



PTO MEETING MINUTES

Meeting information

DATE: December 1, 2016
TIME: 7:00 PM-8:30 pm
LOCATION: Ramsey Center

Attendance:

Pam Holman – Co-President
Sara Cima – Co-President
Jenna Ottman – Vice President
Melissa Adams– Co-Treasurer
Maggie McCormick- Co-Treasurer
Maria Spivey- Secretary
Tiffany Frautschi- Past President
Stella Afentoullis- Past President
Jenn Dieken-Buchek – Principal
Pat Wallace- Assistant Principal
Connie Binder – Teacher Representative
Total Members in attendance: 24

AGENDA

Part 3 of PTO 6 Part Speaker series: Jason Rooks, Internet safety

Presentation slides available at: <http://Pkwy.info/ptosafety>

This presentation was also on facebook live and can be found on the Mason ridge facebook page

1. Call Meeting to Order

- Meeting called to order by Sara Cima

2. Approval of pending October Meeting Minutes, Maria Spivey

- Motion to Approve October minutes made by Maria Spivey. Motion second by Stella Afentoullis. October minutes approved.

3. Discussion Items, Sara Cima

- MRLive-Party Around the World, registration deadline 12/14
 - Chairs- Holly Even & Eram Mahmoud. There are 3 pieces to register acts for those participating- 1) Parent needs to go to Google docs link that was provided and register 2) pay registration fee 3) submit music if you have music
- Science Fair Workshops for students: Jenn Rengachary and Tiffany Frautschi will offer workshops on 12/5-6 @ 8:15-8:45, 4:15-4:45- This is a great opportunity for students to get help if they are not sure where to start or need help with the process.
- Shop 'til ya drop with Amazon Smile and Schnucks escrip- proceeds come back to Mason ridge. Contact Sara Cima with questions
 - Melissa Adams-You have to go to Amazon smile through Amazon and pick

Mason Ridge. After that you can shop just like on Amazon.

- Kelly Britt- Let me run update- Running program for boys. They had a full team of 14 boys this past term. Kelly is looking for another coach from fourth grade who is willing to help coach the boys. She would like to see it live on after her son graduates this year. If you know a fourth grade parent willing to help out, please have them reach out to Kelly Britt. The curriculum is laid out already. The spring race is May 6th in the grizzly stadium.
 - Question- can it go into third grade
 - Answer- The program is 4-8th grade

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

- Update Expense/Income for 2016-17 school year
 - Book Fair–report loss of income. PTO loss will provide approximately \$9K gain in supplies and enrichment materials for the school.
 - We budgeted \$2,500 to come in from the book fair. Historically when we have the book fair we take some of the revenue as scholastic dollars and buy books and supplies for the library and we take \$2,500 in cash. When we take the money in cash, we get less so the decision was made this year to forgo the cash withdrawal and get all scholastic dollars. This will let the money go further and allow us to supplement the library, administration and the classroom libraries.

5. **Principal's Report**, Jenn Dieken-Buchek

- Facility Update
 - Dismissal update- We are changing the PM dismissal on Jan 9th. Two members of the action team are present tonight- Monica Gunther and Tiffany Frautschi. Sometimes the dismissal is not very safe and a child can dart in front of cars. This happened just last week to Tiffany. Videos and communication will come out before Jan 8th.. We will turn Lilly lane into one way going in and have a loop just like in the morning. Then the cars will exit on the outer road. Every single family will get a number and your children will need to know their number. This is a coming soon announcement. We will have much more communication going out.
 - Question- when you are coming to school at 3 or 3:30- if parents are already backing up how do I get in to park to walk into school early for a meeting
 - Answer- cars picking up will not be able to get in until 3:50. They will be directed through the parking lot if they come before 3:50. There will be no parking and waiting. There is no incentive to come early. Flat parking lot next to the gym will only be for special events.
 - In our video we will encourage people to come at 3:50.
 - We have reduced the number of car riders in the morning and the morning dismissal has improved. Parents have been very responsive
 - Question- how will they know when you pull up
 - Answer- everyone will have a number and someone with a walkie talkie will call in
 - Question- can you please think of the situation when grandparents need to pick up-
 - Answer- when this happens you call the school to let the school know- just like when you call the school now to change the dismissal- it is the same, but you will say my mother in law is picking up the children and she doesn't have a number. The safety check is they have a clipboard to see who is on the list to pick up your children.

- Question- If I know I am running late and I call parents at the last minute and ask them to watch my kids until I get there, what do I do now if they can not dismiss with out a safety check
 - Answer- Tiffany and Monica discussed options and they will problem solve around it.
- Tiffany- we will implement it for 2 weeks and then reevaluate
- Question- What about people staying after school- ie for soccer.
 - Answer- for that you can park in the middle. They will need to come toward the end and stay and park.
- There will be a pick up door for walkers and one for car riders.
- More communication will come out.
- This is a security measure just like all the new security measures.
- Question- the safest door for walkers seems like it would be the door next to green house, have you thought about that
 - Answer- we thought about it, but think this is the best right now based on staff numbers and logistics to have the door on the other side of the gym
- Our goal is to keep kids safe and get cars off of mason

- Faculty Update
 - Our new teaching assistant has a new job- So we are looking again.
 - Missy Jackson and Christine Eckstein- will both be on maternity leave
 - Harry Gunther and Jeanette Weber are our new custodians and things are going well
 - New Principal Announcement- Jenn Dieken-Buchek is our new principal!
 - Also, she has finished school and will be Dr. Dieken on dec 10th!

6. Teacher's Report, Connie Binder

- Maker space- parkway is promoting STEM. We are hoping to get the supplies in our maker space out to the classrooms. Lena and I will work together to get it into the classroom.
- We will have maker space items set up for teachers to look at so we can introduce them to what we have
- In February or March we will have a family night. Last year we had one during the science night and it was successful. Will add to that this year.

7. Upcoming Calendar Events, Pam Holman & Sara Cima

- **DECEMBER:** 12/2 Author Visit-Dan Killeen – local author illustrator- will be here and show the kids the process of writing and illustrating his books, 12/7 Late Start, 12/5-12/9-abilities awareness week, Author visit on 12/9 Cindi Willenbrock will accompany Marshall the Miracle Dog, All of the first graders will be enjoying a presentation with support dogs on 12/6, Spirit Week 12/12-16, 12/15 spirit night, 12/21 Winter Party 2:50, 12/22 half day 1:05 dismissal , 12/23 BREAK-NO School.
- **JANUARY:** 1/9 BTS, 1/11 Late Start, 1/16 Ice Skating/No School, 1/19 Spirit Night, 1/21 MRLive, 1/24- parent to parent presentation- 4th grade mom is an attorney and works in child abuse. Here in St. Louis the Kirkwood Wal-Mart at 44 and Lindbergh is a large area for sex trafficking and she will probably talk about this as well

8. Next Meeting, Jenna Ottman

- Thursday, February 2, 7pm
- Part 4 of speaker series, sexual health curriculum and education in the classroom, Lisa Meredith.
- Motion to close meeting made by Jenna Ottman. Second by Maria Spivey. Meeting adjourned.