MINUTES

Marquette Parent Organization

December 11, 2023

In Attendance

Tracey Waeckerle (Principal), Rachel Pereira (President), Anson Tse (Treasurer), Adam Starling (Athletic Director), Amy Sturges (Assistant Principal - Class of 2024), Cheryl Rashet (Store Manager), Jamie Bode (Store Manager), Katie Schmitt (2025 Chair)-Zoom, Molly Buscher (2025 Chair), Corey Johnson (2026 Chair), Jackie Remy (2026 Chari), Nicole Maloy (School Store Volunteer)

Principal: Tracey Waeckerle

- Wrapping up 1st semester; Great year so far. Comebout a week after break and then final exams. Not every class has a final exam
- Student Equity Club responsible for ideas for school to welcome students:
    - They asked if there was a way to send survey out to students about background; one question to determine language background of students and another question about students origin/heritage; survey sent out. Working to create map to show results of survey.
    - Also responsible for Festival of Nation (last year was 1st time for this event); allows community to have a booth for their country and also performance opportunities. Have to raise money for the event so doing restaurant fundraisers and holiday wrapping event
- 2nd semester schedule change process information sent out; have to have parent signature on the form; goal was to try to streamline the process
- Student Survey from the state coming out in January: Trying to figure out wellness of our students, anonymous and optional
- Holiday Dreams: Going really well and collected a lot of donations to support community
- Host a STEM event tonight 5:30 to 9:30: Open to all ages in the community; last year over 400 attended
- Last year was 1st year to have a Veteran's Day Event; student requested to have an event and organized it all but graduated; approached ROTC and asked them to take over; this year event was on November 30th and held in conjunction with basketball game and it worked out well but had to limit attendance due not a lot of funding; would like to have MPO help fund in the future

Athletic Director: Adam Starling

- Cheer took 2nd at State at SEMO which is the big news
- Just getting started with winter sports; swim host big relay and tied for 1st with Kirkwood
- Band has an extra all state competition; had multiple students qualify
- Footloose; last Thursday through Sunday; sales went well
- Upcoming events:
    - Holiday Girls Basketball Tournament MICDS; dates not determined

- Boys Basketball Tournament at Maryville; 1st game December 26th
- Student vs. Staff Basketball game: FBLA Fundraiser $2 for students to attend
- One Read Author Visit on December 14th: Ms. Vickers coming Thursday which was supported by MPO

- Performance Events this week

Amy Sturges – All Things Character

- MCrew; 3rd in person meeting with huge trivia game; mentors connecting better with their freshmen this year
- Applied for State School of Character and got it; applied for National School of Character but did not qualify; got a lot of feedback that needed to start process over but decided to put on pause for right now
- Do not have to renew for State School of Character for 5 years; signage has been made and to be put up

President: Rachel Pereira

- October & November Minutes sent out to be approved.

(Rachel Pereira) Motion to approve October & November minutes

(Anson Tse) Seconds Motion All in favor, Approved

- Veteran's Night Recap: People didn't understand and reached out; bringing this up to MPO now so that when budget discussed in the spring, MPO is aware and can provide support
- Update for Holiday Dreams: Met $6,000 goal and surpassed it
- Cement pads have been poured.

Treasurer: Anson Tse

- Cash Flow: Review of spend in 2023.
- Crestview Cotillion reached out and had excess funds to donate to MPO Classes of 2024, 2025 & 2027: ~$338 per class.
- School Store spend high but that is because more is purchased in the fall

Store Manager: Cheryl Raschet & Jamie Bode

- Volunteers have been amazing.
- School Store changes made to reduce theft. Administrator usually nearby as well to help

Class Reports

- Class of 2024 (Gretchen & Elisa not able to attend)
  - Planning to do set up the day before and day of
- Class of 2025 (Katie Schmitt & Molly Buscher)
  - Poinsettia picked up December 8th from 4-6 pm; 122 plants sold for a profit of $1,299.66.
  - Farr Greenhouse officially closed so Class of 2026 will have to find a new nursery

        - N.G. Heimos Greenhouse; Need to search and make phone calls
- Class of 2026 (Jackie Remy & Corey Johnson)
    - Staff appreciation: 32 responses but didn't do it early enough
    - Meeting with Class of 2025 in January to start planning for TOM
- Class of 2027 (Hima Kumpati & Prathibha Nippuleti not able to attend)

Next Meeting: February 12, 2024

Keeping Senior Dates in Minutes so future dates are captured but not discussed in current meeting:

All Things Senior:
February 26: Donuts with Dudes from 8 to 9 am (late start)
Mid-March (Date TBD): Josten's invitation/announcement pick-up
March 25: Honor Cord applications due
April 8-April 12: Senior Week; Thursday is Senior Field Trip; Other activities still to be determined
April 22: Wacky Olympics during AC Lab
April 25: Celebration of Excellence 6:30 pm in the theater; MPO Scholarships are awarded
April 23: Cap & gown pick up during lunch
May 10: Graduation practice/Feeder school walk through: seniors released to go visit their elementary & middle schools
May 11: Graduation & Senior Farewell (80s Theme)