

IMS PTSO Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2023

Vice President Amy Hoelke called the meeting to order at 10:00am. In attendance were: Amy Hoelke, Jamie Lopez, Kim Woo, Kim McCartney, Mr. Deramo, Dr. Harding, Amy Nelson, Marisa Siciliano, Danielle Pisani, Jennifer Hayward, Jenn Kutlenios, Adrienne Shaw, Molly Cantwell, Alyssa Kuder, Maria Castellanos, Nicki Gronsky, Liz Margaria, Megan Rihn, and Megan DeFrancesco.

Old Business

- May minutes were circulated to all in attendance. Nicki Gronsky motioned to approve the minutes. Megan DeFrancesco seconded the motion. Motion was passed.
- The 6th grade ice cream social went very well. There was a very high turnout, and it was a good way to start off the school year. There was feedback to possibly offer an additional flavor for next year.

New Business

- **Treasurer.** Our treasurer that was nominated and appointed at the May meeting is no longer able to serve. Megan DeFrancesco motions to appoint Kim Woo as treasurer. All in attendance voted in favor. No one voted against. Motion is passed to appoint Kim Woo as treasurer.
- **Membership.** 140 families have signed up for PTSO membership. We are going to work in conjunction with the Student Council. Student Council leadership was elected at the end of last year. There is a board, as well as representatives from each homeroom. Any student who wants to be involved can be involved in some way. They will co-sponsor some events with us.
- **Halloween Social.** We will co-sponsor a Halloween social with student council on October 26, 2023, immediately after school (3:00-4:15). Student council, along with parent volunteers, will decorate for the social on October 17, right after school. The PTSO will conduct a drive for decorations and art supplies. Jennifer Kutlenios offered to help with the Halloween social. There were suggestions for a “Haunted” hallway and to raffle weekends with a giant skeleton decoration.
- **Transition to Middle School.** Mr. Deramo asked the group for feedback on the transition from 5th to 6th grade. It has been very smooth for all 6th grade parents in attendance. Communication with teachers has been great. There was a question on how teaming works. Teaming is very fluid at IMS. Team days will mostly be building wide. Teams are really only relevant for homeroom/field trips. Walk your schedule night was very helpful.
- **Building Events.** The FBI came and talked about digital citizenship, social media, and how the students can keep themselves safe. There was a 9/11 commemorative event.
- **PBIS.** A positive behavior program is being implemented at IMS. The AIU put the program together and trained staff. There are behavioral expectations in each part of the building. The focus of this program is to have positive outcomes for good behavior. The idea is to catch and

recognize people doing things well in one of the identified areas. If a student is “caught” doing something well, they can click a QR code and submit it, and then they will be entered into a drawing to win a treat in the cafeteria. This is to promote an anti-bullying culture.

- **Community Service.** Thanksgiving on Every Table will be the first community service event.
- **Spirit Wear Shop.** We would like to do an online spirit wear shop. Nicki Gronskey volunteered to run the spirit wear shop. We may have kids design something for the shop. There was a suggestion to add car magnets to the items for sale.
- **Upcoming Events.** We are looking to do an ice skating night at North Park. We plan to do another gingerbread decorating competition in December, and to do spirit days for some home basketball games (this would include selling some concessions before or during the games).
- **Additional comments:** Consider ways for working parents to be more involved. There was a suggestion for Candy-Grams during the lunch period-maybe around the Holidays or Valentine’s Day.
- Picture-day volunteer spots are full.
- The next meeting is October 5, 2023.

Vice President Amy Hoelke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55. Jamie Lopez seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.