

Platt PTO Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2011

Date & Time: November 16, 2011 at 11:00 pm

Attendees: Janine Dunn*; Lisa Rice*; Sherry Sommer*; Jane Smolens*; Cathy Faughnan*; Maureen Chism*; Kevin Gates*; Tanya Santee*; 8th grade team of teachers – Ellen DeBaker, Paula Prentup, Candace Kasi, Mr. O, Student Teachers -

* **In attendance**

Action Items

Due Date	Action	Owner	Status
1/18/12	Discussion of brain bowl funding for next year	Janine	

Time	Topic	Facilitator	Notes
11:04	Welcome	Janine	Welcome to the PTO Meeting Introductions.
11:05 pm	Approval of Minutes October 12, 2011 meeting	Maureen Chism	Approval of Minutes from the October 12, 2011 meeting – Maureen Chism Motion made by Janine 2 nd Lisa Approved – Post just the final minutes on website
11:10	Treasurer's Report & Budget	Pam Vogel	Treasurer's Report & Budget - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached report • Financials to date • Faculty Follies - \$5,200 • Destination Imagination and Brain Bowl Funding – coaches for DI requesting the registration to be paid by PTO and it was about \$200 for both teams. Brain Bowl is a TAG function and typically we have covered this for TAG, but the budget has run out and PTO is being asked to help with the registration of Brain Bowl, which is about \$150. • Janine made the motion to cover the brain bowl registration this year only and Maureen seconded it. 6 – 2 vote. A more detailed discussion of this topic will continue next year, as it is a “sticky” subject. Discuss again in January. • Costco Card – PTO tax-exempt –we will continue to use the school card rather than purchase one for the PTO. • Grocery Card Program – Dorian Macdonald – averaging \$900 a month • Cash reserves at \$29,000
	Old Business	Janine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTO Room 108 makeover – Dorian Macdonald — some art is up. Get to it soon. • East Courtyard Project – Sherry Sommer – Tree purchase / planting in east courtyard see above in Teacher Counselor report. – Sherry Sommer – is working on the courtyard with the science teachers to make it useable and comfortable. Dec. 7, 7:30 – 8:10 am, the teachers are discussing and starting to prioritize what they want. Sherry to put a blurb in the newsletter to get parents and also look into CU. • Auditorium Fund – Plaques – Penny Tompkins

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooling System Info
Impact on Education –	Kendra Chrisbens	<p>Impact on Education – Kendra Chrisbens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact Nominations – not sure which ones got in. In the process of reviewing. Kevin finds out on Dec. 4 or 5 if we have anyone move on to the final round. <p>DPC Report – Diane Mosley –no report DAC Report – Natalie Portman Marsh – asked to work with SAC SAC Report – Jane Smolens – 3 people came. Went over the unified improvement plan. (Please see the attached notes) Next one is January 11, 2012 at 11:30 – 1:00 pm topic is unknown right now.</p>
Teacher’s/ Counselor’s reports	8th grade team	<p>8th Grade Team Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlights or needs Each teacher updated what the 8th grade class is doing in each subject. Reminder high school registration is coming up, if kids shadow they will need to make up the work from class. Homework club on Tuesday/Thursday and they want the kids to take ownership of schedule. Just drop in. Junior Achievement has been done every year for the kids and this year they want to go to JA Finance Park so the kids can really learn about finances. Field trip will be required and they are looking for funding for bus trip and subs. They don’t know the costs yet, but they are asking PTO to think about it. Roughly need about \$500. All the materials for this are given to the teachers for FREE! High Praise for the 8th grade teachers from Kevin. Justin will be organizing the Follies next year said Kevin. Upcoming events <p>Counselor Report – Patty Patterson – Student Allies – 50 students in an all day training in order to be a no place for hate school. That happened at the end of Oct. Patty has met with them once and she will meet with them again and the kids will deliver the material to their connect classes. T-shirts should be in and they will have pins and hopefully they will help with the signing of resolution.</p> <p>☞</p>
Principal’s report	Kevin Gates	<p>Principal’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follies were stressful for Kevin and next year she needs to let someone handle it. OE is happening. Heatherwood and Douglas have had Platt presentations. Also going to Eisenhower. Having 2 parent coffee’s and we have added shadowing. More artwork around and getting the school ready. Maybe using a survey. They have separated the climate data between Choice and Platt. Felt like things were going in the right direction. Only allowed to market to your neighborhood schools.
		<p>Committee Reports for upcoming/important events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Enrollment preparations – Karen Cobb - visit days are the Karen and Janine and we need help from parents to attend Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 at 6:00 pm Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 at 9:00 – 10:30 offer feelings about Platt. Platt Shares – Cyndi Aubrey – Dec. 1-16th need co-chair PEN – Lena Michels – great diversity talk a few weeks ago and met with Kim Green. Coffee Chat on Dec. 6 – focus on transitions and changes. Evening event in February stay tuned for a final date. DPLT – Kim Green Barnes & Noble Book Event & Dinner - Dec. 13th – Lisa Rice / Fran Katnik

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			<p>– we are all set. Chipotle is donating 50% back if you dine and it is from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Music and Art will have presentation there all night.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Cookie Exchange – Dec. 16th - Fe Baran sign up sheet • Fundraisers – Kendra Chrisbens - CU football tickets - \$400, Dine-out Martino's Pizzeria \$160, Mixed bags (push for holidays), - \$100 dollars Jamba Juice (done until Spring), Target Card? • Social/Dance – follow up - great •
11:50	New Business	Janine Dunn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All was discussed and documented under old business.
	request	Louise Garrels	<p>Helping out a choice family that is battling cancer. If you would like to help please contact Daryl McCool at daryl@mccool.com or Cindy Matthews at cindyjmatthews@yahoo.com</p>

Upcoming PTO Meetings			
Date	Meeting	Owner	Key Agenda Items
January 18	PTO Meeting	Janine	
February 15	PTO Meeting	Janine	
April 18	PTO Meeting	Janine	
May 16	PTO Meeting	Janine	