



PTO Meeting

Meeting information:

Date: October 11, 2018

Time: 7:00PM

Location: Library

Attendance:

Matt Eckerle – Co-President

Ratna Craig- Co-President

Melissa Adams - Vice President

Sophia Ford – Co-Treasurer

Mindy Haas – Secretary

Jenn Dieken-Buchek- Principal

Connie Binder – Teacher Representative

Total Members in attendance:12

AGENDA:

1. Approval of September 2018 Meeting Minutes, Mindy Haas, Secretary

- Motion to approve September 2018 minutes by Mindy Haas, second by Melissa Adams. Minutes approved.

3. Treasurer Report, Sophia Ford, Treasurer

- Total income is \$22,781 – \$20,855 MMF, school supplies, spirit wear, and corporate matching.
- Expenses - \$8,461 – biggest expense was purchasing student class shirts.
- July, Aug. and Sept. reconciliations are all in dropbox.
- Current budget is posted on the PTO website.

4. Principal's Report, Jenn Dieken-Buchek, Principal

- Greatness, Innovation, Legacy – focusing on student empowerment this school year.
- Teachers started “learning walks” – Groups of teachers will be visiting other schools in St. Louis to bring new ideas back to Mason Ridge.

5. Teacher's Report, Connie Binder, Teacher Representative

- Teachers are very thankful for \$100 allowance.
- Rich and Charlie's conference dinners were wonderful. The teachers loved the different options to choose from, especially Gluten-Free.



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- Whooo's Reading program started October 5th - \$1,300 in donations for 1st week of program.
6. **Mighty Mustang Fund update**, Matt Eckerle, Co-President
- As of September 30th, we raised \$25,280. \$1,600 was corporate gifts.
 - 91 families currently made donations – 27% participation rate.
 - Working on what grade will receive the Movie Night.
7. **Gym Floor update**, Melissa Adams, Vice President
- November PTO meeting – panel discussion on Gym Floor.
 - More literature on gym floor will be distributed this month to all families.
 - We will vote at the November PTO meeting to approve the purchase of the gym floor.
8. **Vote on Dreambox**, Matt Eckerle, Co-President
- Financial Request – The 2nd grade team is requesting the PTO to purchase Dreambox for all 2nd grade students - \$2,700.
 - Dreambox is a math learning program that students can use at school or home. It keeps track of topics for each student and is a great tool for students that are struggling or need enrichment. It is a more flexible individualized program than Envision online program. Good for non-readers as well (Kindergarten kids). Many teachers and parents at the meeting had great things to say about the program.
 - The Parkway School District used to pay for Dreambox for all students. 2015 was the last year it was used at Mason Ridge.
 - There was a discussion to purchase Dreambox for the whole school. It would cost \$7,000 per year for all students, K-5 to use program (this includes a 10% discount).
 - Fund 2nd grade (\$2,700) or fund the whole school.
 - Matt Eckerle made motion to fund Dreambox for 2nd grade for \$2,700. Request was approved.
 - Connie Binder and Tricia Smith will work together to see if all other grades would like to purchase Dreambox.
 - Matt Excerle made motion to approve the additional \$4,300 to offer Dreambox to the whole school – a total of \$7,000. The request was approved. Dr. Dieken-Buchken confirmed that they whole school would like to use Dreambox.
9. **Upcoming Calendar Events**, Melissa Adams, Vice President
- Oct. 17th - International Night



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- Need more volunteers for the night. Welcome desk, activities, etc.
- Oct 20th - Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 30th - Board Member Chat - placed to be determined.
- Next 4 Saturdays – Canvassing neighborhoods to promote the Bond Issue.
 - Matt Eckerle is the Building Representative if you have any questions.

10. Next Meeting, Melissa Adams, Vice President

- November 8th at 7pm in the Ramsey Center.
- Motion to close meeting by Matt Eckerle. Second by Ratna Craig. Meeting adjourned.