

Minutes of Parent Teacher Association Meeting

DATE: Friday, October 21, 2016

LOCATION: Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM

Carly explains that we don't officially need a motion to approve minutes from the last PTA meeting. Still, minutes from last PTA meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report

Both Treasurers, Laura and Mark, were not able to be present for the meeting, so the Presidents stood in.

A lot more money is going out than coming in so far. This is normal for this time of year. Don't worry.

A reminder: MTW covers costs for all supplies and trips, which is why we do so much fundraising. We've spent almost \$20K in school and classroom supplies so far this year.

A parent mentioned that Devidasa (3rd Grade) has not had a working smartboard in over a year. Jenny said it's a projector problem and we're working on getting a bulb to fix it.

Popcorn Wednesdays have raised \$1363 so far this year.

Community Coffee has raised \$439 so far this year.

Sample Sale raised \$9129.

Pancake Breakfast has raised over \$900 and is still selling for the event tomorrow, 10/22.

Corporate Match: \$2092

Specialty Teacher Presentation

Jenny (Library/Media Teacher) presents to the PTA, discussing what happens during Library period:

- All kids see her at least once a week and she has some open access periods.
- Kids search for and check out books
- Some move on to research, "making information literate"
- They find and analyze the source and produce what they are interested in
- In 1st Grade they vote on a small research project and as they grow older, they advance to iMovie projects.
- The Library Committee has their meetings on the first Wednesday of each month (next one is 11/2).
- The Library is always an open space. Come read, shelve books.
- The Library circulates about 200 books per week.

Principal Report

(Kay is at a District 2 Principal meeting, so Tisa is standing in)

Construction Update

We've officially lost half the playground space. We are a little unclear about whether we will lose the entire playground as they progress because the roof-work is more in front of the building, not the back as they originally thought.

The Project Manager is fairly positive the work will go quickly. They have to do caulking and remove some concrete.

A/C will be installed in the auditorium. We are getting a completely new fire alarm system for the building. PPAS is getting a new, and bigger, black box theater.

We are still working on a permit for the Ramon Aponte park.

Kay is having bi-weekly construction meetings with the whole project team (14 people).

Abatements have to happen on the weekends or holidays when kids and all people are gone from the building.

Q: Can we try to block off the street for at least 20 minutes to make the commute speedier and smoother since it's a narrow walkway and is just getting worse with the construction?

A: Every single person on the entire block would have to agree. So it's not likely, but we can ask. Let's go through the MTW office and the Community Board Meeting so it's a school-wide effort.

The plan is to move all MTW events to PS 111, but we will probably lose the potluck dinner at the MLK concert due to logistics.

Construction should be done by 9/17.

Playground Committee

Mark DeLaBarre is headstarting the Playground Committee and figuring out games as a replacement for playing on the yard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Grant Writing

Meeting happened on Wednesday 10/19. We worked with Sarah Hellerstein from the School Wellness Council. We're looking for funds with a focus on maintaining physical activity for kids.

Maya is trying to determine what MTW needs most for grants that focus on repairs (ie. painting, new sinks, new bathrooms, etc.).

Fundraising

Coat/Dress-up Sale

Huge shout out to Aara for a successful Coat/Dress-up Sale! They sold over \$300 worth of goods yesterday. Thanks volunteers!

Friday Coffee Connection

Sonja is our Friday Coffee Connection leader. Every Friday we are there! Next week we've changed the price to \$2.50/cup. Thanks to Jolly Goat for supplying us for our free, yummy organic coffee!

Auction

November 1st is a Fundraising meeting after dropoff. Our Auction Party theme this year is WINNING BIG FOR MTW. Tiffany (2nd Grade parent) has graciously and generously donated the space for the party.

3/24 is the Auction Party. We are working with Urban Sitters and they will give \$50 off to first-time users for that night.

Silver Graphics

This is a company that takes your child's artwork and puts it on mugs, canvas totes, etc. More detailed info will come soon.

Homespun

Homespun happens on Friday 11/18! Every penny goes directly back to MTW.

Still looking for volunteers!

Baked goods, homemade foods, and coupons are huge sellers.

Corporate Match

Matt Pasher wants to remind everyone: when you are donating money, please send him an email alerting him that you have donated. This helps him manage the funds. He says "you can find my email address on the website."

Class Reps

The weekly school-wide newsletter looks great! Class Reps can send out their own information that is specific to each class.

Garden Committee

Two events next week:

Tuesday 10/25 – Half classes will be coming into the garden and we are still looking for volunteers.

Thursday 10/27 – The annual Fall Harvest Festival from 3-6pm. Still looking for volunteers!

Diversity Committee

The "What is Diversity?" campaign is going to continue on! We will only be highlighting only two people at a time on the posters (instead of four).

Fix-it Committee

We are still awaiting a solution for Devidasa's (3rd Grade) broken smartboard.

OLD BUSINESS

No news to report

NEW BUSINESS

Please email Tisa with any website ideas.

President Report

Community Standards

We want to make these an everyday part of MTW life. We're in the process of having stickers and posters made that will reflect these standards. Still seeking any graphic designers for their help.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 10:05am. The next PTA meeting is scheduled for 11/18.