

# **Illing Middle School PTSA Meeting Minutes**

**November 13, 2013**

**Meeting called to order by:** Sara Cleveland, President at 7:04 pm

**Attendees:** Sara Cleveland, Mary Keenan Klotzer, Wilma Beaulieu, Andy Kidd, Jay Carangelo, Jack Crockwell, David Welch, Seanna Francouer, Cathy Mazzotta, Merrill Kidd, Carol Nelson, Officer Michael Brouillard, Steve Desautels, Edwin Bonet

## **Secretary's Report**

Presenter: Mary Klotzer

- Minutes from previous PTSA meeting on 10/9/13 were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Wilma Beaulieu, seconded by Jay Carangelo to accept the minutes. PTSA members (with no objections and no abstentions) approved the minutes.
- PTSA membership continues to be going well, with 160 members, including 48 teachers/staff, 12 student members and 8 community members. Membership is open throughout the year.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Presenter: Andy Kidd

- Andy reviewed the proposed budget. The budget category "other expenses" and need to contribute to the town-wide Fine Arts program was discussed. A motion was made by Merrill Kidd to accept the budget and seconded by Wilma Beaulieu. PTSA members (with no objections and no abstentions) approved the budget.
- Andy reviewed the September and October monthly treasury report. A motion was made by Carol Nelson to accept the reports and seconded by Cathy Mazzotta. PTSA members (with no objections and no abstentions) approved the reports.
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## **Principal's Report**

Presenter: David Welch

- Mr. Welch reported that author Michaela MacColl recently visited IMS. He discussed that Mr. Lee arranged this visit. In December Mr. Welch, Mr. Geary and Mr. Chella will host a "Steps to Success" information meeting for parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders to discuss the benefits of staying in Manchester public schools.
- Mr. Welch discussed 2 major initiatives at Illing Middle School: 1) technology upgrade. In lieu of a Family Consumer Science class, there will be a new computer technology class. Mr. Dan Spada is piloting this new class. The class curriculum will include use of the chrome book, Internet safety and keyboarding. Next year Tech Ed will be eliminated and more computer classes will be added. All students will have chrome books next year. 2) Over the summer the back end of the building will be renovated. Currently students have to walk through classrooms in order to get to certain classes. The renovations will correct this. There will be no summer school and no summer rec programs at Illing this summer due to the renovation.
- There will be a DC fundraiser at Red Robin on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Coupon needed and available on the Illing website.

## **President's Report**

Presenter: Sara Cleveland

- Our Fall Fundraiser, Mixed Bag Designs, netted over \$1,900. Thanks to all families and staff who participated in this fundraiser.

### **New Business:**

- **Box Tops for Education:** Congratulations to the two winning homerooms: Mrs. Bombria (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and Mrs. Knickerbocker (8<sup>th</sup> grade). Each class will receive a pizza party.
- **Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Update:** Illing now has 71 people signed up at Stop & Shop A+ rewards. PTSA members and staff were encouraged to sign up at [https://www.stopandshop.com/our\\_stores/bonus\\_bucks/index.htm](https://www.stopandshop.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/index.htm) in order to increase funding for our school.
- **Town-Wide PTA:** Cathy Mazzotta reported the Town-Wide PTA is looking for sponsors for the Town-Wide Science Fair. Sponsor sheets are being sent out to all the PTAs, asking that an advertisement be purchased in the Science Fair program.
- **Guest Speakers:** Steve Desautels, Executive Director of the Manchester Police Athletic League (PAL) and Edwin Bonet, law enforcement intern at PAL. Steve gave information on the Manchester Police Athletic League, which was started by police officers over 20 years ago. He described multiple programs at PAL, including the martial arts program, academic success program, 3 on 3 basketball tournament and the mountain bike program. He reported PAL will help arrange programming in the schools, and he described a fingerprinting program held at Highland Park school and a teenage drinking prevention program held at Bennet Academy.
- **Guest Speaker:** Officer Mike Broillard discussed his role and security at Illing Middle School. Officer Broillard discussed that he has been an officer for 15 years and has been a School Resource Officer for 9 years (this is his 4<sup>th</sup> year at IMS). He discussed that as part of his SRO duties he teaches in classrooms on topics such as bullying and drinking. He stated he recently taught in Mrs. LePage's class on how math is used in police work. He reported that there are 4 full-time security officers at IMS. The security desk in the lobby was created last year. All persons coming into the school have to show identification. There is a new camera security system at IMS that gives a much wider and clearer view. The cameras are located in all hallways and stairwells and are also located outside the building.
- Carol Nelson brought up concerns about after hours security at IMS. She discussed that after 4 pm the school is open for Park & Rec activities, and that anyone is able to roam the hallways. She stated in other Manchester schools the hallways are locked and there is very limited access to the rest of the school. At IMS the hallways are open. She is concerned about persons being in IMS or bringing in dangerous items. She is on the safety committee for the Town of Manchester. She is looking for other parents to write letter and emails to the BOE and BOD. She can be contacted at [carolmarienelson@att.net](mailto:carolmarienelson@att.net).

Next PTSA meeting will be on December 18, 2013 at 7 pm in the Cafeteria.

Meeting closed at 8:12 pm by Sara Cleveland.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Keenan Klotzer  
PTSA Secretary