

The meeting was called to order at 10:06AM.

In attendance: Anjie Gordon, Lisa Fenley, Pamela McDonnell, Tracy Miller, Jeannie McGregor, Jenny Hudson, Angela Schwartz, Jaimee Hilliard, David Faltys, Julie Thannum, Jennifer Stallings, Tammy Kane, Kari Holmes, Stacy Saxton, and Janice Rowlands

Guest speaker - Dr. Faltys -

Dr. Faltys thanked the Long Range Facility Planning Committee/ Bond Committee for the very long process of passing the bond, overseeing planning the school, and getting it finished. Two new buildings are up and running. CMS building withstood it's first rain since being built!!! with only one glitch in awnings in the back.

Solar Panels at new CMS dropped July bill from \$14,000 to \$3,000 with expectation of being negative \$/ putting power back on the grid most months. "Green" components allowed for a \$2million grant and a \$709K rebate. Board considering various projects to spend 'extra' bond money bc of cost-savings on most campus bond projects. Pricing water wells at larger campuses at cost of approx \$100K each in Bond dollars that will save approx \$30-40K at each campus yearly out of operating funds (teacher \$.) Similarly, switching to LED lights at the stadium and other parking lots using bond money will save on operating funds in the future. These bond projects will allow for savings in the yearly budgets in the future to help offset budget cuts now and in the coming years from the state.

To spend \$100 in operating (M&O) in CISD we have to collect \$140 in taxes bc of Robin Hood.

Vicki Truit passed a bill to change state busing rules. Now, those 2+ miles from their school are riding for free according to state law. Since CISD does not get money from the state for buses, and since the buses cost CISD approx \$2million, the bill will allow collection from all riders, if needed. There are about 4300 registered riders out of approx 7900 students in the district.

State cut CISD about \$9million over the next two years. The CISD board was able to balance the budget this year without dipping into fund balance/ savings. Savings is in great shape, foreseeing these cuts. State of Texas ranks 47th currently in the US in spending per student, down from 44 just a few years ago.

There will be a "town hall" meeting regarding budget issues Nov 1. CISD will then hold a survey re: budget for 2012-2013 year Nov. 1 - 18th.

Budgets are set in August but program and staffing decisions are made before March.

*Be nice to teachers because this is the 2nd year in a row they've not gotten a raise!

Question from parent about bleachers. Some feel there is not enough seating. Answer: Seating is approx what DMS has, based on # of students enrolled.

August minutes were reviewed both my email and at the meeting. Lisa Fenley moved to accept as written. Angi Schwartz 2nd. Motion passed and minutes were approved as written.

Principal's Report - Mrs. Rowlands

Still working with kids regarding tardies. Suggestions like taking books for 2 classes to cut down on locker visits, giving kids 2 extra minutes to transition from Athletics, etc. No detentions yet.

Football games still being held at Dragon Stadium. Decisions will be made week to week. Bc of trip time, Dragon Den classes and 8th period being swapped so Football kids can leave a little earlier for their games. Kids still being asked to take backpacks to whichever is their last class of the day so they make the bus, etc.

Question about website/ blogs. Jaime Hilliard stated some websites not working so some teachers started blogs. Mrs. Hilliard gave the 7th grade blog sites out.

There will be no more food/ drinks at 6th week celebrations.

Treasurer's Report - Kari Holmes

To-date financials distributed. Approx \$56K in the bank. Check-writing income at \$16,000+ so \$2K over budget. Excess money in our account leftover from years past being tracked 'below the budget' and will allow us to fill the large amount of Wish List request we received this month.

President's Report - Stacy Saxton

Back to School bash/ plan B went as well as could be expected. Power went out at approx 7:05 with approx 160 kids already in the building. Event cancelled by Mr. Miller at approx 7:20 bc AC was not on and bc emergency lighting is limited. Refunds offered to anyone turned away. Those present were allowed to eat and drink, so their money will not be refunded. PTSO still had to pay for food, ping pong tables, DJ, etc. so issuing refunds to all would put us in the hole and take away from \$ available for Wish list requests and other PTSO funded activities.

CEF Auction donations of signed football and signed volleyball available at Cirque du CEF.

Membership at \$5950. 405 families (422 kids) out of about 630 kids, so around 65%. Similar to years past.

Need to discuss and vote on budget changes:

Read to Win - suggesting to add \$800 line, separate from programs, to track read to win expenses. It's our 4th year and all paln to continue. Angi Schwartz moved, Lisa Fenley 2nd. Motion passed.

Career Day - suggesting to add \$200 Career Day line to better track that expense separate from Hospitality. Will show \$0 every other year. Angi Schwartz moved, Lisa Fenley 2nd. Motion passed.

Discussed changes to by-laws to allow president to approve up to \$100 and Exec to approve up to \$500 per request to expedite time-sensitive needs without having to wait until monthly general meetings. Discussion that this is in line with CES, DES/ WGES, JES and DIS PTO by-laws. Lisa Fenley moved, Tammy Kane 2nd. Motion passed. By-laws will be amended. (See attached.)

VP Disbursements - Jennifer Stalling

More requests than ever in CMS history as far as anyone on the committee or Mr. Miller can remember. New building means new opportunities! Also, new band teacher with approx 200 kids @ 3 levels, new theater teacher, 2nd year choir teacher, and biggest 7th grade class ever at CMS.

Total requested items = \$24,000+

Wish List/ Disbursement budget line = \$4780

New School budget line = \$10,000

“Leftover” funds in account, but not budgeted - less earmarks/ expenses = ~\$11,000

Separated requests according to which budget line Wish List committee and Mr. Miller felt most fitting. These decisions and reasons were discussed.

Driver’s request for Outdoor Ed (\$560) being filled by parent donations so removed from requests.

2 Requests were tabled by the committee-

Caruth’s \$190 Feather Shakespeare masks

Adams’ \$260 Shakespeare costumes (both to make reading Shakespeare more fun)

Wish List/ Disbursements (\$4780 available)

- ~ \$ 481 for Rosendahl/ Science 7th for Vertebrate Heart Display - hearts and stand
- ~ \$1383 for Cashion/ Science 7th for Body Systems hands-on supplies/ labs
- ~ \$ 460 for Weber/ Science 8th for Physics/ Motion unit manipulatives
- ~ \$ 550 all math teacher for sleeves and write-erase markers for reusable worksheets
- ~ \$ 498 Bowen/ 7th math for equations to promethean board program
- ~ \$ 100 gift card for Sullivan/ nurse to buy clothes for kids in violation of dress code
- ~ \$ 200 gift card for Stowe/ Life skill to buy home living, etc. items for their classroom
- ~ \$ 300 for Fowler/ Content Mastery for basket lockers to ease with transitions
- ~ \$ 99 for Sisson/ Care for reading instructional materials
- ~ \$ 187 for Myers/ Content Mastery for mp3 players for recording books/ reading
- ~ \$ 135 for Kelly/ Content Master for Scholastic Magazine/ reading
- ~ \$ 189 for Adams/ Yearbook for digital camera and memory card

\$4575 total approved from the Wish List BUDget line

New School Line (\$7,000 available)

- ~ \$900 for Choir mirrors that we had at old building, needed at new building now.
- ~ \$272 for Nurse shelf
- ~ \$150 gift card for break room supplies, silverware caddy, towel holder, etc.

\$ 1,322 total approved from New School line

Savings/ Leftover from years past - not budgeted this year (Approx \$11,000 available)
~ \$1120 Rosedahl/ 7th Science 2 microscopes to make class set of 10

Angi Schwartz motioned to approve all 3 lists, Tammy Kane 2nd. All approved totaling \$7017

Pre-FAN requests to be discussed

- \$500 McCoy/ Theater for play rights and material for play- needed for both semesters
- \$100 McCoy/ Theater for software so kids can turn books/ stories into plays
- \$450 McCoy/ Theater for a TETA workshop in January
- \$775 Andre/ Architecture for materials for new architecture elective - both semesters
- \$406 Rengal/ music for an area rug to assist in SOUNd absorption/ acoustic
- \$14,000K various requests from Oglesby/ Band

We don't have enough to cover all these requests so they were reviewed as a group for time sensitivity. We decided to ask Mr. Oglesby to prioritize his \$14,000K+ requests as we don't know what is more necessary and/ or most time sensitive. We will either have an email vote with those present or table until October depending on his response.

McCoy's \$450 workshop in January tabled until FAN or until Oglesby requests are reworked.

FAN Line (approx \$4500 anticipated, but also can use savings if necessary)

- ~ \$500 McCoy/ Theater for play rights and materials to be used in Nov. & next semester
- ~ \$100 for McCoy/ Theater for play-writing software
- * Kari Holmes motioned, Jeanie McGregor 2nd. Motion approved

- ~ \$750 for Andre/ Architecture for materials to be used this and next semester
- * Lisa Fenley motioned, Jenny Hudson 2nd. Motion approved.

- ~ \$406 for Music/ Rengal for an area rug to assist in sound absorption/ acoustics
- * Jenny Hudson motioned. Lisa Fenley 2nd. Motion approved.

\$ 1756 total approved for Fine arts. etc. expenses

Total items approved for purchase today out of PTSO funds + 8873

VP Program - Tammy Kane

Other Business

Meeting adjourned at 12:06. Next meeting is October 17th at 10AM

~Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Breeding.

Addendum to September meeting.
Email vote 9/26/11

Per the minutes, we gathered more information from Mr. Oglesby (band) regarding his Wish List requests. The requests were tabled at our September meeting until we had a prioritized list. He amended his requested items at this time to Tuba stands and 2 Recorders.

Stacy emailed requesting a vote for Tuba Stands (\$1020) a Digital Recorder (\$600) and a musical recorder (\$400) all three totaling \$2020.

More than a majority replied yes with no one replying no. See attached emails for verification. This will come from the 'preFAN' line knowing we have savings to fund any FAN shortfall for these and previous mentioned preFAN expenses.

Changes to the by-laws
9/26/11

At the September meeting, there was a motion and vote to change the by-laws to be more in line with the elementary and intermediate PTO's granting the Exec board the ability to approve requests up to \$500.

Currently the bylaws read:

Section II All items over the amount of \$100 (one hundred dollars) that need to be purchased must be voted on and approved. The President may approve items less than \$100. All bills must have the written approval of the President, or designee, or in successive officer's order, prior to payment.

Going forward they will read:

Section II All items over the amount of \$100 (one hundred dollars) that need to be purchased must be voted on and approved. The President may approve items less than \$100. The Executive Board can approve expenditure for less than \$500.00 without the vote of the General Membership. General Membership must vote on all expenditure that exceed \$500.00 and are not approved in the budget. All expenditures must be recorded and presented at the next General Meeting. All bills must have the written approval of the President, or designee, or in successive officer's order, prior to payment.