

# PTO Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2024

D120 Referendum Presentation prior to PTO meeting.

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm by Stacie Brown.

Elisabth Reigle motioned and Rosa Lopez-Washington seconded, to approve the meeting minutes from the August meeting.

## **Attendance:**

Anastacia Brown: President

Guests:

Yoon Chung: Vice President - Lincoln

Jennifer Nichols

Aimee Briggs: Vice President - ES

Sarah Groenendal

Elisabeth Reigle: Vice President – IS

Lindsey Maneval

Rosa Lopez-Washington: Vice President – MS

Mindy Rowland

Shahnawaz Ahmed: Treasurer

Greg Wideman

Jennifer Knop: Secretary

Nti Bhargava

Latoya Conners Gray: Parent Liaison

Jessica Engle

Dana Gallup: ES Teacher Representative

Lauren Vasquez

Amanda Monico: MS Teacher Representative

Jen Mendez

Trisha Kocanda; Superintendent

Renee Crolius

Beth Carmody; ES principal

Beth Jeffrey

Aga Macoch: School Board

Veronika Wepler

Suha Dimon: Art Awareness Co-Chair

Catherine Glidden

Monica Trent: Yearbook Chair (ES)

Heather McNelis

## **Reports:**

### **President's Report:**

Stacie Brown reported. Back to School Bash was successful and fun, despite the weather. We were able to make a nice profit despite the shortened time frame thanks to the vendors present that donated back to the PTO.

Spirit wear orders have been submitted. Room parents are almost all finalized.

**Vice Presidents' Reports:**

Lincoln School: Yoon Chung reported. Picture day was great. Still looking for five room parents, mostly for morning classes.

Elementary School: Aimee Briggs reported. Thanks to those that filled all the ES room parent spots.

Intermediate School: Elisabeth Reigle reported. Still looking for a room parent for Fohlmeister. Mum fundraiser is a little lower than last year, but will still bring in approximately \$1600. Pick up for mums is this Saturday from 9:30-12:30 at the ES. Trunk or Treat has the first planning meeting tomorrow. District will be providing candy for the staff-based trunks. The event will be held Oct 26, from 10-12 at the ES.

Middle School: No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Shahnawaz Ahmed reported. We're in good shape.

<b>Mundelein Comm. Checking Balance as of 8/30/24</b>	\$10,590.99
<b>Mundelein Comm. Savings Balance as of 8/30/24</b>	\$ 58,759.48
<b>Less: Committed Funds</b>	\$69,552.71
<b>Uncommitted Funds as of 8/30/24</b>	(202.24)
<b>Balance available for 2024/2025:</b>	(202.24)

**Parent Liaison** - Latoya Conners Gray reported. The first Parent University will be Sept 24 from 6:30-7:30, in the MS Den. Childcare will be provided. The topic is Growing a Resilient Mindset. Sign up online and bring a friend.

**Communications** - No report.

**Principal's Report:** Beth Carmody reported.

There will be a Special Event early dismissal due to the MHS Homecoming parade on Sept 27. No school on Oct 3.

Lincoln - Curriculum night is tomorrow at 6:30. The first Parent Involvement activity will be Sept 27 from 10-11 at Kamins Farm Sanctuary. Staff is looking forward to connecting with Lincoln families.

ES - Kindergarten has a Fall Fest coming up that will include crafts and sensory stations. They will also be taking a field trip to Country Bumpkin soon. Picture day went great. Retakes will be Oct 24. Second grade will be getting a "History of Mundelein" presentation from school board member Sean Killacky.

IS - Picture day went well. Third grade has a field trip to see the movie Wild Robot coming up. MAP scores should be sent home soon.

MS - Looking into the possibility of an assembly with a former Fremont Student. Also looking at ways to connect the MHS parent ambassadors group to Fremont families and potentially attending Fremont PTO events.

### **District and School Board Report:**

Aga Macoch reported for the School Board. The last board meeting was on August 19. Recognized Wendy Obenauf and bus T route for their pet supply drive donations. Communication plan presentation. Approved strategic board plan. Next board meeting is on Monday.

Trisha Kocanda reported for the District. At Monday's meeting they will be recognizing Eileen Duffy and Lori Northup for their courtyard project at the ES. This effort was funded by a grant and by the PTO. The courtyard now looks beautiful and is getting used by multiple classes.

Also at the meeting Monday, D120 (MHS) will give another presentation on the Referendum. There will also be presentations on the Fremont 2025 budget as well as the annual holistic presentation on growth and achievement. Good news, there has been continued post-pandemic growth in performance. Reading is exceeding pre-pandemic growth/levels. Board is expected to approve the budget and some updated policies. Next week, the PK-5 teachers will be part of a Reading League seminar/professional development. In two weeks, there is the annual safety and security meeting. On Oct 17, at 7pm there will be a presentation and request for community feedback at the IS from the Steering Committee for Education Long Term Plan. The plan is looking for feedback on financial, educational, and community planning. This is a long-term vision, looking out 20 years. There will also be more detail included in the 0-10 year range. Feedback to November board meeting. Then have a new vision approved for December.

### **Teacher Reports:**

IS: no report.

ES: Dana Gallup reported. First grade thanks the PTO for funding the Scholastic News.

MS: Amanda Monico reported. Thanks for all the PTO has done already this year.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Art Awareness** – Suha Dimon reported. There will be an advertising blurb in the next newsletter to increase participation. There is also an informational meeting on Wednesday in the MS Den at 6:00. Bring a friend.

**Birthday Board** – Christie Johnson reported via email. Everything is good.

**Book Fairs** – No update.

**Fundraising** – Rosa Lopez-Washington reported. Thanks for participating in the last two dining nights. Panera raised \$311.14 for August's dine and share night. The numbers were lower for Chipotle, but there wasn't as much advertising either, and still raised \$78.44. The next dine and share is on Oct 23 at Buona Beef in Kildeer. The next fundraiser is Charleston Wrap, which will be online only and run Oct 1 - Nov 1. At the same time there will also be a Happy Little Flame candle fundraiser. Scents included in that sale will be at the next PTO meeting. Kona Ice has donated a good bit thanks to the sales at various events already this school year.

**Hospitality** – No report

**Membership Toolkit** – Latoya Conners Gray reported. Going so much better than last month. A lot of participation this year, so thank you. Email her if you are having problems.

**Picture Day/Yearbook** –Stacie Brown reported. You can still order pictures if you forgot - code will be on the proof that comes home. Monica Trent reported. Still looking for an IS Yearbook editor.

**Room Parents** - no report.

**Special Days/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** – no report.

**Field Days** – no report

**Spirit Wear** - Stacie Brown reported. Orders closed with around 200 orders being placed. They will take about 2 more weeks and will then be delivered.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:** Funding Requests:

1. \$1,000 requested by Kim Hengesh and Megan Temple for Science Olympiad at the MS. Science Olympiad is an organization that hosts science academic competitions. The funds would be used for team registration (approx. \$600) and for STEM materials. This would benefit about 30 MS students. Motion made to approve by Rosa Lopez-Washington, seconded by Aimee Briggs. Request approved.
2. \$1,203.50 requested by Kathy Salerno for a field trip. When 7th grade students go to Springfield, there are a number of students that don't go on the trip. I would like to offer a field trip to the Kenosha Public Museum. Total number of students it would benefit is unknown at this time but an estimate would be around 79. Motion made to approve by Latoya Conners Gray, seconded by Elisabeth Reigle. Request approved.
3. \$144.00 requested by Melissa Duitsman and Andrea Wiklund (Elementary School Paws Committee) The Elementary School is starting a new program allowing students to become members of the PAW Patrol. These students will help in promoting our PAWS program by passing out special PAWS tickets to students they see following the PAWS expectations. By purchasing these belt bags, the PAW Patrollers have a place to store the tickets and have an easy, organized way to pass them out. Motion made to approve by Elisabeth Reigle, seconded by Rosa Lopez-Washington. Request approved.

**Adjournment:** 7:01 p.m. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Aimee Briggs, seconded by Rosa Lopez-Washington.

PTO minutes submitted by: Jen Knop