

## Minutes from Moody PTSA Meeting 10.9.19

### Attendees:

Penny Moss: President, Kim Imajo: Raider Fund/Retail Promotions, Kristen Vithoukaskas: Treasurer, Ms. Doss, Principal, Andrea Bush: Secretary, Ms. Cram: Teacher Advisor, Sowmyia Gomatan: VP Communications, Sri Palani: VP Membership, Suchita Suryawanshi: Reflections

Meeting called to order by Penny Moss, President, at 6:38pm

Penny asked for a motion to be made to adapt tonight's agenda Sowmyia Gomatan made the motion, the motion was seconded by Sri Palani, motion passed.

Penny asked for a motion to be made to adopt the minutes from the last meeting, Ms. Doss made the motion, seconded by Kim Imajo, motion passed.

Kristen Vithoukaskas, Treasurer, shared that all the books are up to date. Raider Fund is currently approximately \$2,000 less compared to last year. Kristen wanted to remind us to not about forget Amazon smile for holiday season. Kristen also shared that again this year we will receive corporate donation, and this year we are not sure with the changes to the Box Tops for Education program if we will make our goal.

Ms. Cram suggested that the SCA could take on the task of creating a drive or contest to increase Box Top participation. She will reach out to Ms. Bradley to coordinate if possible.

Kristen shared that we will post another announcement to drive Raider Fund donations.

Kristen shared current membership is at 494 members, which already surpassed last year.

Ms. Doss shared in her Principal update that the learning software Brain Pop has been purchased for the teachers to use with the students. The staff is also asking for two more software to assist with learning, IXL, and Newsela. IXL will be used with kids who are in assistance of SOL remediation. Newsela is used with all students and is an adaptive software based on the students reading ability. The recommendation was made to use funds from the corporate donation towards the purchases of the new software's.

Ms. Doss shared that Ms. Marable APL class has requested \$500 to do a beautification of school and will maintain throughout the year.

It was also shared that 2 more water bottle fillers will be purchased and installed in the school. One in the Annex, and one in the Elective Hall.

Ms. Doss shared on behalf of the PBIS committee (positive behavior intervention system) that the group would like to have parent rep on the committee. The meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 3:30-4:30 pm.

Lastly, Ms. Doss shared that beginning today the process for dismissal was being tweaked. Challenges have arisen due to Moody being a HUB in the afternoon and coordinating the multiple moving pieces. The dismissal process is taking too long and as such Ms. Doss and Henrico County Transportation are

looking to find ways to ensure a faster and safe process. She will be sending a communication to parents to explain the changes.

Kim Imajo, Retail Promotions, shared upcoming spirit nights: Thursday, 10/24 Panera at Staples Mill & Parham, and Wednesday 11/20/19 Chipotle off Nuckols Rd.

Kim shared the plans for a bigger push to remind Moody families of using AmazonSmile, particularly once holiday shopping typically begins.

Kim also shared that we are expecting \$1366 corporate matching donations that will go directly to the Raider Fund.

Kim shared that Dominion Orthodontics has reached out wanting ways to connect with the Moody community, such as volunteer, sponsorship, etc.

Lastly, Kim shared as a reminder to enter the code for Moody when ordering Papa John's pizza

Penny Moss, shared that the Math 24 program tournament will be held this school year on 2/25/20. We will tie this in to a general membership PTSA meeting as required by Virginia PTA bylaws to hold at least two General Membership meetings per school year.

Penny reminded the board that Reflections due 10/18. Currently we have no submissions. Multiple teachers have shared as well as posting on social media, Ms. Doss weekly message, etc. Any questions please reach out to Suchita Suryawanshi at reflectionsmoody@gmail.com

Penny shared that this year's IB open house will be held on 10/17. PTSA students will be helpers the night of the event.

Penny shared that the PTSA will be paying for Science Scholastic

The fall dance, Monster Mash, will be held on Friday 10/25 Monster Mash. Tickets will be for sale outside clinic 8:10-8:35 am the week of the dance.

Fall school pictures will be held on 10/23 & 10/24

Next monthly teacher snack will be held on Friday 10/25

As of now, we still don't have an 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance chair. An idea was presented to see if SCA could help coordinate if we do not have a volunteer to chair.

In the absence of Spirit Wear chair, Penny shared that we are waiting on the order that was placed at the end of September to be received. Also, the square site has been updated with inventory, so additional items are available to purchase online.

Lastly, PTSA will be supporting Mr. Drummond and his chorus by paying for the accompanist for the student competition his girls' choir has been invited to perform at. Also, as a reminder, all fine arts teachers can request funds for enrichment up to \$100

Meeting adjourned by Penny Moss at 7:50 pm

Minutes submitted by Andrea Bush