

MOHAWK ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES

The budget portion of the September meeting of the Mohawk Elementary PTO was called to order at 6:35pm on Tuesday, September 18, 2011. In attendance were the Principal, Chris Gardner, the PTO Executive Board, teachers and PTO members.

Treasurer, Paula Palmer, reviewed the PTO budget for the 2012-2013 school year.

President, Sian Lyons, explained that the expenses are to be filled by the projected income.

A motion was made by Crissi Smith and seconded by Maureen LaFleure to approve the Mohawk Elementary PTO 2012-2013 budget reflecting the above mentioned changes. A vote was held, and the budget was approved.

The general portion of the September meeting of the Mohawk Elementary PTO was called to order at 7:01pm on Tuesday, September 18, 2012. In attendance were the Principal, Chris Gardner, the PTO Executive Board, PTO members and teacher representatives.

President, Sian Lyons, opened the meeting with a welcome, round table introductions and she introduced the 2012-2013 PTO Executive Board.

During the Principal's Report, Mr. Gardner said the Mohawk's first Meet and Greet was successful with over 85% of families in attendance. He also said that the teachers are busy doing assessments. Mr. Gardner explained the new PBIS system. When expectations are exceeded, a student can receive a paws pride ticket. The tickets can be redeemed for various prizes and rewards. He added that the Student Council will be involved in the program.

During the teachers report, Mrs. Gendernelle (Kindergarten) and Mrs. Woolsey (2nd grade) said "Thank You!" for the things provided by the continuous improvement fund and for all the "extras."

During Q&A from Parents, a parent asked what PBIS stands for. It is Positive Behavior Intervention Support. Regarding lunch time, it was asked if snack was being offered yet. It has been delayed because of the new food requirements. Another parent asked why there is no longer a microwave in the lunchroom. It was stated that it was a liability. Some parents wondered why Mrs. Gielegem's 4th grade class received lockers and said that some of the 5th grade students were upset by this. They were informed that the classrooms in that hallway have no coatrooms, so there is nowhere else for these students to store their belongings. It was also asked if Mohawk has any specific anti-bullying campaign. There is nothing specific in place; these programs are usually used in the older grades.

During the President's Report, a motion was made by Paula Palmer and seconded by Stephanie Dobson to approve the May 2012 meeting minutes. Sian Lyons reviewed the changes that were made to the PTO By-Laws. A vote was taken, and the changes were approved.

During the Treasurer's Report, Paula Palmer presented the bank statements and closing balances for May, June, July and August. She also presented the paperwork and procedures necessary for chairpersons to maintain for fundraisers and the procedures for collecting and counting money.

The following Committee Reports were made:

- Welcome Back Ice Cream Social: was a success, "sold" \$100 more ice cream than last year, parent commented that it was great for the kids to get to meet their teachers.
- Entertainment Books: many books are being returned, need sales.
- Tiger Trek: to be held on 9/28, pledge forms were sent home, there will be incentive prizes.
- Art to Remember: materials at schools for drawings, flyer to order to go out on Oct. 8.
- Mom 2 Mom: email notice had incorrect date - to be held on Nov. 10.
- Roller Skating Night: kids had good time at first one, more to be held on 2/4 and 5/14.
- Window Decal Sale: on-going, \$2 per decal.
- Directory Sale: turn-in directory form from Curriculum Night packet, order forms to be sent home next month.
- Trunk-or-Treat: to be held on Oct. 28.
- Sweatshirt/T-Shirt Sale: will have fewer designs available.
- Bagel Day: to be held the first Friday of each month, the first sale is scheduled for 10/5.
- Box Tops: great volunteers, prizes for top submissions.
- Cartridges 4 Kids: profit of \$36.11 to date.
- Gordon Food Service: Mohawk receives percentage when you shop with card, profit of \$7.05 to date.
- Health Team: first meeting to be held on Sept. 20, red ribbon week will be held during the last full week in October, National Walk to School Day is Oct. 3.
- Kids Helping Kids: flyer to go out in October packet.
- Kroger: need to register card - directions on PTO website.
- Labels for Education: UPC labels needed, points go toward educational products.
- Market Day: sales to be held monthly.
- Restaurant Nights: Coney Grille night to be held every other month - day to be determined.
- Room Parent: meeting was held on Sept. 18.
- School Store: to be held on the 3rd Friday of each month, first sale to be held on Oct. 19.
- Sunshine: cards or gifts are given for deaths, births, severe illness, etc.
- Target: use charge card - can sign up in store or online, profit of \$703.89 to date.

During the Business portion of the meeting, a school tour was offered and the next meeting date was announced.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Media Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Crissi Smith, Secretary