

Great Meadows Middle School PATHS

Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2010

I. Welcome/Call to Order

- A. The meeting of GMMS PATHS was called to order by Kim Reitmeyer at 6:10 pm on Wednesday, September 15, 2010.
- B. The following officers were present:
 - i. Kim Reitmeyer, President
 - ii. Dot Reilly, Vice President
 - iii. Kate Tibak, Secretary
- C. Kim gave an overview and introduction of PATHS. PATHS has been working to build better a relationship between PATHS and the teachers. Also, everything that PATHS does is for the benefit of the whole school. Each class may raise their own funds which will then offset their costs for their 8th grade trip but that is separate from PATHS.
- D. The office of Treasurer is currently open. Kim Reitmeyer made a nomination for Angie Doherty who was not present but consented to the position. Dot Somelofske seconded the nomination.

II. Overview of Membership Dues and Volunteers/Committee

- A. Kim keeps a spreadsheet to track all of the membership dues that have been coming in from Back-to-School packets.
- B. Dot said that we received a lot of responses this year for volunteering and committees.

III. Social Norms Program/Cheers for Peers board

- A. The Social Norms program started as a grant program years ago. It is based on Keys to Success to promote good behavior. "Keys" are given to students when a staff member sees them using one of the "Keys to Success".
- B. The keys are collected and then there is a drawing every two months. One name is pulled randomly for each grade and one name is decided by the most keys submitted for that time period.
- C. Prizes in the past have been \$5 gift cards from various stores such as Cold Stone. Mr. Marmolejos would like to see some grand prizes given again at the end of the year such as a mountain bike, tickets to a water park, etc.
- D. Kim proposed a "Cheers for Peers" board that could be managed by the Student Council. Notes would be submitted about a fellow student and then posted anonymously on the board outside of the office.

IV. Needed School Supplies

- A. Kim also asked for thoughts on a "Swap and Shop" idea she had. She thought that the school could provide a wishlist that is then posted on the website and the community can look at it to see if there is anything they can donate to the school that fits their needs.
- B. There are companies/warehouses that take in surplus from other businesses that schools can get supplies from. Kim will get the information.

V. Assemblies-Veteran's Day

- A. Veterans Day is on November 11th. The day will start at 8:30. The assembly will be held from 9-10:30 and then the veterans will visit the classrooms to talk to the students.
- B. Food: Dot is handling the food portion and will need help.
- C. Kim will have a Back-to-School sign-up sheet and will include Veteran's Day on her list for help with food, decorations and greeters.

VI. Upcoming Activities Overview

- A. Get Together, Friday, September 17th, 7-9pm
Dot will need 8 chaperones for the night. Kate will do the pre-work of sorting the permission slips and money collected before the dance.
- B. Back-to-School Night

- i. Kim will setup a table with a committee sign-up sheet and PATHS forms for any parents who need them.
 - ii. Kate will make a board that advertizes our committees.
- C. Holiday Bazaar, November 19th, 6-9pm, and 20th, 10am-3pm
 - i. Kim has received the approvals from the BOE.
 - ii. She will start advertising for vendors: email, channel 18, etc.
 - iii. May have Santa by the bank to draw people in.
 - iv. PATHS will sell food again: coffee, tea, hot chocolate, donated baked items, sub, hot dogs, etc.
 - v. Kim would like to schedule demonstrations by vendors such as a martial arts, Pampered Chef, sheep shearing (may be too cold), etc.
 - vi. Girl Scouts may offer free wrapping for items bought at the bazaar.
- D. Community Relations
 - i. Mr. Marmolejos told us about a new committee that the BOE would like to see developed between the schools and the community.
 - ii. There is hope that getting seniors and community members without children involved with the schools will allow them to see what the schools do which will create a more positive attitude for both groups.
 - iii. Mr. Marmolejos will have a list of acceptable activities that the community can do with the schools.

VII. Financial Update

- A. Kim will work with Angie and Sandy to make the transition.
We have about \$3,000: \$2,100 balance and some checks that need to be deposited.
- B. Certificate of Incorporation as a non-profit:
 - i. Name: "PATHS – PARENTS AND TEACHERS HELPING STUDENTS A NJ NONPROFIT CORPORATION"
 - ii. Our certificate of corporation or our non-profit number is 0400349193.
 - iii. We can now file for the gambling license to allow us to hold Tricky Trays, 50/50's, etc.
- C. Income Opportunities
 - i. Dare to Dream: Kim has been playing phone tag with Lonny.
 - ii. Game Night: This was very successful. The students asked for it to be held two times a year.
 - iii. Lip Sync

VIII. Meeting was adjourned by Kim Reitmeyer at 7:00 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Kate Tibak

cc: Mr. Marmolejos
Kim Reitmeyer
Dot Somelofske
Angie Doherty
Teachers' Lounge