Urbandale Middle School Parent Teacher Organization

General Meeting

Date | time 9/8/2014 7:01 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

**Principal:** Loren Dekruyf

**Math teachers:** Stacy Borchers, Karli Keithahn, Janean Hauser

20 Parents were also in attendance

# Math Teacher Presentation

‘What the changes in the Iowa Core mean for my student.’ Everyday math is almost a year ahead of the old curriculum

This is what a typical day in the classroom is like. Students enter and do warm-up and reviews. The teacher walks around to see assignments from the previous day and check for completion. They go over the assignment to clarify or answer questions. Then they begin work on the new learning target. The teacher then may work with a small group. During this time the other students may be working in collaborative groups, with partners or individually.

The Everyday Math workbook has a companion website with video tutors and study guides. The text/workbook is the students to keep.

8th grade math class accountability:

Implementation of Data Folders (take-home folders):

* + Allows continuation of the ‘Continuous Classroom Improvement Model’
  + Allows students to set and monitor short term processes
  + Aids with setting up specific goals and strategies to allow students to succeed in math.

General discussion involving the math teachers and the principal in regards to how the students will be able to progress quickly through math once they go to high school so well prepared. The 8th grade teacher suggested "Kahn Academy” on the internet as another valuable resource

District proficiency is 70% before moving on to the next level while UMS’s proficiency requirement is 80% to move on to the next level. For example: Algebra to Geometry.

# Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve meeting minutes from the August 11th PTO Board Meeting and the April 28th PTO General Meeting was made and seconded. All members present voted in favor of accepting the meeting minutes.

# PTO Secretary Nominees

A motion to approve Jeff Braaten as the new PTO Board Secretary to fill the vacancy for one year was made and seconded. All members present voted in favor.

# 2014 -2015 Budget

The Budget is anticipating a balance of $7,612 available for distribution. A motion to approve the 2014-2015 PTO Budget was made and seconded. All members present voted in favor of accepting the 2014-2015 Budget.

# Principal’s Report

Technology update: $17,000 of technology damage last year. The principal allocated building funds to have computers fixed. Implementation of a new check out procedure is complete and will increase accountability and limit future damage.

Drop-off and Pick-up Safety: Always drop children off in the right lane. Children are in danger if they are being dropped off in the left lane or in the parking lot. There has been one minor accident involving a student and a few close calls already this year. The principal is concerned with student safety and is seeking to improve the process. General discussion about drop-off and pick-up followed.

# Fundraising Update

Upcoming fundraisers

* Vendor Fair
* Dodge ball tournament
* Basketball concession stand sales

A motion to allow the PTO Board to approve spending of the PTO funds raised according to a PTO priority list (TBD) was made and seconded. All members present voted in favor.

# Activity Updates

* Spirit Wear-The deadline is today so the students can get the Spirit Wear by Homecoming
* Staff Appreciation-Monthly treats have been covered
* Honor's Recognition-All the volunteer spots have been filled.
* 6th and 7th grade parties- There is still need.
* Bleacher Chaperones- There is still need.
* All members were encouraged to read the weekly newsletter by Michelle Vedder

# Upcoming Events

* 7th Grade Honor's Recognition: September 11th at 2:40
* 8th Grade Honor's Recognition: September 12th at 2:40
* Homecoming Week: September 22nd-26th
* Bleacher Chaperones: UHS Home Football Games
* PTO Board Meeting: October 6th at 7:00 PM
* 6th Grade Party: October 15th at 3:00 PM
* 7th Grade Party: October 17th at 6:00-8:00 PM
* 8th Grade Party: November 14th at 6:00-8:00 PM

# Next Meeting

PTO Board Meeting: 10/6/2014 7:00 PM, UMS Media Center

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 by Michelle Mullins.