

## Urbana Middle School PTSA General Membership Hybrid Meeting Notes Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 PM

### **In Person Attendees:**

Angie Bruhn, PTSA  
Rachel White, PTSA  
Drew Kibler, UMS Principle  
Alicia Remesz Guerrette, PTSA  
Preeti Menon, PTSA

Kena Desai  
MaryRose Fegley  
Casey Mooney  
Blaire Guard

### **Zoom Attendees:**

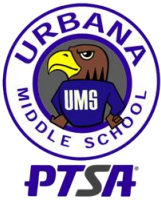
Jessica Renner, PTSA  
Bhargava Nayanori  
Erleen Kaur, SGA Rep  
Angela Hudson  
Portia Ackridge

Srinithi Sannidhiraju, SGA Rep  
Mayo  
Laura LaMotte  
Amy Gordon  
Sarah Clarke-Akinrinde

Welcome Remarks from Angie Bruhn

Principal Remarks from Mr. Kibler

- SIP – School Improvement Plan for 2022-2023 school year
  - Goals for the year
    - Goal 1: MTSS – “attack on students” and “fighting” will be reduced from 32% of total referrals last year to below 24% this year; emphasis on cell phone usage, dress code and hands-off policy.
    - Goals 2 & 3: Achievement in Math & ELA – 79.3% of all students will meet grade level expectations on i-Ready Reading assessment in the Spring Administration
    - Goal 4: Attendance – Reduce percentage of students who qualify as chronically absent from 13.8% last year to less than 10% by the end of the year. (chronically absent – 10% of the absent school days, excused and unexcused total)
  - SIP meeting on Nov 14th from 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm. Looking for parent volunteers to join and contribute. SIP meeting schedule for the year:
    - 11/14
    - 12/12
    - 01/09
    - 02/13



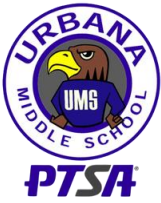
- 03/13
- 04/10
- 05/08
- Tutor Me – available to all students; UMS students have the highest rate of tutor me usage.
- Green Team – Information regarding the Green Team club went out on FOF and Tales from the Nest. There are a total of 7 clubs at UMS this year. Ms. Ashley Oland is the advisor for the Green Team club. The club will work towards a recycling program at the school. It's starting with a battery recycling initiative. UMS needs a parent volunteer to chair the initiative with Ms. Oland.

### Present and Approve

- September 2022 Meeting Notes presented by Preeti Menon – Vote on the approval of the last general meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were published on the UMS PTSA website and emailed to PTSA membership ahead of the October meeting. Meeting Notes Approval: MaryRose Fegley – motion to approve; Kena Desai – seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve.
- Treasurer's Report presented by Alicia Remesz Guerrette.
  - Filing Treasurer's report for September
    - \$890+ in expenses in September
    - Income of \$47 in membership; 220 current members (goal is approx. 350)
    - Motion to approve to add funds into membership committee by \$500
      - MaryRose Fegley – motion to approve; Kena Desai – seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve.
    - Dues to National and local PTA to be paid by end of the year.

### Events & PTSA Committees

- Staff appreciation
  - Chaired by Elismary Rodriguez Carrasquillo
  - Committee members: Patty Hude and Bry Lou
- Membership committee - co-chaired by Rachel White and Alicia Remesz Guerrette
  - Staff drive for teacher
  - Board members in costumes on Halloween
- Reflections - Chaired by Krissy Benson
- UMS Got Talent (Jan) – Committee chair TBD
- Heritage Night (Mar) – Chaired by Kena Desai
- Trucks 'N Tunes (May) - Committee chair TBD
- Green Team – Committee chair TBD
- Spiritwear - Co-chaired by Angie McCloud and Caroline Altuner



SGA – Student Gov’t Association; Srinithi Sannidhiraju & Erleen Kaur, PTSA student representatives

- Spirit Week – next week; October 31-November 4 is FALL SPIRIT WEEK! (Dress code rules remain in effect all week)
  - 10/31 - Costume Day (no masks, weapons, blow-up costumes, or candy)
  - 11/1 - Twin Day
  - 11/2 - Students dress as teachers; teachers dress as students
  - 11/3 - Throwback Thursday (6th - 1990s, 7th - 1980s, 8th - 1970s)
  - 11/4 - Adam Sandler Day (baggy t-shirts, basketball shorts, sneakers)
- Fundraiser – Bake sale
- Spirit Store – SGA President taking the lead on it

PTSA on Facebook and Twitter – information regarding PTSA activities and student related activities and information is shared on a regular basis on the UMS PTSA facebook and UMS Parents group. UMS PTSA has a twitter account to share general FCPS related information and follows Mr. Kibler and shares his tweets.

Questions/Comments

Casey Mooney - Create a more robust calendar for clubs and sports – sports are part of the rec center and not part of school so it’s tough to coordinate. Consider creating an email address where UMS can collect information on tryout dates, etc. Casey volunteered to lead this effort.

Angela Hudson – What are the current plans for a dance/party for UMS? The dances are student-led and are planned by the SGA. There will be two dances that are being planned for this year.

Halloween – PTSA Board will be in car-line in costumes to drive up membership!

Adjournment: 8:01 pm

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**NEXT PTA MEETING: JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in UMS MEDIA CENTER & VIRTUAL**