

Approved

MWES PTA Meeting Minutes

11/14/2011, 7:00p.m.

Recorded by Missy Haghgoo, Recording Secretary

Attendance: C.Brown, M.Haghgoo, M.Schacknies, K.Leslie, R.Breslow, A.Sorkin, S.Ichniowski, H.Mercer, S.Kim, A.Bivens, J.Weisner, N.Richardson, C.Stavron, K.Powell, D.Kessler, L.Wilson, H.Ward, G.Thomas, P.Fields, L.Delmonte, S.Lee, and F. Bennett.

PTA President – Cheryl Brown

Asked everyone to review minutes from Oct 10 meeting. Three corrections were made; change wording from adopted to implemented, add Chick-Fil-A will provide dinner on Tues, Nov 22 to all the teachers, and add Shatan Mitchell-Taylor as co-chair for reflections. Lori Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes, and Marna Schacknies seconded the motion. Requested copy of PTA Meeting Minutes to be emailed to all in attendance as well as the committee chairpersons. Asked to reallocate \$500.00 from Mascot budget to International Spring Festival. The money would be used for arts and crafts, advertising, sturdy paper products. The motion to approve this reallocation was made by Angel Bivens and Lisa Delmonte seconded the motion. A group vote was presented and all were in favor. All committee chairpersons were reminded to check both mail boxes; PTA room and the staff mailbox area. Briefly discussed a PTA fundraiser suggestion about sponsoring a local restaurant one night a month beginning after winter break. More information to staff and students in January.

First VP- Karen Chase – No report.

Second VP –Cheryl Ramos – No report.

Treasure – Dan Delmonte

Deposits were reviewed by Lisa Delmonte. Innisbrook deposit was \$7860.14. The patron program deposit was \$3200.00.

Corresponding Secretary-Nicole Germain – No report.

Recording Secretary-Missy Haghgoo – No report.

Principal – Jim Weisner

American Education week began today. Next week is the parent/teacher conferences. Encouraged parents to have a face to face conference with the teachers. Current school enrollment is 639 students. Expressed concern with popular events (ie. Halloween) when it draws a big crowd and the safety of our students. The school received over 270 visitors after 11am on the day of the Halloween Parade. Currently working with staff to come up with a process to ensure the safety of our students when an event such as this occurs. Will be asking the community for input and feedback. It is important that the school be accessible to emergency crews at all times. An additional parking lot is not an option. Many parents are not writing notes for their child when staying after school for various programs. This has become a time consuming process for staff and a safety concern when having to decide if a child is to stay after school or sent home on bus. The staff has decided to go back to a cumulative note starting in the Spring Session. For example only one note will be required if child is participating in 6 week program. Beginning after winter break, entry and exit of all after school programs will occur through the main lobby of the school only. The program leaders will be responsible for walking students to the main lobby. At dismissal time, the front lobby area is for only students exiting the building. All of these requests are for the safety of our students.

Assistant Principal – Nancy Richardson

As of 2pm today, all but 89 families have scheduled teacher conferences via pick-a-time. A note went home today to those who have not responded.

Please forward all newsletter requests to Leslie Schlossberg by noon time on Thursday.

Committee Reports

PTA Council Delegate – Lauren Filson and Kirsten Willging

Notes were distributed from the Nov 7, 2011 PTACHC meeting.

Membership – Sharon Blessing

The PTA membership for the school year includes 305 families and 435 members. The PTA directories were distributed earlier in the month. Sharon did a great job. The PTA monthly meeting dates are now included on the back of the directories.

Fall Book Fair – Lisa Delmonte

The book fair was held on Oct 25 and was very successful. Manny the Mascot was well received by the students that night. The PTA earned \$809.92 from Barnes and Noble. Lisa committed to chairing this committee for next year.

Reflections – Marna Shacknies and Shatan Mitchell-Taylor

The deadline was Nov 11. We had 33 entries with 29 students who participated. Marna felt low participation due to difficult theme. Both chairs are deciding on what type of celebration for those who entered.

Duck Tales – Monica Parsons

Articles are due on Monday, Nov 28 to Monica.

Fundraising – Amy Crawford and Monica Parsons

Innisbrook deliveries are tomorrow, Nov 15. You can pick-up your orders between 3-6:30pm. Volunteers still needed.

Walking Program – Alicia Reynolds

The last day is tomorrow, Nov 15 until the Spring. Alicia looking into charms for those who participated.

Variety Show – Kathy Smith

Per Cheryl Brown, Kathy Smith did an amazing job organizing the event which was held on Friday, Nov. 11. It was a huge success with over 30 acts performed by 60 kids.

Reading Campaign – Diana Kessler

Reading logs are available on the PTA website. Diana will be working with Lori Wilson to get pictures of teachers reading to students to post in the hallways. The reading campaign will continue with reading buddies this year. The date of April 11, 2012 has been reserved for Family Reading Night and Ice Cream Social.

Blood Drive – Francine Bennett

The blood drive was held on Tuesday, Nov 8. We exceeded our goal with over 29 participants. Red Cross will be giving certificates to the children whose parents were able to donate.

Community Service – Lisa Cooksey and Kevin Powell

The coat drive was a success with 58 donated.

International Spring Festival – Susan Lee and Ms. Curtis

Mrs. Fields explained what they would like involved with International Spring Festival Day. The Festival is scheduled for Thursday, March 22 from 6pm-8pm. We would like to have parents chair each country represented. Advertising and getting the parents involved will begin in January. The idea is to have those countries represented by food, maybe an arts and crafts, song, dance. Parent input and involvement will be important for a successful day.

A Serafino Italian Restaurant gift certificate was raffled. Everyone who attended the meeting was eligible. The winner was Helen Mercer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

There will be no meeting in December.

The next PTA meeting will be held on January 9, 2012.