

MMS PTSO
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2021, 12:00 pm
Virtual Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/cab-xypi-nsp>
Meeting called to order by Mr. Patrick Kosal at 12:00pm

WELCOME: Assistant Principal, Mr. Patrick Kosal

INTRODUCTIONS: Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Kosal, Kim Harvey, and Becky Barker gave introductions of themselves and the roles they play at MMS.

REPORTS:

President: No named President at this time.

Vice President: No named Vice President at this time.

Treasurer: Kim Harvey

Teacher Appreciation is our primary focus. PTSO provided t-shirts, masks, doughnuts on a couple of occasions, and a visit from the ice cream truck this year and last. Combined, that was an expense of approximately \$2,000. We were able to provide some snacks and lunches before Covid hit last school year.

Our current bank account balance is \$5,500. Our overall goal for fundraising is to provide a digital marquee for MMS. They are quite expensive (approximately \$20,000), and fundraising came to a halt with Covid-19.

PTSO is open to virtual meetings for next year.

Secretary: Becky Barker

No Secretary report at this time. Becky mentioned within the meeting that the time involved in the MMS PTSO is minimal compared to what she and other parents have experienced in the elementary and intermediate grades. MMS is very supportive and understands that parents have other commitments that lessen their ability to volunteer as much as they would like, so they offer flexible ways for parents to be involved.

Principal: Mrs. Ayana Robinson

Kim Harvey and Becky Barker are “moving up” to high school next year and the MMS PTSO needs all board positions filled for the 2021-22 school year. We are willing to help in any way.

At the MS level the PTSO time commitment is lower than elementary and intermediate schools.

PTSO was able to host some special events for teachers this year.

We are always open to suggestions for fundraisers.

This year, the PTSO was unable to meet due to the pandemic and the school being fully remote most of the year. PTSO meetings will be held once a month and asked if virtual or in person meetings worked better for families. It was determined that we may try both, but PTSO board will decide once established.

Assistant Principal: Mr. Patrick Kosal

Mr. Kosal spoke of the PTSO's absence over the past school year, due to Covid restrictions. MMS is extremely excited to build this partnership again with our school and parents. We know that many families are eager to assist in helping MMS to grow stronger in school / community relations, and membership in the PTSO is the first step in doing that. Nothing else to report, since we've not held a meeting this year so far.

OPEN MMS PTSO BOARD POSITIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS (given by Kim Harvey):

President - In charge of the board and oversees projects, delegates, and guides others. Facilitates the PTSO meetings.

Vice President - Assists the President with any duties as needed and steps in for the President when necessary.

Treasurer - Keeps track of expenditures. Makes sure, alongside another board member, that the bank statements match spreadsheets kept current for the President binder. Counts monies before and after dances, etc, along with other board members, to ensure no one is ever left alone with money.

Secretary - Prepares agendas for all PTSO meetings and forwards to President and Principal. Takes meeting minutes for all PTSO meetings and forwards to all who attended the meeting by the end of the same week in which the meeting took place.

OPEN MMS PTSO COMMITTEES AND DESCRIPTIONS (each committee can consist of multiple parents working together) (given by Kim Harvey):

Teacher Appreciation (TA): Plan a monthly treat or lunch for teachers and staff. Typically, it is alternated, one month a treat in the teacher lounge, and the next month, a lunch. A sign up genius is sent out to parents requesting donations for these. Having a TA Chair is ideal - someone who can gather others to help with ideas and delegate when needed.

Fundraising: Help with research of available ways to fundraise amongst the middle school students. Lead, or help when needed. There are many ways parents can help with this.

Spirit Nights: Contact local restaurants to donate a % to MMS PTSO, once a month or every other month. We have worked with Chick-fil-A, Kickback Jack's, Zaxby's.

Box Tops: This is mostly digital and may be phased out at some point, but it is an easy way to make money for the school.

Spirit Wear: We have used a couple of different vendors in the past. These vendors can be used again or new ones. Some vendors charge art fees, so using a past vendor might be ideal if fees like this exist.

NOMINATIONS FOR OPEN MMS PTSO BOARD POSITIONS:

President: No interest at this time.

Vice President: No interest at this time.

Treasurer: No interest at this time.

Secretary: No interest at this time.

VOTE ON OPEN MMS PTSO BOARD POSITIONS:

There were no nominees or interest at this time in any of the board positions. A survey will be sent out with Mrs. Robinson's Community Newsletter this Friday, May 14th, with a description of all the board and committee positions, along with the opportunity to show interest in any of the open board/committee positions. Mrs. Robinson is available at 704-658-2728, if anyone would like to ask any questions about the PTSO. Those interested are also welcome to contact current board members, Kim Harvey at bkcharvey@gmail.com and/or Becky Barker at beckybarker4pto@yahoo.com, with any questions.

2021-2022 MMS PTSO BOARD MEMBERS:

TBD (Please see above)

INTEREST IN OPEN MMS PTSO COMMITTEES (each committee can consist of multiple parents working together):

Thank you JoAnn Nix and Heather Contorno for offering to help when you can next year!

Other Business:

No other business discussed.

Next MMS PTSO Meeting Date: TBD

Meeting minutes taken by: Becky Barker, MMS PTSO Secretary