

Middlebrook Elementary School PTA  
Membership Meeting – Monday February 7, 2022  
Middlebrook Elementary School-Zoom

Middlebrook Elementary School PTA convened in the cafeteria as well as via Zoom for a regular meeting on Monday February 7, 2022.

*In attendance:* Jen Farmer, Stacy Screpetis, Rachel Dalton, Katie Smolinsky, Sarah Parker, Merrilee DeFarias (6), April Lang, Andreisy, Rita, Ali Jaszgur, Bryan Murillo, Rheredia, Sara Hoefler, Wendy Storms, Mandy Bozio Gargano.

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Mrs. Farmer called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- ii. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Verbal introductions were made.
- iii. President's Report
  - a. 100% of the staff have been covered with flower purchases. There were 130 sales total.
  - b. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade talent show will be in person and will be open to 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents only.
- iv. Principal's Report- None.
- v. Teacher's Report- None.
- vi. Vice President's Report- Katie Smolinsky reported that we have a rep from each grade for the Yearbook committee and we need a list of student and teacher names from Mrs. Ponte. There will be a link for families to upload their own photos. Bingo is on and we will have to sell tickets and cap the number before hand to control attendance. Still need the number that will be allowed from Mrs. Ponte and to discuss the possible dates. Will need volunteers and they will all need to apply for a license with the police department to handle money. School store was in the library last month, not sure what the location will be going forward. The BOE vote on the budget is tomorrow. April posted a sample email on the Middlebrook Facebook page that parents can copy and send as support for budget increases. The budget needs support to get it back to where it was pre-Covid.
- vii. Secretary's Report- Minutes from the meeting on 1/10/2022 were presented. Jen Farmer made the motion to approve, and Katie Smolinsky seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
- viii. Treasurer's Report- The budget is in good shape in actuals. ASE, Book Fair, fundraisers, boutique, and school store all bought in revenue. Taxes are due May 15<sup>th</sup>, and we are working with the accountant on preparation.
- ix. Committee Reports
  - a. Yearbook- Have a volunteer from each grade and parents will be able to use a link to upload photos.
  - b. Mixer- 80 items have been donated. No teachers have responded. Any items that are collected should go to Mel. The next meeting will be 2/28. We still need to solicit some

restaurants. The Pizza truck may be too costly, so pizza and salad will be delivered to Two Roads.

- c. Book Fair- The fair will be March 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>. Set-up will be 3/28. A voucher will be given again to anyone that does not bring in money to shop. Over 5,000 Scholastic dollars are in our account. Depending on the amount of profit from the spring fair, we may opt to take them in cash vs. the Scholastic dollars this time around.
- d. Plant Sale- May 2<sup>nd</sup> will be afternoon set-up, May 3 day and evening sale, and May 4 day sales. The building request form is going in. The night pick-up will be 5:00-8:00 p.m. Raffle items are needed. PTA will purchase universal tablecloths that can be used on the tables. Volunteers will be needed, and pricing and selections will be ready for the next PTA meeting. There will be a pre-order.
- e. International Festival-It will be Friday May 6 from 6-8 p.m. There will be food and cultural performances with tables for different countries set-up in the gym. The first meeting for the committee will be tomorrow (2/8/22). Building use form is in and the set-up will be Thursday evening (May 5).
- f. Father's Club- Planning on a spring Father/Daughter dance. There will be pre-registration and need to know how many will be allowed in the gym. Food is allowed. Need to get building use form in and pick date. Update on the movie theater: 30 people max allowed per theater. Price is \$249 per theater. There are different packages that can be selected for food. They are only offered at 12 p.m. on Saturday and will need to have a pre-registration. Upcharge on the price per person so the club can make some profits. Possible dates for Special Person dance discussed were April 8 and 9. Maybe schedule the movie for March?
- g. Celebration of Arts- There will be a Broadway theme. Each grade will be assigned a musical. Looking at having an assembly with a Broadway actor, including a Q&A and performance. May separate into a K-2 and 3-5 session. A craft will be done in the classrooms. The cost for the actor's fee will be a couple hundred dollars, and there is a need to increase the budget. Each classroom will need a book for the literacy component. Volunteers will be needed as well, will post on Toolkit and Facebook. April will ask for Theater volunteers at Hillcrest.
- h. Fifth Grade Activities- All activities are scheduled and in toolkit. 2/24 is the first activity. June 10<sup>th</sup> will be a pool party with a rain date of June 13. There will be an activity every month going forward.
- x. New Business- March 18<sup>th</sup> is World Down Syndrome Day, the Kindness club will be planning something. Revamping the playground appearance was brought up, such as repainting the 4 square lines and adding some sensory activities on the blacktop. Adding some chalk paint to make a blackboard wall was also discussed, potentially as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade class gift.
- xi. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Next meeting is March 14, 2022.