

## **MRE PTO Meeting Minutes September 8, 2015**

- I. **Call to Order – 6:30 p.m. Amy Ehnes**
- II. **Approval of Minutes – Tammie Woodyard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Runyan**
- III. **New Treasurer**
  - a. Julie Runyan was introduced as new PTO Board Treasurer.
- IV. **Ice Cream Social**
  - a. There was a very good turnout.
  - b. It was nice to have the fundraiser food available to sample.
  - c. There was discussion on options to alleviate the long line for ice cream,
    1. Fewer options
    2. Have pictures of options at check-in
  - d. Possibly have a donation jar next year.
  - e. Possibly have a dunk tank next year.
- V. **Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner**
  - a. Chairperson is Cate Heberlie.
  - b. The dinner will be on Tuesday, October 13, 4:00 – 5:00 in Room 50.
  - c. Teachers prefer having food ordered in.
- VI. **Trunk or Treat**
  - a. Chairperson is Jen Wobbe.
  - b. Event will be Friday, October 23, 6:00- 8:00.
  - c. Gates will open at 5:30.
  - d. Shelly Doell's husband will DJ the event again this year.
  - e. Ms. Weeden will organize the Pumpkin Decorating Contest
  - f. Mrs. McClain will obtain East High student volunteers to judge the decorated trunks.

**VII. Fall Fundraiser**

- a. The Club's Choice fundraiser started Friday, September 4 with ending date Friday, September 18
- b. Product pick-up will be October 21, 5:00-6:30

**VIII. Buzz Book**

- a. Chairperson is Heather Dale.
- b. Very few forms have been turned in.
- c. Another separate form will be sent out to parents requesting their contact information.
- d. Heather Dale will send a copy of form to Angie Roberts to send out through Peachjar.

**IX. Technology Plan**

- a. Mrs. McClain and Ms. Weeden presented the MRE Technology Plan 3 year budget for 2015-2018.
- b. Ms. Weeden surveyed the teachers to find out specific needs for technology in their classrooms.
- c. The 2015-2016 Technology Budget includes:
  - i. Document cameras for two teachers - \$400
  - ii. Speakers for teachers who do not have them (10) - \$2,500
  - iii. An additional Chrome Book for each Kdg and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom (7) - \$2,800
  - iv. Chrome Books for other grades will be divided between next two school years.
  - v. Reading Eggs license for 300-400 users - \$3,000
  - vi. Total Technology Budget for 2015-2016 school year - \$8,700
- d. The 2016-2017 Technology Budget includes:
  - i. An additional Chrome Book for each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom (7) - \$2,800
  - ii. Laptops (2) – 1,400
  - iii. Reading Eggs license for 300-400 users - \$3,000
  - iv. Total Technology Budget for 2016-2017 school year - \$7,200
- e. The 2017-2018 Technology Budget includes:

- i. An additional Chrome Book for each 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom ( 7) - \$2,800
- ii. Laptops ( 3) - \$2,100
- iii. Reading Eggs license for 300-400 users - \$3,000
- iv. Total Technology Budget for 2017-2018 - \$7,900
- f. Reading Eggs is replacing the Accelerated Reader Program.

**X. Bus 16 Presentation**

- a. Mrs. McClain introduced Mrs. Lauren Smith, MRE busdriver for Bus 16
- b. Mrs. Smith is introducing the Leader in Me principles on her bus. She has developed a mission statement for her bus and has begun implementing leadership roles for the students that ride her bus.
- c. Mrs. Smith is excited to bring the Leader in Me principles to her bus that the kids are already using in school.
- d. Mrs. Smith has implemented a reading plan for the Kindergarteners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders to help them reach their required reading minutes.
- e. Older kids will be assisting the younger ones with reading books and completing the reading minutes sheet.
- f. Mrs. Smith asked the kids for ideas on what kind of attendance plan should be implemented on the bus. She has been getting a lot of good ideas from the students.
- g. Mrs. Smith will be presenting the Leader in Me ideas she uses on her bus at a future bus driver meeting.

**XI. MRE PTO Bylaws**

- a. Copies of PTO bylaws were handed out at meeting.
- b. Amy Ehnes brought up that the bylaws state no PTO officers can serve more than 2 terms in the same office, with the exception of the Treasurer.
- c. The bylaws also state that a Nominating Committee will nominate individuals eligible for vacant officer positions.
- d. In compliance to our bylaws, the current officer positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary would be vacant after this school year.

- e. The difficult challenge this brings up in finding replacements for these 3 positions was discussed given the low member turnout at PTO meetings.
- f. Heather Dale made a motion to revise officer term limits and the election of officers. Motion seconded by Jen Wobbe.
- g. It was discussed to have a sign-up sheet for PTO events at next year's ice cream social. Parents could see where volunteers are needed and sign up then. If there were no volunteers for a particular event, then the event would be cancelled. This consequence would be communicated to parents.
- h. Julie Runyan will make a sign-up sheet for volunteers at Movie Night. It will be posted at the Trunk or Treat Night.

**XII. Other**

- a. Ms. Weeden requested a check to pay the reading t-shirts invoice.
- b. The money collected to date for reading t-shirts that has been deposited into Enterprise Fund needs to be transferred to MRE PTO Checking account to reimburse for the reading t-shirt costs.

**XIII. Adjourn 8:00pm – Next Meeting Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**