



## PTO Meeting

### Meeting information

**Date:** September 5, 2017

**Time:** 7:00PM

**Location:** Ramsey Center

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### AGENDA

Attendance:

Jenna Ottman – Co-President  
Jeanne Schutte- Co-President  
Matt Eckerle – Co-Vice President  
Ratna Craig- Co-Vice President  
Melissa Adams – Co-Treasurer  
Maggie McCormick – Co-Treasurer  
Mindy Haas – Secretary  
Pam Holman – Past President  
Sara Cima – Past President  
Jenn Dieken-Buchek- Principal  
Connie Binder – Teacher Representative  
Total Members in attendance: 30

**1. 3-Part Speaker Series** - September Discussion ~ 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Space •  
Keynote speakers: Mr. Eastman, 4<sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Corsale, 1<sup>st</sup>

**2. Call Meeting to Order**, Jeanne Schutte, Co-President

- Thank you all for attending!

**3. Approval of May Meeting Minutes**, Mindy Haas, Secretary

- Motion to approve May 2017 minutes by Mindy Haas, second by Melissa Adams. Minutes approved.

**4. Treasurer Report**, Melissa Adams & Maggie McCormick, Treasurers

- Present and approval of 2017-18 fiscal year budget
- Discussed Mighty Mustang Fund and our goal to increase corporate matches. Some companies offer volunteer grants as well.

- Motion to approve the budget by Jeanne Schutte, second by Jenna Ottman. Budget approved.

## 5. Discussion Items, Jenna Ottman, Co-President

- Thank you to all volunteers- encouraged volunteers to stick with committees for multiple years
- Class Room Coordinator openings – Mrs. Faughn and Ms. Doyle
- 4 Ways to Give (without trying)
  - AmazonSmile (charitable wing of Amazon)
  - Schnucks eScrip-will add instructions to peach jar
  - Spirit Nights-3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month – 1<sup>st</sup> is Menchies on Sept. 21st
  - Box Tops – ask relatives, etc.
- Schnucks Bag Month during October
- Mighty Mustang Fund, Erica Bouchard and Emily Klimek co-chair –
  - Last opportunity for raffle tickets ends @ Midnight - \$11,000 to date. Goal is \$25,000.
  - Will continue to promote giving after raffle
  - Family Participation was 23% last year. Goal for this year is 25%
- MR LIVE!, Holly Even, Co Chair – Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM at Logan Purser Center
  - Kristin Hrubes will co-chair this year. Looking for more volunteers.
  - Theme is “Mason Ridge goes way off Broadway”
  - Last year sold out event and 942 people attended.
- Book Fair, Erin Lamb, Co-Chair – Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, hours will vary.
  - Theme is “Wild West, Saddle up and Read”
  - Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> -“Desserts with Dad” night out. The kids will make s’mores.
  - Asking for a volunteer this year to drive to Fenton each day during the book fair to restock books quicker.
  - Event will coincide with “Goodies for Grandparents” again this year.
  - Bring in spare change so every kid goes home with a book
  - \$9,000 in scholastic dollars last year. Remember to add sales tax to orders. Can place orders online this year.
- Beyond Measure, Maria Spivey, Coordinator – played the trailer of this film at meeting.
  - Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM in the gym – showing of movie Beyond Measure, the school community is invited – film about new learning spaces. 1.5 hours. Panel discussion after.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Kim Weiss, Kathleen Jay and Nikki Nadreau - Pumpkin/Mums reminder.

## 6. **Principal's Report**, Jenn Dieken-Buchek, Principal

- Communications: Newsletters and video – presentation on how to navigate the Mason Ridge website. Highlighted how to link calendar with Mason Ridge events.
  - Weekly video posted on Friday, Weekly update, Facebook, Instagram
  - Sara Cima discussed website and how to streamline communication with PTO newsletter.

## 7. **Teacher's Report**, Connie Binder, Teacher Liaison

- Who's Reading – Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Read-a-thon fundraiser
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Mason Ridge. 1<sup>st</sup> year raised \$5,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, \$7,000. Goal for this year is \$10,000. School keeps 80% of proceeds.
  - Will use money to redesign library for more personalized spaces.
  - Working on adding corporate matching.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences, September 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Watch for Sign-Up Genius
- Teachers – very thankful for the funds that the PTO provides each teacher to spend on their classroom each year.

## 8. **Upcoming Calendar Events**, Jeanne Schutte, Co-President

- School Pictures – September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Spirit Week - September 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Spirit Night – Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>, Menchies
- Spirit Week Assembly – September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm – MMF drawing to take place
- Spirit Week Pancake Breakfast – September 23<sup>rd</sup>, **FREE Event! Reservation required** – can 5<sup>th</sup> graders receive service hours for volunteering?
- Math Fact Scholars – Kindergarten begins Oct. 11 – Register on MySchoolAnywhere

## 9. **Next Meeting**, Ratna Craig, Co-Vice President

- Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm @ Fire Station Safety House – Sara Cima is going to set up a sign-up email; 75 slots available, sign up will close Sept. 26 – build safety awareness
- Motion to close meeting by Ratna Craig. Second by audience. Meeting adjourned.