

Armatage Montessori School

PTA Membership Meeting Minutes September 7, 2017

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order on 9/7/17 at 6:30 pm in the Armatage Media Center by Scott MacLachlan.

Attendance:

Joan Franks, Paul Scanlon, Margo Borth, Jazz, Sommers, Scott MacLachlan, Jacqueline Olson, Janelle Kuntz, Ryan Antkowiak, Scott Staab, Sarah Poindexter, Sarah Koelln, Greg Fall, Jasmine Kuipers, Kirsten MacNeill, Sarah Staab

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the 5/11/17 meeting: Jackie made a motion to accept the minutes, Sarah Poindexter seconded the motion, members unanimously approved.

Officers' Reports:

President (Scott MacLachlan):

Welcome extended to attendees and ongoing participation encouraged.

Treasurer (Jackie Olson/Scott Staab) - Budget Update:

- 2016-2017 Budget:
 - Revenue: Corporate Contributions (employer matches, Amazon smile), Community Night (Wendy's night), \$
 - Expenses: \$10,000 for curriculum support (IXL math, Time for Kids, National Geographic, orange go-home folders) to have in place for 2017-2018 school year.
 - 2016-2017 fiscal year (9/1/16 through 8/31/17) budget closed pending audit
- 2017-2018 Budget Proposed – Please refer to actual budget for more detail.
http://armatage.mpls.k12.mn.us/pta_information
 - 2017-2018 budget motion to approve as proposed by Scott Staab, motion seconded by Sarah Poindexter, members unanimously approved.

Volunteering Update (Janelle Kuntz)

- Tracking 36 events/roles; 34 out of 36 have a confirmed parent to lead the event committee.
- 2 chair positions outstanding: Room Parent Coordinator, 5th Grade Recognition Coordinator

- Volunteer form/surveys to be sent out in student's orange folders in the next week or two. Surveys will be sent out 3 times/year: fall events, winter events, spring events.
- Online form/survey being retired due to low response rate in past years.

Principal's Report (Joan Franks):

- Armatage Site Council committee is making a concerted effort to do more multicultural outreach to increase participation from these populations. Subcommittees formed.
- Armatage was awarded School of Excellence Award – official acknowledgement and celebration later in year – TBD.
- Parent teacher conferences moved from 10/18/17 to 11/1/17 (evening) and 11/2/17 (day) due to construction activity.
- SOEI underway– Standards of Effective Instruction (viewing and observation of teachers teaching and feedback provided by administration or peer-to-peer)
- Paul Scanlon reviewed results of MCAs from 2016-2017. Please contact Paul directly for more details.
- Minneapolis Public School Board vote to increase lunch/recess times. At Armatage all grades will have 30 minutes recess; pre-K/K will have lunch increased from 20 min to 30 min (lunch remains at 20 minutes for 1st – 5th grade students)

Next meeting:

October 5th, 2017 at 6:30 in Armatage Media Center