

MRE PTO Meeting Minutes January 12, 2016

I. Call to Order – 6:31 p.m. Tammie Woodyard

II. Approval of Minutes – Tammie Woodyard, 2nd Wendy Wise

III. Movie Night

- a. Movie receiving the most votes by the students is Hotel Transylvania II.
- b. Event will be January 22, 5:30-8:00
- c. License has been ordered.
- d. RSVP form was sent out. Deadline is Jan 19.
- e. Tickets will also be sold at door

IV. Science Fair

- a. Mr. Wheeler is organizing the event again this year
- b. Need volunteers to help with project check-ins on Monday, Jan 25 and Tuesday, Jan 26 mornings
- c. Jen Wobbe volunteered to help on Monday am
- d. There will be a Science Fair reception on Thursday, Jan 28 from 6:00-7:00
- e. Jen Wobbe volunteered to bring cookies for the reception
- f. Mr. Wheeler estimates about 30 projects to be presented

V. TJs Pizza

- a. Heather Dale confirmed that order forms and banners are in.
- b. Cover letters are in the process of being prepared to attach to order forms.
- c. Mrs. Craft requested an order form be placed in the school office so teachers and staff could also order.
- d. Initial turn in date of order forms is February 2.

- e. All forms need to be to TJs by February 10
- f. Heather Dale and Jen Wobbe scheduled to count money together on February 8.

VI. Pancake Dinner

- a. Event will be Friday, Feb 19
- b. Alison Wilhelm asked for ideas for raffle baskets this year.
- c. Last year, Ms. Weeden was able to get bikes from Walmart.
- d. For raffle tickets, everyone who bought a ticket to the Pancake Dinner was given one raffle ticket also. Raffle was considered an attendance prize.
- e. There will also be Bingo in Gym B.
- f. Last year cost was \$6.00 in advance or \$6.50 at the door.
- g. 5th graders will be working at it again this year.

VII. Update from Mrs. McClain

- a. Enrollment at MRE has grown from 452 at beginning of school year to 473 at mid-year.
- b. The new SPED teacher, Mrs. Christine Kortkamp, has started. She is in Room 26.
- c. Mrs. McClain is very excited to report that 3 MRE teachers will be presenting at the Regional Leader in Me Conference held in Kansas City this year!
- d. The teachers presenting are Mrs. Emily Ware, Mrs. Kimberly Knerr, and Mrs. Deb Curran. They will be presenting on Leadership Families, Leadership Roles and Leadership Assemblies.
- e. This is a huge honor for these 3 teachers! People from all over the country will be there, including Stephen and Sean Covey.
- f. The District Spelling Bee will be this Thursday, January 14.
- g. MRE has two participants in the Spelling Bee.
- h. This is the last year Mrs. Craft will be involved in the Spelling Bee, since will be retiring at the end of the school year.
- i. Ms. Rude will be taking over next year.

- j. MRE will have 3 retirees this year. They are: Mrs. Craft, Mrs. Wilbas, and Mrs. Scotti
- k. Mrs. Kati Quinn had a baby boy, Stone Patrick.
- l. Three PTO Board positions will be open for the next school year. They are President, Vice-President and Secretary. Mrs. McClain thanked Amy Ehnes, Tammie Woodyard and Wendy Wise for their hard work and commitment to the PTO over the past several years.
- m. We are looking for parents to step up and help out in these positions.
- n. The positions are a 2 year commitment and a monthly PTO meeting.
- o. Mrs. McClain has a list of the responsibilities for each position.
- p. Mrs. McClain has also asked teachers to mention in their newsletters about the open PTO Board positions.
- q. At next month's PTO meeting, Mrs. McClain will share a video on Math in Focus.
- r. There was discussion on ideas to help parents become better knowledgeable about Math in Focus, so they can then help their children at home.
- s. Some of the ideas discussed were that information and videos of how it is taught in the classroom would be helpful. Having access to the student's math textbook could also be a good reference for parents.
- t. Mrs. McClain will use this feedback and discuss with teachers ways to support parents in helping their children with Math in Focus at home.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

- a. No Financial Report this month.
- b. Did not receive December bank statement yet.
- c. Actually not much activity in December due to Winter Break.

IX. Other

- a. Jen Wobbe has put together a Chuck E Cheese fundraiser. It will be on February 11 (early release day) from 3:00-9:00.
- b. No flyer. When arrive, mention you are part of the MRE fundraiser.

- c. MRE will receive 15% of register sales within 2 weeks of fundraiser date.
- d. Jen Wobbe does have an information sheet from Chuck E Cheese to send out to students when date gets closer.
- e. There was discussion on the possibility of having Candy Grams around Valentine's Day. Possibly having a pixie stick for kids at one price and a piece of chocolate for teachers at a different price. Jen Wobbe and Dina Morgan will organize.

X. Adjourn 7:32pm – Next Meeting February 9th at 6:30 pm