

PTO Meeting Agenda October 17, 2016

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. PTO Purpose. Meeting Guidelines. Meeting Pace. Mindfulness Bell.
3. Review and Approve May 2016 Meeting Minutes. Seek approval to highlight one copy of PTO Minutes for following meetings.
4. Committees Overview
 - a. PTO/FOG Introduction Packets, Descriptions, Open spots/Volunteer needs (Thanks to all who have volunteered this year!)
**There are several positions that need to filled this year for PTO/FOG to continue work into the future.
 - b. New - PTO/FOG Reports in Panda Paws and at PTO Meetings
 - c. Classroom Villages/Community Engagement:
 - i. CVCs are still needed
 - ii. CV Groveland After Dark - Thursday, Oct. 27th 6-8pm - Jessica McDonald
 - iii. 3rd Grade Girl Scouts Troop is holding a Food Drive collecting donation for Second Harvest Heartland that night.
 - d. Gardening Committee - New Free Library - Book Donations. Thanks to the Noice Family and the 2nd Grade Girl Scouts Troop
 - e. School Supply Kits - Volunteer by Nov 1st or program will not continue next year. Contact: groveland.pto.pres@gmail.com
5. Principal's Report
 - a. 2016-2017 School Numbers and Staffing, Music Enrichment Follow Up
 - b. 2016 Groveland MCA School Report
 - c. Panda Packet submission and guidelines
 - d. Open Positions - Help Recruit
6. FOG (Friends of Groveland) - Fundraising Report - Christine Melchert
 - a. New Members
 - b. Library Overhaul - from Apex Fun Run funds
 - c. Teacher Grants Awarded
 - d. Book Fair completed
 - e. Fall Direct Drive
 - f. Box Tops -ongoing until January
 - g. Apex Fun Run date change (Feb. 27-March 10)
 - h. Ecolab grant awarded to Tobie Vickers-Lee to support NAAPID events
 - i. Celebrate Groveland -Saturday, November 12 - Justi Leroy
7. Announcements
 - a. Science Museum Race Exhibit Small Group Opportunities - Marjorie Bequette
8. News and Events
 - a. School Board Meetings <http://www.spps.org/Domain/123>
 - b. School Board Candidates Running for 1 Open Seat [https://ballotpedia.org/Saint_Paul_Public_Schools_elections_\(2016\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Saint_Paul_Public_Schools_elections_(2016))
 - i. Highland Park Senior High School PTSA - Candidate Forum on Tues. Nov. 1st. 7-8:30pm
 - c. Comment on School Start Times <http://www.spps.org/starttimes>
 - d. Social Justice Fair Friday, Oct. 21st Workshops on teaching social justice and equity. <https://tcedfair.org/>
 - i. A workshop will be led by our own Tiffany Dreher and Leon Wang
9. Review of Past Events
 - a. Open House
 - b. Kindergarten Coffee Hour
 - c. Kindergarten/New Family Pizza Orientation Night -New This Year
 - d. Pizza for teachers/staff at conferences - Potluck provided by parents in the Spring
 - e. Goal Setting Conferences - Discuss and Evaluate with Teachers and Parents in the Spring - New This Year
 - f. Snacks will be provided for adults at only the 1st and Last PTO meetings of the year. Snacks will be provided for children at all PTO Meetings.
10. Parent Comments
11. PTO's Environmental Thought: Does your child get breakfast at a school? If so, talk to them about whether or not they need to use a plastic bag to hold the food they collect. Some students grab just one or two items which they might easily be able to carry in their hands. Fewer bags used at breakfast will help the environment and saves money for our school.
12. PTO's Community Building Challenge: Make eye contact and smile with at least 1 person you don't know every week.
13. **Join us for the next PTO Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 19 from 6-7:30pm**