MNES PTO Minutes
February 13, 2020

Call to Order - Co-President Tracy Binkley called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm in the MNE library.

President's Remarks – Asked attendees for introductions. There were no other remarks.

Principal's Remarks - Mr. Feldman welcomed everyone and commented that that no snow days are both good and bad – good for schedules, bad for not having the "little surprise breaks" they provide. The flu had hit the school badly but it seems to be subsiding. Everyone is looking forward to the exploration fair. He thanked the PTO for supporting PALS, 14 kids are participating and it was a surprise success.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes were presented from the January 9,2020 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Kerrie Ferchalk and seconded by Tim Kamats. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was presented. Motion for approval was made by Keith Resseler and seconded by Kerrie Ferchalk. The motion was unanimously approved.

Funding Requests -

Jessica Stover/ Jamie Barbarich – requesting $150 for therapeutic horseback riding, $15 per student for 10 students benefiting students in K, 1 and 2. Motion for approval was made by Andrea Synder and seconded by Kerrie Ferchalk. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Meyer's PALS program – $126 to expand collections of games and replenish snack for PALS program. Program has been very successful and is twice as large as expected. Motion for approval was made by Carrie Hovis and seconded by Tim Kamats. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kindergarten – adjusting previously approved $1000 to $844 for field trip to Eisenhower Auditorium, Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed. Benefiting all Kindergarten students.

Exploration Fair (Keith R.) – $600 to cover expenses for certificates and participation prizes. Motion for approval was made by Kerrie Ferchalk and seconded by April Cockburn. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports –

Fun Run – Nicole Craft. Intention is to draft an email detailing opportunities, time commitments and who needs clearances. Anyone interested in helping next year can contact FunRun.MNE@gmail.com A sign up Genius will be circulated to collect names/contact info.

Yearbook – April Cockburn. Making pages now. Teaching are sending blurbs and photos Send photos to MNEyearbook@gmail.com

Book Fairs - Marnie Kocher and Heather Duncan. BOGO – April 6-9th during conferences. Classrooms will visit. Sign up genius will be sent to staff the sale.

Box Tops – Kirsten Leitzinger. Still collecting for March. Once we have the total we will determine winning grade. Information is available for electronic clipping at https://www.boxtops4education.com

Helping Hands – Tiffany Meyers. No updates.

Marianna's – Jennifer Lulis. April 30th is next sale date. Delivery is scheduled for 3-5:30 pm pick up.

Shade – Steve Williamson. No new updates.

Restaurant/Community Nights – Jocelyn Pezalski and Jenny Kaniecki. Home D earned $215. The Field eached $491. Next is the Greek on March 23.
Movie Nights –Due to decreasing interest and very few attendees, future movie nights are cancelled.
Kindergarten Connection - Kari Williamson. March 21st is the next event, coordinating with Tiffany Myers.
Hospitality – Lisa Edwards, Martha Sherman, Heather Wagner and Shaweta Gupta. Planning coffee cart for St. Patricks Day. With continue to purchase bathroom supplies
5th Grade Party – Susan Ishmael. May 28th, rain date is May 29th. At Military Museum and planning Inflatables. Grilled Sticky sale delivery planned for March 19th 3:30-6. Will post on Facebook to advertise sales.
Exploration Fair – Keith Ressler. Feb 25th – 6:30-7:30 28 students registered. Spark, ARL, Discovery Space are outreach orgs attending. Registration closes on 21st.
Library Events – Dustin Brackbill. Lit fest is scaled down. Scheduled for March 6 workshop format – working toward Literacy. Plan for the day is Assembly – Workshops -Closing Assembly. All donations to be made to Library and Mid State Literacy Council.
Spirit "Swag" Wear - Maggie Slattery. Will explore Corl Street's spirtware and regroup for fall.
Morale - Currently partnering with hospitality.

New Business –

Kari Williamson will donate to PTO new students in her CRPR Zumba course. Will post on Facebook. Interest in meditation/mindfulness/yoga offerings for students (D. Oziemblowsky) – afterschool and starting with teachers/parents

Announcements –

Reminder - All events require volunteers. Several events have struggled with only a couple dedicated volunteers. All volunteers for the year will be put in a drawing for a $50 gift card to Plaza Mexico - donated by them during our community night. The more times you volunteer, the more times your name will be in the drawing.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kerrie Ferchalk and seconded by Marcie Rockey. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:36PM.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Slattery 3/23/20