



PTO MEETING MINUTES

Meeting information

DATE: October 6th, 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
Jenn Dieken-Buchek – Principal
Connie Binder – Teacher Representative
Total Members in attendance: 16

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

- Meeting called to order by Pam Holman

2. 6-Part Speaker Series - October Discussion ~ Technology in the Classroom

- Keynote speaker: Parkway Coordinator of Innovation, Bill Bass
- Chrome books in the classroom
 - MR has really made a commitment to get a chrome book in front of every student. Thank you!
 - Parkway has decided to give students in grades 3-5 a chrome book to use at school, and 1 chrome book to every 2 students in the younger grades. MR has supplemented to get a chrome book in front of student in MR.
 - This technology is giving our students the ability to work differently- getting away from entertainment technology and getting into using technology in school in 3 ways:
 - Digital content- this is our method for finding information. For example, libraries are partnering with St. Louis county libraries to use their content. Also, this provides more discovery education.
 - Expeditions- is a virtual reality experience that allows students to go to different places in the world on the computer. MR will have it for 2 weeks in the beginning of 2017.
 - Choice and experience- with this technology, we can personalize education for our students. They will log into their own page and have their own bookmarks, goals, work etc.
 - We will also start to see a curriculum shift- For example; eventually technology will be part of ELA, not separate.

- Mission- To Imagine, To Create, to Learn

3. Approval of May & September Pending Meeting Minutes, Maria Spivey

- Motion to Approve May and September minutes made by Maria Spivey. Motion second by Jenna Ottman. Minutes approved.

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4. Discussion Items, Pam Holman & Sara Cima

- Recap of MMFund- We set of goal of \$20,000. We are currently at \$25,000! This is great. Thank you MR Families. The MMFund is still open and we are taking donations.
- Spirit Week was a great success! The students enjoyed wearing different items throughout the week celebrating school spirit. The week culminated in a spirit assembly, and the name of the mustang was revealed-Maverick!
- Holiday shopping – We have 2 ways you can raise money for MR while shopping- AmazonSmile and Schnucks eScrip
- 5th Grade fundraising events:
 - Trunk or Treat on Oct 22 from 6-7:30pm. Please remember to RSVP by Oct 14. Light up buckets are on sale for \$25. Please contact Julie Lander or Amy Benoist with any questions.
 - Fall Festival Oct 15th . 5th graders will be hosting a booth and will sell mums and pumpkins to generate money for the year-end celebration at the fall festival. Sally Greason and Jenny Sonntag are looking for volunteers to help at the booth at fall festival. Please contact them if you can help.
- International Night- Oct 19th 6-8 pm. The event is free for MR students and families. There will be food to purchase from food trucks. We will have 18 booths, performances, professional performances, trivia, and scavenger hunts.
- Book Fair, Nov 14-18th - Kim Weas is looking for a vice chair to take over after next year. Please contact Kim Weas if interested. Book fair is a fundraiser for both PTO and for the Library. Last year Mrs. Binder was able to get 400 books for the library and makers space supplies with the amount of money raised.
- Goodies for Grandparents- this is on the last day of the book fair November 18th .
- Ambush Night, Nov 19th at 7:05. This is a fun event at the season opener for the Ambush! MR kids will be able to go down and sing the National Anthem with their ticket to the game. Afterward we will be able to go down on the field and meet the players and get things signed if you would like. There will be a Kick-around on the 18th at school with T-shirts available to purchase.

5. Treasurer Report, Melissa Adams & Maggie McCormick

- Update 2016-17 budget
- Income:
 - MMF- We exceeded what we budgeted. Please remember company match, and check if you and/or your spouses company's have a match program.
- Expense-
 - Teacher reimbursement requests due Oct 31
 - Back to school coffee and pancake breakfast. Both were new events this year and came in under budget.

6. Principal's Report, Jenn Dieken-Buchek

- Facility Update
 - Arrival and Dismissal update- Thank you to those who are using the bus more than before! The morning is improving. We still hope to see some improvement in the afternoon. Please ride the bus if you can. Jenn and Pat will also be riding different buses from time to time to help ensure a safe and kind bus riding experience.

- Faculty Update
 - Mrs. Virgin went on bed rest on Monday, and will be out for the rest of the year to be a mom, interviews are currently underway for a fifth grade teacher for the rest of the year.
 - Mrs. Crabtree is returning today from maternity leave.
 - Mrs. Lisa Beene will be retiring at the end October. She will be leaving to be a grandma. She will really be missed!

- Parkway/School/Student Awareness
 - Envision Math- Staff development 10/13/16 and 10/14/16
 - New website will launch January 2017
 - Please remember our weekly administration video message available on facebook and our website
 - Morning broadcast at 9:05am from school. You can watch it live on a computer or mobile device.
 - Clinic update- Ms. Malik sees sometimes 50 children a day. She will call home or send a note on the more serious issues.
 - MAP report- Parkway was in the top 5 percent!! MR was number 2 in the district for elementary schools. Congratulations!
 - Parent Climate Survey Report (Spring 2016)
 - 82% felt positive about the school. 92% felt school was safe. We will work to improve these numbers.
 - Character education:
 - We will have trimester assemblies.
 - Will look at our current values (the 5 bees) and get feedback from the community if they are still our top values or if we want to revise those.
 - First Trimester Principals coffee Oct 26th 9:30-10:30 am- Open format. Jenn will be here to listen and answer any questions. She hopes to have 2 more during the school year. Please mark your calendars!

7. Teacher's Report, Connie Binder

- Teacher reimbursement- Connie has resent the email to remember to turn in receipts
- All teachers have been very thankful to get money for what they need.
- Pancake breakfast was successful and those teachers who came enjoyed it. Thank you.
- We are working on getting spirit wear for adults.
- The surprise snacks in the lounge from time to time are very well received and the staff really appreciates it.

8. Upcoming Calendar Events, Pam Holman & Sara Cima

- October: No school October 7th and 10th, International Night 10/19, Spirit Night at Five guys 10/20, Trunk or Treat 10/22, School Halloween Parade/Party 10/31
- November: Late start 11/2, No school Nov 7th and 8th, Book Fair 14th-18th, Spirit Night 11/17, Goodies for Grandparents 11/18, STL Ambush Night 11/19, No School November 23-25

9. Next Meeting, Jenna Ottman

- Thursday, December 1st, 7pm
- Part 3 of Speaker Series, Digital Safety for our Students – Jason Rooks, Director of Technology and Innovation. His power point presentation is on the PTO website and if you would like to review it with your child it is a very good presentation.
- Motion to close meeting made by Jenna Ottman. Second by Pam Holman. Meeting adjourned.