

Draft Meeting Minutes (to be approved December 15, 2011)
Mountview PTA General Meeting
Thursday October 20, 2011

1. Open/attendance form for signatures

Deneen Barclay, Carolyn Berglund, Carrie Boisselle, Karen Hughes, Tina McAndrew, Beth Moughan, Mary Jude Pigsley, Patty Walton, Scott Hill, Candy Graham, Hope Cotton

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from the September 15, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved (motion to approve: Deneen Barclay, 2nd: Patty Walton)

3. Treasurer's Report

Patty reported that the beginning half of many stipends have been paid. Dawn Rooke received the items she ordered from Follett for \$ 419. 20 – she has a total of \$1000 to spend.

The AIM letter came - we are insured for the year.

4. Stipend Requests

a. Hope Cotton introduced herself and mentioned this is her 7th year putting on plays for MTV. This year's play is Beauty and the Beast Jr. presented with no intermission March 7-9th. The show rights including music and scripts will total either \$550 or \$600. Costume and set costs are estimated at \$200. Candy Graham is the music director this year with Johanna Ortino as choreographer (she teaches 8th grade math at Central Tree). Hope increased her stipend request from \$700 to \$800 this year with other stipend requests for the music director and choreographer. Students pay a \$20 activity fee which pays for a pizza party and t-shirts. Hope is asking for a total of \$2550. The PTA pays for a police detail at \$150/each show x 4 shows for a total of \$600. Patty reported miscellaneous props spent last year was \$300 rather than the \$200 proposed. Karen suggested raising the activity fee from \$20 to \$25. This is a reasonable request that can pay for the stipends.

Hope is borrowing many of the costumes from a theatre company. Hope also suggested dividing the cast into groups to bring in food for each show, rather than the PTA selling food. Beth Moughan asked how the kids volunteer to help with lighting, sets, etc. Karen said we have signups in February starting by selecting from 8th grade down to 6th grade. No need to vote for amount requested since the play is a line item in the budget.

b. Research Assistant – requested by Dawn Rooke who spends about 10-12 hours with 8th grade students during a 2 week period in January/February. Same request as last year for \$200 (motion to approve: Candy Graham, 2nd: Deneen Barclay).

c. After School Wind Ensemble – George Paradis is leading this group of 6-8 students once a week from 3:30-6pm; it could grow to 50 students. Motion to approve \$500: Karen Hughes, 2nd, Carrie Boisselle.

c -1 Additional Stipend not on Agenda

Brendan Ferrari is interested in starting an a cappella group (he held auditions a couple weeks ago). \$500 was requested for a group of about 50 students, minimum of 20 hours. Motion to approve: Karen Hughes, 2nd Mary Jude Pigsley

d/e. Grade 7 Organizational Club and Grade 6 Organizational Club

PTA sponsored this program last year for 6 graders who could not get organized to begin their day. More students this year are having trouble organizing papers, binders, etc. so Lisa Hughes would like to run this program M/W/F starting on November 18th. Figured by hours:

40 ½ hours is \$1215 dollars based on \$30/hour district pay scale so \$1000 seems reasonable. The teachers sent a list of students to parents to ask for permission. Grade 7 does not yet have a teacher to run this program but \$700 is requested.

Grade 6 \$1000/1 teacher 3 days week

Grade 7 \$700/1 teacher 2 days week

Motion to approve both stipends: Deneen Barclay; 2nd: Carrie Boisselle.

f. Science Olympiad

Jason Tyler and Ken Ambach run the Science Olympiad from October to June with a championship in March. 6-9th grade students on junior varsity and varsity teams have already started with \$80 paid for registration fees by the school. \$400 per coach is requested for a total of \$800. Motion to approve: Karen Hughes, 2nd: Mary Jude Pigsley.

5. Grant Requests

a. Art Club – Alyson Aliskevicz runs the Art Club which had sign ups the first week in October. Same request as last year for \$250 seed money to buy supplies. Motion to approve: Carrie Boisselle, 2nd: Mary Jude Pigsley

b. New First Aid Kits

School Nurse Melissa Krosocazka is looking for 4 new first aid kits at a cost of \$104.76 for sports teams and gym teachers. Motion to approve: Tina McAndrew, 2nd: Mary Jude Pigsley

c. Classroom Calculators

Scott Hill asked the PTA for \$508.16 to buy solar powered calculators to keep in the classroom. 30 will be in Scott Hill's room, 30 in Matt James' room. Motion to approve: Tina McAndrew, 2nd: Mary Jude Pigsley.

6. Upcoming events

a. Butterbraid Fundraiser - breads will arrive Wednesday, November 16th. Four volunteers are needed that afternoon from 4:30-6pm to help distribute breads.

b. Teacher's' Breakfast on 10/28 – Carolyn currently has 16 people who have volunteered to bake.

c. Homework Zone Update – currently there are 21 kids with the hope of opening an 8th grade classroom next session.

d. Parrot Pizza Fundraiser consists of coupons available on the MTV website that can be used Tuesday-Thursday weekly which kicks back 10% to MTV PTA.

7. Principal's Comments - Karen spoke on Eric's behalf

a. Coffee/chat at 9am tomorrow in café.

b. First dance tomorrow night which will be a major fundraiser for the Josh Thibodeau Scholarship. Students are encouraged to wear their "moose" t-shirts; a large crowd is expected. Parents must pick students up in front of the building, not on Shrewsbury Street. Some of the money raised will be used to purchase a Josh Thibodeau plaque.

c. Internet safety night is happening next Wednesday at 7pm at MTV. A mother/daughter team will present how to keep kids safe and show parents how to see how kids are using the internet.

- d. New building update - state has approved an 800 student building - they were looking at a 700 student building but approved 800 which actually means MTV can fit closer to 1000 students whether renovated or rebuilt.
- e. WEFT is holding 21st century skills tonight - teachers will have training on that during October professional development day.

8. Comments/Questions?

Some discussion was held regarding presenter Jeff Yalden's use of language. Kids seemed to get the message but he could have left out the inappropriate language. Eighth graders seemed to grasp it while 6th graders focused on the inappropriate words.

SEPAC will be holding a session on using iPads for communicating next Wednesday night at the Jefferson School curriculum center.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:01pm (motion to adjourn: Tina McAndrew, 2nd: Carrie Boisselle).