MNES PTO Minutes
February 7, 2019

Call to Order - President Tracy Binkley called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm in the library. We had introductions of everyone present.

President's Remarks - Tracy Binkley welcomed everyone in attendance and everyone listening on Zoom from home. Thank you notes were passed around. Parents present were asked to fill out tickets for the gift card raffle at the end of the meeting.

Principal's Remarks - Mr. Feldman welcomed everyone! He mentioned the busy weeks ahead, including Lit Fest and the Exploration Fair.

Reading and Approval of Minutes - The minutes were presented from the January 3, 2019 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Maggie Slattery and seconded by Scott Fritz. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was presented. Steve noted that we have an approximate $30,000 balance. Motion for approval was made by Carrie Hovis and seconded by Scott Fritz. The motion was unanimously approved.

Funding Requests -

Kindergarten requested $210.00 for 60 students to go to Millbrook Marsh. Motion for approval was made by Maggie Slattery and seconded by Lisa Edwards. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Styers requested $150 (a one time fee) for Student Success Skills. If it is successful the program can expand to other grades. Motion for approval was made by Lisa Edwards and seconded by Courtney Laninger. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dustin Brackbill requested $400 for author Paul Reynolds which will benefit grades K-5 (360 students). Motion for approval was made by Courtney Laninger and seconded by Maggie Slattery.

Emma Van Allen requested $125 for the piano accompanist for the 4th & 5th grade Spring Concert. Motion for approval was made by Dustin Brackbill and seconded by Marcie Rockey

First Grade - Courtney Laninger requested $220 for transportation for first graders to see the Fuse Production of "The Prince and the Wogglefoof". Motion for approval was made by Lisa Edwards and seconded by Lior Sternfeld.

Fourth Grade - will be requesting funding at the next meeting

Committee Reports -

Yearbook - April Cockburn reported that the book is 80% completed. Photos are still welcome.

Helping Hands - nothing to report

Box Tops - Alison Witt reported that box tops are due at the end of February for the March 1st collection. Please let Tracy or Allison know if you are interested in helping count Box Tops

Fun Run - nothing new to report, however any new ideas are always welcome. Mr. Feldman noted that they are going to figure out the logistics of having all students be included in the Fun Run for the entire time in order to make it more fun.

Book Fairs - BOGO event will be April 22-26. PTO will purchase each child a book $10 or less. Scholastic News might have to be renewed.

Marianna's - Pickup day will be March 28th in the afternoon

Shade - There was an elementary district wide meeting in January. Map of the school grounds was done by the district, however no conclusions or plans have been given to MNES as of yet.

Restaurant Nights - Need new committee chair for next year. April Cockburn suggested on Zoom that possibly Get Air would do a fundraiser night in place of a restaurant night. Tracy said Heather will look into that.

February - Pizza Hut
March - looking for ideas
April - Dairy Queen
May - Sweet Frog

Movie Nights - Next movie will be "Teen Titans Go! To the Movies" on February 22nd in the all-purpose room. April Cockburn will run the projector.

Kindergarten Connection - Liana Bubb reported that Spring might bring some Playground Pop-ups.

Hospitality - Treats will be provided to staff on Valentine's Day. Swag bags will be provided for Lit Fest. Rachelle requested $100 to help with the Swag Bags. Motion for approval was made by Lisa Edwards and seconded by Dustin Brackbill. Teacher Appreciation from May 6-10 has yet to be determined.

5th Grade Party - nothing new to report

Exploration Fair - February 25th, snow date will be February 26th. A bake sale benefitting the School Wide Behavior Program will be present that evening. Pencils and certificates will be given to all presenters. As of today 30 students have signed up. Heather Duncan needs volunteers for the morning project drop-off from 7-8am. Please contact her if interested. The evening event will be from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Library Events - The second Family Book Club will be on February 21st. Seuss week is also approaching. Lit Fest will have 30-32 presenters. The Read-a-thon will be after Spring Break. Dustin Brackbill asked for approval for 25% of proceeds to go to the AAUW. Motion for approval was made by Lisa Edwards and seconded by Lior Sternfeld. Motion was unanimously approved. Lisa also thanked Dustin for all he does for MNES and our children.

Spirit "Swag" Wear - Maggie Slattery volunteered to chair the committee next year. Marcie opened the discussion about free t-shirts for kindergarteners and new students vs. Fun Run t-shirts for everyone. Most agreed that t-shirts for kindergarteners and new students should remain a tradition. Car magnets were also mentioned. Lisa Edwards mentioned that Colonial Press makes magnets.

New Business -

New Officers - Co-President and Secretary positions are open for next year. Both Tracy Binkley and Tanya Labosky agreed that it is fun and easy to be on the board and be in touch with all that goes on in our school.

Marcie Rockey - asked if we gave a donation this year to the Boalsburg Fire Co. Tracy said she will look into it.

Announcements - Gift Card winner was Peter Horn. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. Next meeting will be March 14, 2019 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the library. Motion for dismissal was made by Lisa Edwards and seconded by Tim Kamats. Motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Labosky 2/10/19