

MOHAWK ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES

The January meeting of the Mohawk Elementary PTO was called to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. 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 and round table introductions. She then asked everyone to share what style of dance/music they would choose if they were to dance all night long. ☺

During the Principal's Report, Mr. Gardner said thank-you for the cooperation and patience with the enhanced security procedures and that the district may be hiring an independent security firm in the future. He also said that the MEAP scores are in and he will give the parents the results as soon as the state gives the go ahead.

During the teachers report, Ms. Greenwold (4th grade) said that she has great kids this year and they were well prepared by their parents for the security measures. She also said that assessments will be conducted soon.

During Q&A from parents, a parent asked about 4th grade field trips. The 4th grade is adding an additional field trip and is still going to Camp Tamarack.

During the President's Report, a motion was made by Maureen LaFleure and seconded by Paula Palmer to approve the November 2012 meeting minutes. Sian Lyons explained the revisions that were made to Article IV and Article VI of the By-Laws. They address (1) what is to be done with the funds if the PTO disbands, (2) what is to take place if the minimum number of Executive Board positions is not filled and (3) a letter change from "C" to "D." A motion was made by Debbie Messing and seconded by Stephanie Flattery to approve the revisions. A vote was taken and the revisions were approved.

During the Treasurer's Report, Paula Palmer presented the bank statements and closing balances for November and December. She also announced that the district's new internal auditor is doing a mid-year audit. She also explained that any new vendors will have to submit a W-9 form to determine how they will be reimbursed through the PTO.

The following Committee Reports were made:

- Window Decal Sale: on-going, \$2 per decal.
- Directory Sale: directories have been sent home; still have copies for sale.
- Santa Shop: inventory was donated to Foster services; children's cards were sent to the military and nursing homes; a Little Caesar's pizza kit raffled to volunteers; \$2,216.62 profit.
- Little Caesars Sale: \$1,339 profit.
- Candy Donation Collection: went really well!; sent 4 boxes to Military Moms, 6 boxes to Gleaner's and 2 boxes to Care House.
- Vision HOPE Holiday Hats of Hope: raised \$208.30.
- Donuts with Dad: 350 people signed up so far.
- Movie Night: 250 people in attendance; held in the gym.
- Mom 2 Mom: to be held in March; need new chairperson.
- Spring Fair: to be held on 4/19; planning meeting to be held in a few weeks; also celebrating Mohawk's 25th anniversary.
- Roller Skating Nights (Feb and May): to be held on 2/4 from 6:00-8:00.
- Bagel Day: first Friday of every month.
- Box Tops: 12,045 box tops collected and 594 snowballs thrown in the Snowball Challenge so far; 2/1 is the last day to submit.
- Health Team: starting a run/walk club; Fitness Fun Fridays to begin the last Friday in January for 5 Fridays from 3:30-4:15 for \$1 per person; Fitness Fun Night to be held on 2/27; blood drive in May.
- Restaurant Nights: Coney Grille on 1/17; Jimmy John's in February.
- School Store: to be held on 1/18; students can purchase 1 item for 5 PAWS Pride tickets.
- Green School Team: eco-reading program to begin this month.

During the Business portion of the meeting, Mr. Gardner announced that March is reading month and that helpers are needed to decorate the media center like a jungle for the "Wild About Reading" theme. He also said there will be a rain forest assembly at Cherokee Elementary on 3/27. Sian

Lyons previewed the new "Birthday Bucks." A question was raised about the security before and after school hours. Mr. Gardner responded that only school hours are being addressed at this time. A school tour was offered and the next meeting date was announced.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Media Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Crissi Smith, Secretary