

# PTO Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2024

## Meeting Details:

**Date/Time:** Monday, August 19th, 2024 at 16:15

**President:** Samantha Kimzey (present)

**Vice President:** Melissa Richards (not present)

**Treasurer:** Kayla Termentozzi (present)

**Secretary:** Carrie Neyers (present)

**Staff present:** Emma-Leigh Larsen, Mandy Hughes, Jenny Kostecky, Madison Kruse, Lindsey Weaver, Denise Robbins

**Parents present:** Ellie Nisley, Leanna Miller, Amelia Baldwin, Lindsay Gray, Vanessa Wallz

**Students present:**

1. **Welcome to Monument Ridge Elementary PTO!**
  - a. Introductions of Officers, Staff and Parents
  - b. Community Rewards:
    - i. Kroger (City Market) raises about \$4-5,000/yr. Will need to upload video on how to register to Facebook page and send flyer home with students.
    - ii. American Furniture Warehouse gives a percentage back
2. **What is PTO?** Parents, Teachers and Administrators who plan engaging activities designed to build community, provide support, and ultimately enhance the educational experiences for the students, teachers, and families of MRE.
3. **How does PTO use funds?** Funds are used on things that the general school budget does not provide. We want to make sure the funds are used to benefit a large number of kids, not just a small group.
  - a. Teacher Grant Request
  - b. School needs
  - c. Staff Appreciation
  - d. Family nights (Holiday Event)
4. **What fundraisers we have done and plan to do:**
  - a. Coin Wars (8/19/24 - 8/23/24)
    - i. Last year funds raised went to gaga-pit
  - b. Move-a-Thon (4/25/25)
    - i. Last year raised around \$19,411 (net profit)
5. **Treasure Report & Budget**
  - a. Current balance of \$29,078.44 as of 8/1/24
6. **Student Council Update**
  - a. Ms Darr will hold first SC meeting 8/21 and officer elections will take place the following week. SC is made up of 5th graders for the majority of the year. 4th grade becomes involved towards the end of the school year.
7. **Snack for Staff**

- a. Parents/families provide simple snacks and treats for staff during work sessions Friday afternoons after kids are dismissed. This will be done about twice per month this school year.
- b. A sign-up will be sent to families with available dates

#### **8. Teacher Grant Request**

- a. Ameritowne will be held in October for 5th grade
  - i. Includes 5wk curriculum where students learn to be adults
  - ii. Last year we discussed having this as line item in the budget for \$750
  - iii. No vote needed at this time and PTO will pay \$750 for this event
- b. Lego League
  - i. Ms Weaver requesting \$638 to get two teams registered for Lego League (includes registration fee for both teams and \$95 for kit that both teams will share)
  - ii. 10 kids/team
  - iii. Motion to approve made by Carrie Neyers, second by Emma-Leigh Larsent. All in favor with no objections.
- c. SSN Cooking Supply
  - i. Ms Robbins facilitates cooking/baking classes for her SSN students on Fridays, requesting City Market gift card to help supply ingredients. Originally requested \$200, however PTO paid \$250 last year. Ms Robbins states she usually spends about \$20/wk.
  - ii. Ms Larsen would like for this to be a line item in the budget as \$300 per semester.
  - iii. Motion to approve \$300 per semester made by Sam Kimzey, second by Kayla Termentozzi. All in favor with no objections.
- d. Last Day of School Event, May 21st
  - i. Ms Hughes requesting \$4,500 to host event that will be held on last day of school along the school assembly for students and families
  - ii. Will include bump/jump, Jelu treats for kids, food for families (students are paid for through nutrition services), dunk tanks for teachers, 90ft obstacle course.
  - iii. Hosting this will be a joint effort between staff and PTO
  - iv. Motion to approve \$4,500 for event made by Ellie Nisley, second by Emma-Leigh Larsen. All in favor with no objections.

#### **9. Penny Wars**

- a. Aug. 19th - Aug. 23rd, currently have coin collections set up in the school lobby
- b. Glow Party as prize - Ms Bryan will provide black lights

#### **10. Move-a-thon Sponsors**

- a. Need to work on Sponsor letter and get it sent out to families early
- b. Carrie to work on letter

#### **11. Mascot Naming**

- a. Student submissions due by 8/23
- b. Staff/PTO committee to vote, process TBD

**Meeting adjourned at 17:08**

**Next PTO meeting will be held Monday, September 16th**

