MNES PTO Minutes
December 12, 2019

Call to Order - Co-President Martha Gault called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the MNE library.

President's Remarks – Tracy was unable to attend due to a family commitment.

Principal's Remarks - Mr. Feldman welcomed everyone and thanked the PTO for the holiday luncheon, it was very much appreciated. PTO needs to sort supplies from the storage area. Storage space is at a premium and some supplies are there that can be used for upcoming events. He mentioned the Future Ready Index, the PA state website that tracks demographics and assessment measures for each school. It is Based on the 3/45 grade PSSA exams. This site can be found at futurereadypa.org

Approval of Minutes - The minutes were presented from the November 17 ,2019 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Kerrie Ferchalk and seconded by April Cockburn. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Funding Requests -

Penns Cave trip- Sarah Dwyer -$1300 for annual field trip to Penn's Cave to support PA and Geology units. Would be much less if no nurse is required. For 4th grades, approx. 60 students. $16-21 per student. Motion for approval was made by Courtney Laninger and seconded by Dustin Brackbill. The motion was unanimously approved.

Playground ball- Sarah Dwyer – $200 to purchase new balls for the playground – 2 sets one for now and one for later in spring For all student at the school. Motion for approval was made by Kerrie Ferchalk and seconded by Kari Williamson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports –

Fun Run – Nicole Craft. No new update -still need committed volunteers for planning and work in advance. Anyone interested in helping next year can contact FunRun.MNE@gmail.com

Yearbook – April Cockburn. Initial sales have ended. 18 or 19 donated to-date. Purchased Ger Air gift cards for cover contest. Send photos to MNEyearbook@gmail.com

Book Fairs - Marnie Kocher and Heather Duncan (needs confirmation as new co-chair). Fall Book Fair supports free book for each student in spring.

Box Tops – Kirsten Leitzinger is Overall chair. Grade captains have been found for all (Martha is now for 3rd and Tracy for 1st). Online app seems to get good reviews! Information is available for electronic clipping at https://www.boxtops4education.com

Helping Hands – Tiffany Meyers. Supporting 14 families during the holiday season. Will partner with Elks club and YMCA. Lots of cash donations, Elks club donated the household item baskets -so money approved for this expense will not be needed. Mr. Feldman's family and friends are doing deliveries. Donations from 2000 degrees, Weis, Rapid Transit, Chik-Fil-A. PTO.

Marianna's – Jennifer Lulis. Sale was on Oct 29 earned >$1700. In the future, more than 2 people are needed to distribute hoagies.

Shade – Steve Williamson. No new updates.

Restaurant/Community Nights – Jocelyn Pezalski and Jenny Kaniecki. Waiting on money from Home D and Get Air, both seemed to attract many participants. Next scheduled event is The Field (Feb 3) events.
Movie Nights –Due to decreasing interest and very few attendees, future movie nights are cancelled.
Kindergarten Connection - Kari Williamson is chairing. New events after holidays. Looks for ideas that are free and not always around food. Centre dance night was mentioned by Tiffany Meyers.
Hospitality – Lisa Edwards, Martha Sherman, Heather Wagner and Shaweta Gupta are chairs. Collaborating with new Morale Committee. Holiday luncheon was successful. Some volunteers didn't follow through. Items for bus drivers for before holiday break.
5th Grade Party – Susan Ishmael. Trying to repeat last year at Military museum, etc. Grilled Sticky fundraiser is planned for Feb, committee assembled, they will select a date after the holiday break is over.
Exploration Fair – Keith Ressler. Working with Heather on transition. Update is attached after minutes. Also plan to use Panorama as backup location so the date can be held firm.
Library Events – Dustin Brackbill. Next family book club us in Feb. Visiting authors in May. Lit fest planning to start soon.
Spirit "Swag" Wear - Maggie Slattery. Perhaps another sale in spring, and will do survey about quality, styles etc.
Morale - Currently partnering with hospitality.

New Business - none

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.

Gift Card winner was Japheth Mukaya.. Faculty/Staff gift bag winner was Courtney Laninger. Meeting adjourned at 7:18PM.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Slattery 1/2/20

Execution Plan: Mt. Nittany Exploration Fair – 2020

Date: February 25, 2020 (tentative pending final schedule availability)

Time: All day event with the fair at 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Content:

- Student Displays
- External Demonstrations (Discovery Zone, Space, PSU ARL)
- Bake Sale?
- Giveaways
- Prizes?

Tentative Agenda:

0630 – 0700 Exploration Fair Committee sets up All-Purpose Room (Tables Set Up Prior to 0630 by custodial staff)

0700 – 0800 Parents and students sign up and set up project displays

0800 – 1500 Classes walk throughout the day

1830 – 1930 Exploration Fair open to parents, et al

1930 – 2000 Parents and students take home projects, Exploration Fair Committee help clean up room and tables

Next Steps:

- ☐ Come up with a theme and guidance
- ☐ Communication plan
- ☐ Sign up for participants
- ☐ Confirm External Attendees
- ☐ Develop layout plan