McAuliffe's PTO Minutes 2017-2018

Tuesday September 9th, 2017

Welcome and Introductions: (Kelli)

- Great 1st meeting of the year. We had a lot of new parents, teachers and staff come out.
- Kelli (President) led off the Introductions for your new McAuliffe E-Board for 17-18 and then we went around the room.

17-18 School Year Review: (Teresa)

- Handed out of packets similar to the Welcome Packets but we the Eboard added a Event Review Sheet, Membership Form, the PTO's Donation Policy, and PTO Funds Request Form.
- Mrs. Carol Sargent asked for a Yacker Tracker for the lunchroom. Instead of using our paper Talking Light this will track kids noise by the volume level set for the Cafe at that time. Cost is $100.00 and was approved.
- Informed parents as to where the money raised through fundraisers, events, bake sales goes too. Right back to the kids whether it's Field trips, Classroom Items and needs, improvements to our school etc.

Upcoming Events:

- **Fall Fundraiser: (Kelli)**

  - Using Genevieve's this year (We also run or chocolate rose fundraiser through them as well). Our school will get 40% profit of what is sold.7

  - Fundraiser will run from Sept.13th to Oct. 6th. You will also be able to order online this year and choose between ship to school and ship to home.

- **Open House: (Teresa)**

- Thursday September 21st. Come meet your kids teachers if you haven't already and see their classrooms. Teachers will have a small presentation for the parents to let you know what your children will be learning this year and what they expect of them. The PTO will also be having their annual Bake Sale during the event.

- **The Bake Sale: (Teresa)**

- We will be having a Bake Sale during Open House again this year. So we are asking parents to donate a baked good and make sure if there is nuts to please label. We usually sell the goods from .25c to $3.00.

- We will also be selling Hot Dogs this year and at most events as the PTO just purchased their own machine over the summer. Some of the PTO kids will also be selling Iced Tea and Lemonade as well.

- **Parent (Family) Night Out: (Teresa)**

- Wednesday September 27th at Casa Blancas on 110 in Methuen.

- We will be receiving 20% of the total bill from the McAuliffe family and friends who dine there that evening (This fundraiser runs similar to our Chuck E Cheese Night). Casa Blancas provides us with the flyers that will be going home soon and are allowing our teachers to order lunch that day and place it on our tally at the end of the night.

- **Dance-A-Thon: (Teresa)**

- Thursday October 26th during specials. (Instead of gym,music etc. your child will dance during that time)

- Flyers and envelopes will be going home soon and we are looking for volunteers to help throughout the day.

- **Boo-Fest: (Jessica)**

- Thursday October 26th from 6-8pm

- We plan on having Our Spooktacular Annual Bake Sale, Hot Dogs and Drinks for sale.

- We are going to change it up this year and try something new. Instead of just Trick or Treating down the halls, we will be having a night of Halloween themed games, dancing, photo area set-up, fun Halloween Crafts, Halloween Candy Strut and Lantern Alley? (Name TBD) where the kiddos will still get their candy treats from their favorite staff all dressed up.

- **Holiday Shoppe: (Nicole)**

- Held December 11th to December 20th during the school day.

- This is our 3rd year having one and it has been a hit. We will be using Lil Shoppers Shoppe for our holiday goods as well as other items for sale. The kiddos really enjoy picking out things for their family and friends.

- Children will get a chance to do some Christmas Shopping for their loved ones on their own. Parents will be sent budget envelopes where parents can help their child decide who they should buy for and how much they will have to spend before their scheduled shopping time. We have something for everyone Mom, Dad, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Pets etc.

Ideas/ Topics For The Upcoming School Year:

- **Water Filter System: (Teresa)**

- Cost is $1000.00. This is one of the newest models for a Water Bubbler/Dispenser. People will be able to fill up their water bottles with ease.

- We began looking at these as an alternative to a water tower for the teachers room. Great idea, will cost us less in the long run and would benefit all. We have to contact the Lowell DPW to see if we can install ourselves or if the city has too.

- If it seems too much the PTO will get the Teachers Room a Water Tower. The PTO will also ask the teachers what they would prefer.

- Undersink Filter (1000 gal)($60 in savings) was mentioned and the PTO will look into it.

Financials: (Kelli)

- 2 years ago Our PTO restarted with 2 moms and no money. As of this year we have $9,980 in our account and more than just 2 moms. Thank you to all the parents and staff who help make this possible.
- We explained why fundraisers are so important.
- Announced the purchase of the Hot Dog Machine over the summer

Principle Minutes: (David and Patty)

- A Big Thank you to everyone who came out tonight. We have had a great start to the school year and hope the kids are feeling great and challenged.
- We have a full time Math Teacher this year and they will be working on Math Word Problems (thinking, explaining, and show how they got their answer)
- We are integrating Science into the lesson plans this year.

- Vocab Development and ELA are starting out great.
- Sunday PM phone calls do tell David if you hung up on him. (Haha)
- Always look for the call information to be posted on Twitter and Facebook.
- You can reach your child's Teachers through Email during the school day.
- Welcome again to all the new faces.

Questions/Comments/ Concerns:

- Bake Sale:

- The PTO does plan on targeting the bake sales towards something specific (ex. clay for Art Dept, Shirts for Chorus)

- Again please label if your Baked Good contains nuts

- You don't have to price them unless you want to

- Food In the Classrooms:

- We explained the new policy and why.

- Still encourage you to celebrate your child's Birthday but with a book, game, activity etc.

- Pick-up (End of School Day):

- It's been a mad house this year. People are parking wherever they please, not paying attention to the cones and said parking area. Its causing backups and people/kids are running into the street. It could cause an accident. Most important it is not safe.

- Parents need to stay back from the pick up line. Please do not rush to your child. The teacher needs to be able to see who each child is leaving with for safety reason and policy.

- Adding more cones, staff to move the traffic along.

- We discussed future PTO Meeting Dates and Times.

- Owen and Ollies is changed from November 28th to December 5th,

Next General Board Meeting is Tuesday Oct. 17th 630pm in the cafe