MNES PTO Minutes
October 3, 2019

Call to Order - President Tracy Binkley called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm in the MNE library.

President's Remarks – Welcomed everyone and all comments are with regard to the Fun Run and will be presented at that Committee Report.

Principal's Remarks - Mr. Feldman welcomed everyone and noted that the Fun Run was a great success and thanked Nicole Craft for leading the event. He also thanked everyone for the tremendous show of support from the whole MNE community. Using the 2-hour delay schedule for the day was a success.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes were presented from the Sept. 19, 2019 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Andrea Snyder and seconded by Dustin Brackbill. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was presented. The vast majority of Fun Run donations have been deposited. Motion for approval was made by Kristen Stamplis and seconded by Jennifer Lulis. The motion was unanimously approved.

Funding Requests -

Visit from illustrator Melissa Sweet- $3000 to support a school visit by the renowned illustrator, in collaboration with other SCASD schools. Mr. Brackbill noted the large request but indicated future requests would be smaller, the schools wanted to take advantage of an opportunity for students to engage with such a highly regarded illustrator. Motion for approval was made by Jennifer Lulis and seconded by Susan Ishmael. The motion was unanimously approved.

Family Book Club – $450 in three $150 increments. Supporting family book club with three new titles for grades 3-5. The first author will be Eva Pell. Motion for approval was made by Kari Williamson and seconded by Kristen Stamplis. The motion was unanimously approved.

Morale Committee – $20 to purchase gum that can be distributed to faculty and staff as a reward and to lift morale. Motion for approval was made by Jennifer Lulis and seconded by Susan Ishmael. The motion was unanimously approved.

Morale Committee – $60 to purchase materials for a coffee and tea cart to distribute refreshments to faculty and staff – in collaboration with the hospitality committee. Motion for approval was made by Kristen Stamplis and seconded by Kari Williamson. The motion was unanimously approved.

PAWS/PBIS Fund - $1000 to seed a stand-alone fund to support the prizes and rewards for students in the PBIS program. Motion for approval was made by Tim Kamats and seconded by Kari Williamson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Donation to Boalsburg Fire Company- $250 donation to the fire company in recognition for their engagement with the school, the Fun Run and other demonstrations with students. Motion for approval was made by Andrea Snyder and seconded by Marcie Rockey. The motion was unanimously approved.

Updates to past funding requests.

The Juniper Village transportation request of $318 approved at the September meeting is no longer necessary because the SCASD will be able to provide transportation.

The request for funds to purchase pizza for the fire company will no longer be used for pizza, instead a Hoss's gift card as they would prefer to eat there. If Hoss is able to donate a gift card, the amount will be added to the donation to the fire company.

Committee Reports –

Fun Run – Nicole Craft thanks the teachers and everyone who helped with the school. Current tally is $15361. Recommendations for next year are to separate responsibilities and need to find a new chair. Also, recommendation was made to give students 2 weeks to fund raise, Research Fundrazer as a way to manage donations – used by Easterly this year. Oct 23rd is scheduled for Duct taping Mr. Feldman and Nov 8th for silly string. Anyone interested in helping next year can contact FunRun.MNE@gmail.com

Yearbook – April Cockburn. 5th graders will again be able to submit ORIGINAL ART to the Cover contest. Send photos to MNEyearbook@gmail.com

Book Fairs - Marnie Kocher is requesting a co-chair for this year and new chair for next year. Scheduled for the week of Oct 17-18, 9-3pm on Parent/Teacher conference days. Monday and Tuesday of that week from 3-5. Still looking for some volunteers a Sign-up Genius will be shared with those who are interested. Some remaining Scholastic funds are available, and each core teacher will get approx. $40 to spend.

Box Tops – Need a new overall chair. Grad captains have been found except for 1st grade. Changing to electronic "clipping" - >$26 already raised that way. Information is available at https://www.boxtops4education.com

Helping Hands – Tiffany Meyers. Will again support some families during holiday season. Will likely partner with Elks club again.

Marianna's – Jennifer Lulis. First sale will be distributed on Oct 29 from 7-9am.

Shade – Steve Williamson. No new updates.

Restaurant/Community Nights – Jocelyn Pezalski and Jenny Kaniecki. Get Air (Dec 5) and The Field (Feb 3) events are scheduled. They are contacting other locations for October night.

Movie Nights – Tanya Labosky and April Cockburn are chairs. Mary Poppins Returns is scheduled for Oct 4. Other dates are scheduled and listed on website.

Kindergarten Connection - Kari Williamson is chairing. Next event is at Barnes and Noble info is on Facebook. Interested in event suggestions – free and not focused on food.

Hospitality – Lisa Edwards, Martha Sherman, Heather Wagner and Shaweta Gupta are chairs. Collaborating with new Morale Committee. Ways for improving wi-fi will be researched in collaboration with SCASD IT.

5th Grade Party – Susan Ishmael. Seems to be good interest. Need to pick a date.

Exploration Fair – Keith Ressler. Working with Heather on transition. No other update at this time

Library Events – Dustin Brackbill. Nothing to report at this time beyond funding requests that were approved.

Spirit "Swag" Wear - Maggie Slattery. Showed nearly complete website to order spirit wear. Paper form will be available. The site will be available for a defined period of time and can be reopened as we desire. Information will be forthcoming in the next week or so.

New Business -

Funding year books for 5th graders Discussion of PTO covering year books for each 5th grader – noted as a nice wrap up since they are welcomed with a t-shirt. $10 per yearbook for 66 students. The idea was approved and voted on. Motion for approval was made by Tim Kamats and seconded by Andrea Snyder. The motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements - Gift Card winner was Susan Ishmael. Faculty/Staff gift bag winner was Tiffany Myers. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM. Motion for dismissal was made by Tim Kamats and seconded by Kristen Stamplis. Motion was unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Slattery 10/5/19