**Urbandale Middle School Parent Teacher Organization**

**Board Meeting**

Date | time 12/1/2014 7:08 PM | Meeting called to order by Michelle Mullins

# In Attendance

**Co-President:** Michelle Vedder  
**Co-President:** Michelle Mullins  
**Co-Treasurer:** Diane Chalfant-Drury  
**Co-Treasurer:** Sue Mears

**Secretary:** Jeff Braaten

**Principal:** Loren DeKruyf

# Treasurer’s Report

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| Income | Current | YTD |
| Fundraiser | $2,686.05 | $2,686,05 |
| Spirit Wear Sales | $3,723.00 | $13,215.50 |
| 6th Grade Party |  | $642.01 |
| 7th Grade Party |  | $737.00 |
| 8th Grade Party |  | $399.00 |
| Book Fair Income | $1,300.94 | $1300.94 |
| Donations | $100.75 | $295.19 |
| Total | **$8,209.74** | **$19,275.69** |

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| Expenses | Current | YTD |
| Spirit Wear Fall 2014 | $8,683.00 | $8,683.00 |
| Fundraiser | $80 | $80 |
| 6th Grade Party |  | $224 |
| 7th Grade Party |  | $240 |
| Book Fair Cost of Books | $1,278.59 | $1,278.59 |
| Book Fair Expenses | $65.08 | $65.08 |
| Box Tops for Education | $17.50 | $25.34 |
| Total | **$10,124.17** | **$10,596.01** |

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| Wells Fargo Checking | Beginning Balance | $2,616.42 |
| Debit | 1088 ProSound DJ Service (8th Grd) | $200.00 |
| Debit | 1089 Sue Mears – Vendor Fair (sign) | $119.43 |
| Debit | 1090 Michelle Vedder – pizza (8th Grd Party) | $120.00 |
| Debit | 1091 Holly Towers – candy (8th Grd) | $80.79 |
| Debit | 1092 Holly Towers –Teacher Dinner | $39.50 |
| Ending Balance |  | **$2,056.70** |

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| Balance |  |
| Admin Office Account | $14,067.99 |
| Wells Fargo Account | $2,056.70 |
| Total Cash On Hand | $16,693.91 |
| Savings for 2015-2016 Budget | $2,500.00 |
| Uncommitted Balance | **$14,193.91** |

Michelle Vedder stated that the 8th grade party will always lose money. Either the budget needs to be adjusted or accept the expenses will exceed the income. There was also a discussion for possible alternatives to a D.J. which is almost half of the budget.

# February 2015 Meeting Speaker Ideas

Principal DeKruyf suggested the science teachers speak at the February general meeting to see how the science department has benefitted from the PTO-sponsored tools. The PTO board approved.

# PTO Meeting Schedule

January 5th – Board Meeting

February 9th – General Meeting

March 23rd – Board Meeting

April 27th – General Meeting

There will be no meeting in May. These dates need to be verified with the school calendar.

# PTO Leadership Turnover

Diane and Michelle M. are planning on stepping down at the end of their terms. In February there will be discussion on filling those positions.

# Committee Reports

* Fundraising Team
  + Dodgeball fundraising tournament is scheduled for February 7th.
  + Sue is working with the art teacher to schedule a date for the social painting class in January or February.
  + List of needs to spend $3,000 in funds available

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| Department | Teaching Tool | Projected Cost |
| Physical Education | Projectors | $3,000 each |
| Industrial Technology | Robotics Kits | $1,000 |
| Information Technology | Digital Cameras | $1,000 to $1,500 |
| Music | IPads | $500 to $1,000 |
| Art | General Supplies | $500 to $1,000 |

# Activity Reports

The principal thought the Penny Wars fundraiser was a success. The assembly took a little long, but it was well received. Need to see if we can get more volunteers to help at lunch.

6th grade conferences were a bit backed up. There was discussion about possible solutions to make conferences better. There is no real solution, given the very limited time.

# Administrator’s Report

* The Principal will sending an e-mail to parents reminding children to stay off the ice.
* Interim associate principal: there will be an announcement tomorrow about the interim associate principal. Brittnie Covney is stepping down and moving with her family to Colorado.
* TLC Grant: will find out from the State on December 19th if the Urbandale district has been awarded $1.2 million. (Only missed it by one point out of 100 last year.) Ten teachers could be pulled from their classrooms to do instructional coaching to classrooms teachers. Urbandale district would then need to hire 10 classroom teachers to fill those vacancies.
* The science Core Curriculum has been put on hold for now. The State is working on a new curriculum and UMS plans to wait and adopt the new one rather than implementing the current Core in the meantime.
* UMS is reviewing the daily student master schedule. It has been 5 years that the current schedule has been in place, and it is time to review the master schedule to see if time can possibly be better utilized.

# Upcoming Events

January 5: PTO Board Meeting 7:00 PM

January 28: 6th Grade Honors Reception 2:40 PM

January 29: 7th Grade Honors Reception 2:40 PM

January 30: 8th Grade Honors Reception 2:40 PM

January 26-30: Iowa Assessments

# Next Meeting

PTO Board Meeting: 1/5/2015 7:00 PM, UMS Media Center

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 by Michelle Mullins.