

## **MRE PTO Meeting Minutes February 9, 2016**

- I. **Call to Order – 6:33 p.m. Amy Ehnes**
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes – Tammie Woodyard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Ehnes**
  
- III. **Movie Night**
  - a. The night went great!
  - b. Made about a \$300 profit
  - c. Increased ticket prices by \$.50 because movie license price had increased from last year.
  
- IV. **Science Fair**
  - a. Science Fair went well!
  - b. Will need only 1 person on Day 2 to check in science projects.
  - c. Most students check in projects on first day. Only had a few students come in on Day 2.
  
- V. **TJs Pizza**
  - a. Per Heather Dale, 90 orders were placed through this fundraiser.
  - b. There will be a profit of around \$4,300 for the school.
  - c. An order form came in with no name on it. Heather Dale has been trying to locate who it belongs to, but has had no luck so far.
  - d. Pick up product will be on February 24, 6:00-7:00

**VI. Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser**

- a. The fundraiser will be on Thursday, February 22, 3:00-9:00
- b. Stickers will be passed out to kids that will entitle them to 10 free tokens.
- c. 15% of proceeds will be given to school.
- d. Thank you to Jen Wobbe for organizing this fundraiser.

**VII. Pancake Dinner**

- a. Alison Wilhelm is chairperson of the event.
- b. 236 tickets were sold at last year pancake dinner.
- c. Mrs. Wilhelm is working on the baskets. She currently has Massage Envy gift card and is going to put together a Fun in the Snow basket.
- d. She is looking to get a large stuffed lion to raffle off too.
- e. Jen Wobbe volunteered to donate items for a Norwex cleaning basket.
- f. Mrs. Wilhelm has not heard back for South High School about getting donations for a South High basket.
- g. Ms. Weeden will be getting bikes from Walmart to raffle off.
- h. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be helping at the dinner. May need around 20 students.
- i. Mrs. Wilhelm will look for prizes for Bingo in the PTO room

**VIII. Field Day**

- a. Amy Ehnes brought up the topic of snow cones at Field Day.
- b. There was discussion on whether to have them again at Field Day this year. Issues brought up were that the lines were very long and took the students a long time to get their snow cone. The snow cones didn't taste very good.
- c. It was decided not to have the snow cones at Field Day.
- d. There was discussion on other possible treat ideas, i.e., ice cream or popsicles.

- e. If having popsicles, need to remember there are students that have a red food dye allergy. Therefore, if possible red popsicles should not be passed out.
- f. Other freezers in the building could be used to store the frozen treats.
- g. Discussed if there should be a charge on frozen treats.
- h. Decided to make a decision on whether to have popsicles or ice cream at a later meeting.

**IX. Update from Mrs. McClain**

- a. Mrs. McClain has secured someone for next school year's PTO President and someone for the Secretary position. She is still in search for someone to fill the Vice President role. Mrs. McClain will announce the individuals at the next PTO.
- b. Mrs. McClain recommends the PTO add to the budget the registration costs for the new PTO Board to attend a regional PTO training conference in April.
- c. Mrs. McClain encouraged parents to attend the East Side Area Coffee in March. There will be updates from area elementary schools, DuBray Middle and East High.
- d. Mrs. Goerss discussed the new Incentive Program on MRE's buses.
- e. Each bus can earn stars for achieving and maintaining the Leader in Me standards.
- f. Upon earning a level of stars (i.e. 5 star level, 10 star level, 30 star level), all the students on the bus are rewarded with a special treat.
- g. Bus #121 and bus #16 have both reached the 60 stars mark.
- h. Mrs. Goerss requested the PTO purchase the large candybars for the student's reward on these two buses.
- i. Mrs. McClain passed out an informational handout and showed a short video on Prop K, the Fort Zumwalt's proposed 48 cent tax increase that will be on the April ballot.
- j. The additional funds will be used for

- 1)Technology teachers at elementary schools. MRE has great technology resources, but teachers need a level of support and training for this technology.
  - 2)Interventionists at elementary schools to work with students on specific skills.
  - 3)Instructional coaches at elementary schools that would be a resource and support for teachers to help with their classroom instruction.
  - 4)Technology upgrades for high school students and middle schools.
  - 5)Operating expenses.
- k. Mrs. McClain stressed the need to inform parents about the importance of Proposition K for our school district.

**X. Treasurer's Report**

- a. No reports this month. Training new Treasurer.
- b. TJs pizza fundraiser brought in approximately \$4300 in profit.
- c. TJs will provide a Kindle Fire to top seller.

**XI. Other**

- a. Heather Dale is very appreciative to her daughter's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Johnson, for sending home math instruction worksheets. These worksheets have been very helpful in understanding the new Math in Focus techniques.
- b. There was discussion of the possibility of the Technology Leaders helping out with technology opportunities at the school.

**XII. Adjourn 7:20pm – Next Meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**