup>th</sup>(Wednesday after spring break): 1 Plainsboro and 2 West Windsor seats
- d. Budget Information Session: Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> , 9:30 AM at Village School
- e. Upcoming Events:
  - i. CMS Magic Show: Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 PM
  - ii. CMS Talent Show: Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 7-9:30 PM
- f. New traffic pattern when picking up students

3) *Student Council Report:* Dillon Sumanthiran

- a. Recess Revolution, thanks to PTSA. Will purchase basketballs, hula hoops, soccer balls, etc. New equipment will revolutionize recess time.

4) *Principal's Report:*

- a. Catherine Foley introduced new Assistant Principal Barbara Soares
- b. Barbara thanked PTSA for funding and described the classroom library project to support student reading at all skill levels

5) *Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2011:* Jane Lohr made motion to approve, Catherine Foley seconded

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. Have received much support from teachers.
      - 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:
      - i. Students may now bring water bottles in and out of class
      - ii. Finalizing a uniform homework policy to ensure consistency across CMS and GMS
      - iii. 7<sup>th</sup> grade iPod pilot program: iPods may be used during lunch and in the morning following bus dropoff
    - c. *Athletes for Action:* Dawn O'Brien:
      - i. March--Plainsboro Pantry "Healthy Breakfast" drive
      - ii. May 7<sup>th</sup> --GroWW recycling day at West Windsor Arts Council—recycled sports equipment will be collected for HomeFront
    - d. *Talent Show:* Mona Gawroniak: All going well.
      - i. More and more students participate each year: this year, close to 60 acts
      - ii. Teachers would like to get involved
      - iii. Rehearsals next week and third week of April
      - iv. Volunteers needed for Decorations
- 7) *Call for New Business:* PTSA seeks volunteers for 2011-2012: Sign-up sheets on table
- a. Hospitality
  - b. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep for Site-Based Committee
  - c. Box Tops/McCaffrey's
  - d. Parent Programs
- 8) *Next PTSA Meeting:* 5/12 @ 9:30 AM: Making the Transition to High School North: Q & A with Principal Michael Zapicchi and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents
- 9) *Guest Presentation:* CMS Guidance Department & PTSA presentation—"Yikes! Kids are Doing WHAT?!" Guest speaker: Elizabeth Casparian, Executive Director of HiTOPS teen health and education center
- 10) *Adjournment:* Meeting adjourned at 9 PM

Signed,

Allegra D'Adamo  
Secretary