WMES PTO Meeting Minutes

WMES Media Center 10/6/25 – 7:00pm

1. Call to Order – 7:03pm
2. Welcome/Introductions
3. Secretary Report – Ivy
    a. Review and approve – Motion to approve: Melissa/2nd Kristen
4. Treasurer Report – Kayla
    a. Current balance unavailable due to Bremer's website down – last meeting balance was about $40,000 – about $3,000 outgoing for teacher grants (due MEA Friday)
5. Public Relations Report – Nicole/Meg
    a. Update – looking for new ideas for fun posts : ex: teacher baby pictures?
    b. Support - looking for some help: post some items, or others : please reach out if interested
    c. Some parents have made FB pages for grades – if anyone has info on how to get in, please share
6. Old Business
    a. Teacher Grants – increased budget this year: $150 each teacher, $250 specialists and new teachers/teachers who have changed grade levels: some teachers don't use: deadline of MEA Friday
    b. Educators Appreciation Dinner – all local food, chamber members, and volunteers helped out
    c. Desserts and Data – tonight -1st year was 2023? Probably will have again next year – new name suggested "Snacks, Scores, and Strategies"
7. New Business
    a. WM apparel – PTO doesn't have to follow district branding, but do try to. MS store is open through School Supplies but they don't meet branding guidelines. Boosters started a new store w/company athletics depts, do follow branding guidelines: sold at games: made in house. Fewer opportunities for ES – is this a need PTO can fill? Strides shirts are made from Legends on Main. Could we have 1 design available for purchase at the ES and a conferences? Yearly design? How can we give families more options for purchasing? If a store is opened: lots of marketing. $5 Croc charms are available in the ES office.
    b. Meat Raffle Volunteers (Nov. 8 & April 11) – 2 volunteers needed each day – Mayer Baseball donates money from this to us, usually supports I Love to Read Month, books, Teacher Appreciation week
    c. Conference Meals (Nov. 6 &11) – potluck? Catered? Leaonardos? (They will do a larger order: have gluten free noodles – Meg to reach out to get info and send out email) Farmers Plate: now has BBQ – Meg to look into
    d. Family Nights – December 16 (Glowfest 2.0), February 26 (I Love to Read), May 28 (Celebration of Learning) – teachers and staff run, PTO funds
    e. DQ Art Night volunteers – always looking for help – good opportunity for small work that is big help – sign up link in Royals Report weekly

f. Future Leadership Opportunities – Secretary, Communications/Public Relations – no time requirements, any help appreciated

8. Open Discussion
    a. OK Factor will be coming into all but 1st grade (they worked together last year) music classes. They will be helping 4th grade compose music to perform at their concert. 1st grade will have different musicians in their classes. This is the Artists In Residency program for this year. $7500 is budgeted for this year.
9. Adjourn – Meg/2nd Kristen

****NEXT MEETING November 10th****