

## PTA General Meeting Notes, 4.28.16

1. Opening
  - a. Jen Sigler motioned to open the meeting
  - b. Annmarie Lodese-Hesse seconded the motion
2. A vote was taken to approve the meeting notes from the PTA General Meeting held on 3.21.16.
  - a. Carrie Minsavage called for a vote to approve the meeting notes
  - b. Amy Masters seconded the motion
    - i. The notes were approved by unanimous vote
3. No Treasurer report was present at the meeting
  - a. Casie/Robin will make the report available via email to all PTA members ASAP.
  - b. Jen Sigler would like a note be made that this is the second month in a row that there has not been a Treasurer's report at the monthly meetings.
4. 2016-2017 Board Position Nominations
  - a. Anna Shustack will be returning as VP of the Elementary School
  - b. Sue Henn was nominated for the position of Secretary
    - i. The nomination was accepted by Annmarie Lodese-Hesse
    - ii. This was second by Petra Shariff
  - c. Amy Masters was nominated for the VP of the Middle School Position
    - i. This nomination was accepted by Laura Joyner
    - ii. This was second by Carrie Minsavage
  - d. Julie Korson was nominated for the Treasurer position
    - i. This nomination was accepted by Carrie Minsavage
    - ii. This was second by Amy Masters
  - e. Robin Patton was nominated for the President position
    - i. This nomination was accepted by Amy Masters
    - ii. This was second by Laura Joyner
  - f. Nominees will be voted on at our May PTA Meeting. There were no second nominees brought forward by the membership for the above positions.
5. Update on the Outdoor Classroom
  - a. The outdoor classroom project has been completed and many UTES clubs and classes have already taken advantage of the space.
  - b. Dr. Cassetty donated \$10,950 to the PTA for the pavilion which the PTA will pay for directly.
  - c. The Boy Scouts have completed building and installing all of the picnic tables and have also planted the trees with the help of A1 Tree Services.
  - d. Dr. Cassetty is hoping to do this same project at the Middle School.
  - e. Declan Coster was able to complete this project under budget and as such the PTA is able to use the extra monies to donate a sound board to the UTMS middle school to replace a malfunctioning one or other middle school needs through a teacher request through mini-grants. We will work to have this done before the May 25th middle school concert.
6. All grades participating in the PARCC testing will be having "After PARCC Parties"
  - a. The 3rd/4<sup>th</sup> Grade party will be held on 5/4 during school. Dr. D will be the DJ paid for by the PTA and the PTA will provide water and ice pops for the party.
  - b. The 5th and 6th grade party will be held after school on May 13th until 5pm. Sign ups are on the website.
  - c. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade party will be held on 5/13 from 6:30-9. This is a self-funded

event that will include pizza, DJ games and fun with friends. Sign ups are on the PTA website. Doing 6:30-9 to allow families to be able to juggle between ES talent show and this event.

7. Our Spring Tiger Clubs were a wild success and have raised over \$1500! Thank you Petra, AnnMarie, and Kara for making this spring happen.
8. The Spring BOGO book fair was a big money maker this spring! As such, we will receive an additional 10% bonus of money earned at ES and 5% bonus for MS. This money will go directly to the teachers to put more books in the classrooms!
9. Upcoming Events... Sign up at [www.utspta.org](http://www.utspta.org) for all below:
  - 4.29 Artome at UTES.. Fundraiser for art program..still can purchase art that is framed until May 6th
  - 5.4 May the Fourth be with You for 3rd - 5th
  - 5.5 Ladies Night Social at the Mountain View Chalet
  - 6.4 Run Like a Tiger...4/29 last day for early bird sign up. **Looking for more sponsors... Let Melissa Hoffman know if you have a business that would like to sign up. Link on [utspta.org](http://utspta.org) for sponsorship form.**
  - 6.10 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Day at Great Adventure
    - In addition, UTS families are able to purchase tickets to Dorney Park at a discounted rate. Check out our website to order your \$28 tickets today!
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade signs and balloons are currently on sale. This is a great way to celebrate your 2016 graduate!
10. Summer Camp registration is OPEN! Camp is \$150/week and will run from 9-11. The PTA will receive a 10% kickback for each enrollment.
  - a. Mrs. Wingler & Kimberly Borin (former UTS Guidance Counselor) will be holding 3 weeks of Yoga camp (running the last three weeks of July)! Sign ups are on our website.
  - b. Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Wingler and Mrs. Shramko will also be holding a drama camp the week of 8/8 at UTS. Sign ups are on our website.
11. Assemblies:
  - a. Eyes of the Wild Assembly organized for 4/29 with help of Petra and Anna, our UTES assembly coordinator

Much discussion was held among the attendees about individuals being able to pay for assemblies or mini grants that have been requested by teachers or organized by assembly coordinators (the two VPs of our schools). There is concern, not only about covering our operating costs but about fairness (all grades getting equal opportunities). A suggestion put on the table was a "mini-grant sponsorship program" with the proviso that if the grant that was being covered came in under budget, there would be an agreement that any extra funds would go to the PTA for other items that are in the budget. The new PTA board will address these thoughts and listen to suggestions about how to move forward in the future for those who want to give in this way. We want to define this carefully so as to avoid confusion in the future, so the new board will draft a policy for this purpose in preparation for the new school year (2016-2017). Attached to this document is a list of the mini grants awarded this year, as well as the PTA budget with the mini grants submitted for 2015/6 year.

12. Committees needing chairs at this time! Please contact Casie Fariello (her email is on the PTA website under "Your PTA.")

- a. Book Fairs for both schools
- b. Coupon Books
- c. Breakfast with Santa
- d. Social ideas and small events that you want to run and bring to the new PTA board

13. A call to adjourn was made by Amy Masters

- i. Petra Sharif seconded the motion