# PAMS PTA MINUTES

January 20, 2015

Called to order at 5:36pm by Janine Sarach.

In attendance: Janine Sarach, Dr. Bergren, JoElla Beavers, Kim Wells

Minutes from December meeting were approved with no changes

**Admin Report**- Dr. Bergren- Like November, referrals were extremely low for this time of year. Only one child had ISS for one day for the month of December.

PA Middle Teacher of the Year is Mr. Jamie Arnett.

National Schools to Watch committee did not choose PA Middle. Liked all areas regarding teaching but felt we are not using our building to it’s full potential and there is not enough visual aids in the building.

NICHE.com, for all 76 middle schools in the Hampton Roads area (seven cities) ranked PA Middle number six overall and at the top for the quality of our teachers.

Dr. Bergren had a colleague – who is working on his admin degree - shadow him for a day. Was very impressed with what is going on inside our building.

De. Bergren is looking to revamp our mission/vision statement. He will be getting input from staff, students and parents to make the best possible statement about what we do as a school and how we go about achieving our standards.

Dr. Bergren has selected a group of 8th graders to go to the state’s General Assembly.

There will be 25 students (all grade levels) attending school on January 27th, a no school day for students, to work on a one day STEM project. This is the beginning of a new program that is coming to PA Middle. These students will create a video to show what a STEM project looks like. There will be an Open House towards the end of February for anyone interested in learning about the initiative. The goal is to select a group of current 6th graders who, in the 7th grade, will have a dedicated learning path that will be separate from the rest of the school and concentrate of STEM based projects. There will be a dedicated group of teachers guiding these students.

**Activities report-** Boys BB came in 3rd in the division, Girls BB played their season with enthusiasm and a lot of heart, Academic Challenge won the southern division. The chess team came in 2nd in a tournament and the We The People team is competing in the state level. Gearing up for Debate, Wrestling and Volleyball for the 3rd quarter.

**Partners In Education (PIE)** – Giving out Chick Fil-A coupons for honor roll students and the passport with Chick Fil-A coupons for Principal’s list.

**Membership:**  Still need 190 for 100%. We will send out another Alert Now message to make our final push.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Current balance in the checking account is $10,495.00. Report attached.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Volunteers/JoElla Beavers:** Notice went out for the 7th grade English project. We will get as much donated as we can and supplement the rest. Will work on getting Volunteer of the Year nominations done.

**Reflections/Amber Sloan:** Reflections Ceremony will be held on March 4th in the school’s library. Attendees will be invited, there will be a showcase of all of their work, refreshments and a performance by Jacqueline Frampton on her dance piece.

**Concessions/Kim Wells:**  Doing well. People know we are there.

**Book Fair/Stormie Henley:** Book Fair made $956.55. The next fair is arch 12-20.

**Spirit Wear:** Sales are going well. Sold over $500 at the 6th grade information night last week. Will continue to sell every other Friday during all lunches.

**Hospitality/Erin Hagge:** January 22nd is Student Activities Coordinator Day and Feb 3-7 is School Counseling Week

**Principals of American Citizenship/Julie Wiley:** December nominations were low. January’s trait is Fairness. Already have several nominations.

**New Business:**

**Volunteer of the Year:** will seek nominations, send it out for a vote and turn in all necessary paperwork.

Positions for Next Year: We will be looking for a Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and someone to take over Red Ribbon Week. Amber will take Volunteer Coordinator and Stacy Cortez will take over Book Fair.

**Unfinished business**

**Lend A Hand:** Proceeds will go to the Virginia Beach SPCA. There is a committee meeting this week.

**Teacher Grants:** The committee has decided to give the library $1000, the dance team money for entry fees, $230 to the Destination Imagination team for shirts and we will supplement the 7th grade English department with money to purchase any items we could not get donated for their end of the year project.

**Next meeting February 10, 2015 @ 5:30**

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:38.**