



MVES PTO Business Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 8th, 2022

President

- a. Opening Comments
- b. Approved Aug 26th Meeting Minutes

II. Treasurer's Report

- a. We have \$14,426.16 cash on hand. Since our last meeting, we have written the \$30,000 check to the school for the agreed upon donation amount for the playground improvements. Another large check cut was for \$3,660.38, which also went to the school to reimburse them for the Scholastics weekly newsletter used by all grades along with the VA studies for 4th grade. Additionally, we purchased additional supplies for classrooms and provided additional reimbursement checks to the teachers, we have spent \$3,408.90 to date, we spend between \$12,000-\$15,000 annually. Another large expense since our last minute was our support of the Watch D.O.G.S. program \$862.57; we provided pizza, drinks and bought additional promotional items. 172 members to date
- b. Our Membership Drive was a huge success this year with 172 families and Staff signed-up. We are returning to our pre-covid numbers. We had 9 classes achieve 50% participation and those teachers received a \$15 Starbucks Gift Care and 3 of the classes achieved 70% participation and we will be donating \$20 to their room parent to help with their parties.

III. Committee Report

- a. Spirit Nights - For 2022-2023 school year
 - i. Panda Express – Nov 8th, hopefully it went well.
 - ii. Chipotle – A huge success our check was for \$300.53
 - iii. Ice Plex for 2022 School Year – The first one netted \$71.20, we have another one upcoming in Nov
 - iv. Skate Night for 2022
 - v. Papa Johns - We received \$14.74 for our first distribution, they will be every Thursday through the school year.
 - vi. Jersey Mike's – We will receive a check quarterly
 - vii. Ghosted Concepts – Check is to be mailed along with Cookies and Cream.
 - viii. Chuck E Cheese – We received our check for \$120.82
 - ix. We inquired about suggestion from the members in attendance and will look into the following: *AR Workshop & Cupcake Heaven*
- b. Enrichment – *We know it a schedule was worked need an update from Ingrid and Ms. Cheema on the program.*
- c. Teacher Appreciation:



- i. Oct 24th at Manhattan Pizza with parent donations (yummy!), We did have to make additional food purchases, last year feedback was to much food leftover and this year it was short.
 - ii. Next lunch January 20th
 - iii. Another lunch scheduled for March 24th
 - iv. May 8-12th (Teacher Appreciation Week)
 - v. Mike asked and Iris confirmed they are having parents back in for set-up, monitor and clean-up for the lunches like pre-COVID which is new for the committee this year after last year where they were not in the school. It is food and hopefully will help get a good idea on how much food is needed.
 - vi. We will be send out a TA Cougar Fund Donation Letter in January 2023, the goal is to raise at least half the Budget we have set for the lunches and TA week, wo \$3,500. In year's past we were able to raise closer to \$5,000, but with a smaller enrollment it may be difficult to achieve. The interesting thing is number of staff members overall is about the same as before.
- d. Watch D.O.G.S.
 - i. Keep promoting this program for male role models to volunteer.
 - ii. Looking into half day options (Morning to lunchtime). The goal of the program is a full day and that is the success of the program, but with understanding the difficulty filling all the days with at least one Watch D.O.G.S. it may help.
- e. Yearbook :
 - i. Flyers went home in October for presales
 - ii. Need more parent volunteers for this committee, all from last year are returning which is great, but additional help is always appreciated.
 - iii. Starting at end of November with page assignments
- f. Read-A-Thon
 - i. Raised over \$25,000
 - ii. Pizza and Kona Ice was provided on Friday, November 4th
 - iii. Number of students who qualified for Pizza and Kona Ice was down in comparison from past years and brainstorming more strategies with Mrs. Harrison to get more participation.
 - iv. This is year 8-9 for this big fundraiser
 - v. Many of the parents in attendance were pleased with the ease of the fundraiser and had suggestion to pre-promote more before it starts; back to school night talk on Read-A-Thon and showcase this fundraiser
- g. BINGO
 - i. Family Holiday Bingo first Friday of December 9th
 - ii. The committee is working to get all the prizes and looking for additional prize sponsors.



- iii. Food will be the same BBQ truck as last year
 - iv. Flier will be going out in November regarding card purchase, Century members will receive a 4 pack along with 2 daubers as part of their PTO membership.
- h. Santa Pictures: The event will be on Dec 8th
- i. Sending a flier out in November to sign up for family photos
 - ii. Free PTO event
- i. Father/Daughter Dance:
- i. Date/Time: Feb 11th at 6pm
 - ii. Themes are set and this is for all male role model and student
 - iii. Reach out to Chris and Chris (Watch Dog) to have a watch dog step in/volunteer

Will review all Spring events in the next meeting in January

- j. Mother/Son: March 18th
- k. Spring Festival May 6th
- l. 5K Race May 6th
- m. 5th Grade Dance or end of year event.

IV. Old Business

- a. Mike is going to investigate the brick sale this year for the Spring
 - i. We will be reaching out to PA company to inquire for a Spring sale for bricks
 - ii. Reach out to boy scouts to see if they can volunteer to put the bricks in when we receive them.
- b. SCA sending notes through their advisor for feedback to our PTO
 - i. Circle back with Ingrid
- c. Form 511-10 on the PWC human resources to have us done for our volunteers for any PTO events. Parents need to have this in place prior to volunteering. All parents need to review and sign this document prior to entering into the school/volunteering.
 - i. Circle back with Ingrid on next training
 - ii. Future Watch Dog training?
- d. SOL's for parents
 - i. Paws with the principal is taking care of this with PAC, this item can be closed.
- e. Contacting Donna Cole about Veterans Day Parade again
 - i. November 10th
 - ii. 25-28 families are signed up for the pass and review
 - iii. PTO is providing refreshments for event (yr 6 of this event)



V. New Business

- a. Scheduling more spirit nights for the Winter/Spring months
 - i. Fosters Grill along look into the places mentioned in the Spirit Night update
- b. Spring Play - The Lion King - Jill is the music teacher who offered to run this event. Alicia will follow up again.
- c. Talent Show in March 2023 and need parent to be committee lead - Circle back with Ingrid
- d. Reviewed fundraising for 2022-2023 goals and objectives, our goal with the Read-A-Thon this year was to raise our money we use to support the teachers and staff all year. We don't have a bug initiative like SMART Boards, computers, playground equipment so unlike before COVID where we would have Read-A-Thon and then a Silent Auction in the Spring we will just have the main large one to meet our needs.
- e. 14 parents attended tonight's meeting 😊
 - i. **Some of the feedback from parents in attendance is more promotion about where funding is going, overall awareness about PTO so parents know what/when/how/who/why. Some recommendations; future back to school nights, orientation, video/presentation reviewing MVES PTO's mission.** End of the year recap (perhaps end of quarter recap)

President

- f. Closing Comments
 - i. THANK YOU

VI. Next Meeting –

- a. **General Meeting on January 10th @ 7:00 PM via zoom**