

Illing Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2014

In Attendance

Sara Cleveland, Stacey Forrish, Beth Hayes, Christine Keys, Devon Herrigan Keys, Andy Kidd, Diane Maloney, Grahame Slogesky, Mindy Smith, Gene Turley, Richard Walsh

Sara Cleveland, PTA Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Secretary's Report

Richard Walsh, PTA Secretary, distributed minutes from the previous meeting (10/01/14) for review and approval. Motion: S. Cleveland /Second: M. Smith /VOTE: APROVED

Membership Update

No Update

Treasurer's Report

Andy Kidd, PTA Treasurer, distributed and reviewed copies of the Sept-Oct 2014 Monthly Report. Motion: R. Walsh/Second: M. Smith /VOTE: APROVED

Principal's Report

Beth Hayes, IMS Principal, Interim.

Review of School Activities:

- Train certified staff on differentiated instruction
- High School Prep
- IMS awarded several creativity grants from Manchester BOE
 - Teacher apply with written proposal
 - The following teachers were awarded a grant for this topic
 - Mr. Friedrichs – Robotics Club
 - Mr. Parer (sp) – Poetry Slam
 - Mr. Lee (Enrichment) w/MHS Staff – Bring author Kara O'Brien to MHS for Illing and MHS students
 - Science Department – add'l curriculum supplies to teach more students simultaneously on same curriculum
 - Before and After school program for student performing below level
- School Governance Committee, advisory group, going to meet in December for first of 5 meeting this school year, make up of 7 parents, 5 staff and 2 community members; looking for self nominations for members

President's Report

- Introduced Stacey Forrish, IMS Community Resource Officer, been with MPD for 10 years, has office in IMS. Stacey described her role at IMS, cautioned parents about the children and social media and discussed the recent soft lockdown at the school
- Introduced Devin Keys, Illing PTA Student Council Representative, and Devin discussed a few recent and upcoming student council events
 - Raising proceeds for Hole in Wall Gang Camp

- Student Dance scheduled of 1/30/15
- Mixed Bag fundraiser – net revenue \$1,208.25
- Spring – butter braids fundraiser
- Sara spoke on a fundraiser idea for a Silent Auction/Raffle/ Wine Tasting Night in May or June 2015, looking for committee members, distributed donation request letter, proceeds to provide a proposed 8th grade graduation/promotion ceremony, discussed logistics an event that large, yearend event for 8th grade, \$5000 goal for this event
- Dairy Queen Dine Out Night – net revenue \$176 to benefit IMS PTA
- Guest Speaker Grahame Slogesky discussed
 - PTA Reflections program.12/21/14 deadline for application submission. Artwork will be displayed on 1/13/15 at Cheney Hall and winners will be announced that night
 - 4th Annual science Fair, partner with BOE this year, open to Grades 4-8, need help from PTA for night of fair, Science Fair night will be 3/5/15, tentative date

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Walsh
Secretary