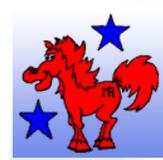


MASON RIDGE PTO MEETING MINUTES



MEETING INFORMATION

Date: 02/02/2016
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:15
Location: Ramsey Center

Attendance:

Stella Afentoullis – Co-President
Tiffany Frautschi – Co-President
Heather Bennett – Vice President
Julie Cochran – Co-Treasurer
Lynn Crawford – Co-Treasurer
Mike Schmerold – Principle
Nikki Nadreau – Past President
Caitlin Faughn – Teacher Representative
Total members in attendance – 20

Meeting called to order by Stella Afentoullis

Item/Presenter

1. Approval of December 2015 Meetings Minutes

Motion to approve December minutes by Julie Cochran, second by Tiffany Frautschi.
Minutes approved as written.

2. Girls on the Run - GOTR, Renee Parks

GOTR would like to bring the program back to MR Fall 2016. Renee Parks discussed the commitment for coaches (mentors) and girls 3rd thru 5th grade. Parks explained program is about developing confident girls, getting active, being social, and mentally spiritual. It is 10 weeks in length and ends with a 5K run for participants. The program spans across US and Canada and is volunteer driven. If you are interested in learning more about the program, go to www.girlsontherun.org. If you would like to initiate the program at MR, contact Principal Schmerold for further review.

3. Treasurer Report - Julie Cochran

Current 2015-16 budget presented and discussed
Highlights:

-MRLive, still finalizing numbers but successful event

-Skating Party, earnings increased over LY. However, we have an increase in student population. Looking for 2016-17 Chair.

-Teacher Reimbursement – do not have receipts from all teachers. Please turn in ASAP. Use it or lose it reimbursement plan.

-Parent Inquires - Why PTO has insurance. Cochran explained it is a Parkway requirement for PTO to function. -Financial Review budget, what is it? Cochran explained a committee of parents and executive board oversee and vote on non-budgeted expense request that are presented within respective school year over \$600.

4. Teachers Report - Caitlin Faughn

- A big "Thank You" from teachers for pancake breakfast, lots of fun.
- Teachers enjoyed the game Jenn Smith and Stacy Drake organized for teacher appreciation.
- Parent/Teacher conferences in March. Watch for sign up notification.

5. Principal's Report - Mike Schmerold

- Apologized if your child was served spoiled milk. All expirations were verified. Spoiled milk could have been related to power outage.
- 70 Chromebooks are in use. 10 additional tablets will be added to inventory.
- District to vote on 1:1 technology refresh on February 17th.
- School Security- request submitted to Parkway to move MR school main entrance. Proposed new entrance would be the double glass doors near counselor office. Administration office would move to the proposed new location. Parkway is in review of the request.
- Playground Safety – Parkway is installing gates to the back parking lot where children play during school hours. Installation is expected in spring 2016.
- Front Parking Lot - Parkway is reviewing safety of the front parking lot off S. Mason Road. Gated parking lot is in discussion. Access would be limited during school hours. Parking would be directed to back lot.
- MAP testing is in APRIL for 3-5th grade.
- Adventure Club is replacing YMCA. AC is operating in 9 of the 18 elementary schools. MR is part of next roll out.
- Cabinets for AC in lunchroom will be installed to hold equipment. Cabinets will cover painted bricks from 5th grade graduated class. Families are being contacted to discuss options.

6. Technology – Tiffany Frautschi

- Parkway will vote on funding for elementary school technology roll out and student ratio. We will know the outcome of vote prior to next PTO meeting.
- Chromebook log in is efficient. Students no longer experiencing 20+ minute wait time.
- Parent shared that her 2nd grade student encounter an unacceptable popup on her Chromebook during class. Mr. Schremold met with parent after meeting for further discussion.

7. Discussion Items/Updates

- Status of marquee, Town & Country Board of Alderman granted continuance until Feb 22nd. Request due to increase cost by developer, readdress marquee appearance and functions within T&C ordinance.
- Ice Skating Event – Thank you to chair, Stacey Drake, for another fun event at the rink.
- MRLive, THANK YOU to new co-chairs Holly Even and Eram Mahmud for leadership. Successful event with over 35 acts. Big thanks to all that participated and helped. We are grateful to all the Parkway West Alumni volunteers.
- Pancake Breakfast – Thank you to 5th grade students and parents for a fun Saturday morning event. Thank you for the stationary bike gift to the school from money raised.
- Science Night, April 7th, Debbie Cosmopoulos Chair – Event coming together. Contact Debbie if you are able to volunteer, 4 needed. Two organizations have requested donation to participate at event, in lieu of fee. PTO will issue donation out of funds.

8. Calendar Review

- 80s themed Auction, PTOs largest fundraiser of the year. Co-chairs Nikki Nadreau and Kim Weas planned 80s themed auction. Friday February 19th at Assumption Greek Church. \$55 pp, live band, Russo catering, BYOB, live and silent auction items, raffles. All proceeds benefit MR enrichment programs.
- February 5, Science Fair Viewing
- February 9, 80's day at school
- February 11, Valentine's Day Parties
- February 12 and 15, No School. Enjoy the long weekend
- February 16, Noodles Restaurant fundraiser, Des Peres location only.
- April 14-19th, Upcoming - Nothing Bundt Cakes Restaurant fundraiser.

9. 2016-17 PTO Board positions – Heather Bennett

Next school year openings include VP, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. Contact Heather Bennett with interest.

Tiffany Frautschi made motion to close meeting. Pam Holman second the motion.
Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 5th, 2016