

Mohawk Elementary PTO minutes from January 17, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Sara Musayeb

Attendance:

Board Members - Katie Ruzala, Sara Musayeb, Gigi Kort, Katie Fohey, Jill Talant, Nicole Milam, Courtney Hanna, Ashleigh Balsamo, Julie Hasse

Staff members - Ms. Verellen, Mrs. Gendernelle, Mrs. Sheridan

Parents - Marie Laskowski, Ashley Fruciano, Stephanie Burkart, Traci Bowman, Kristi Dedenbach, Jennifer Sieniarecki, Bill Ciaramitaro, Kristina O'Halloran, Michelle Schmidberger, Nicole Green

Principal's report:

- Next week is kindness challenge. To promote being kind. Goes with positivity project. Monday all the kids should wear their grade level shirts
- Reading Month Theme - Reading Under the Big Top.
- Mr. Middleton asked if he can get an extra bounce house for field day June 2nd. He would also like a DJ.
- PTO voted previously and approved his request.
- Mr. Middleton is planning on doing an American Heart Assoc fundraiser in March.
- Read a thon also scheduled for March. May need to split the month for both fundraisers.

Teacher's Report:

- Mrs. Sheridan thanked the PTO for their hands on involvement.
- She is doing a rocket project with her 5th graders. Cost for rocket kit is \$7.05. Motor \$2.17. About \$10 per rocket per student. In the past she has asked students to purchase them. She currently has 98 students.
- 3rd grade the tradition is kites. \$3.85+ tax and shipping for 87 students.
- Total she is asking for is \$1,302.40.
- Voted unanimously to approve funds to Mrs. Sheridan.
- Mrs Gendernelle - 4th and 5th are doing a trip to Comerica Park May 4. Whole day event, with STEaM, educational experience, Speakers, and they get to watch the game with the NY Mets. Cannot use CVS busses due to time constraints. \$2,475 to rent busses. It's \$38.15 per student with the cost of the busses. She is trying to get the cost per person down. She is asking for funds for the busses to bring the cost down.
- Voted unanimously to approve funds to Mrs. Gendernelle.

Parent Questions:

- There is a buzzing/beeping in Mrs. Gendernelle's class that is bothering the students. It's part of the HVAC that has been fixed twice, and it's happening again. Mrs. Verellen will call again to have someone come out.

President's Report-

- Sara Approved November 2022 meeting minutes. Seconded by Katie R and Ashleigh

Treasurer's Report- Statements read by Gigi Kort

- Savings \$5
- Checking \$24,693.10

- Treasurer will move \$2,000 from the “School Improvement” budget and add it to “Previously Committed Small Project Funds” to cover the cost for the teacher’s request for additional funds for the students.
- Since the Mom to Mom sale was canceled, to cover the previously budgeted income of \$4,000, the Treasurer will be amending the Grade Level Shirts to a budget of \$2,000 from original \$2,500, decreasing the School Improvements budget from \$2,500 to \$0, and decreasing School Grants to \$0.

Committee Reports:

- Penny Wars in February. 2 weeks long. 2/6 – 2/17
- Bike/Walk to school on Wednesday May 3rd
- Field Day/Fun day June 2nd
- Little Caesars Pizza Kits will run again in April
- Scholastic Books in May
- Read a Thon in March – tentatively
- Staff Appreciation in May
- Muffins with Mom May 11
- Donuts with Dad June 1
- On going
- Box Tops dwindling
- Kroger does well
- Restaurant Night – Buddy’s Pizza got moved to 3/6
- No mom to mom sale.
- Ashleigh offered to contact Carters Cantina to do nacho fundraiser for Superbowl Sunday 2/12.

Open discussions:

- Open Board Positions at the end of the year – President, Publicity. President is required to run a PTO.
- Voted to add Michelle Schmidberger as Treasurer. Approved unanimously.
- Voted to add Michelle Schmidberger to Bank account. Approved unanimously.
- Voted to remove Gigi Kort from Bank Account. Approved unanimously.
- Marie and Michelle want to chair a daddy daughter dance with light refreshments in spring. 4/14
- They are also talking about doing a Mother son bowling event May 21.
- They need to come up with a budget.
- Voted to add these events to this year’s schedule. Approved.
- The 5th grade closet is still being used daily for clothes and items for the kids.
- They need donations of snacks and food.
- A parent asked Mrs. Sheridan if she has a supply list of items needed. She is good for now. But will send home a wish list if needed.
- 4th and 5th graders need recorders. New students have been having to use old class recorders. Mrs. Verellen will talk to Mrs. Jezierski. She should have the money and will purchase more if necessary.

Next Meeting is Feb 28, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. at Mohawk Elementary

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Minutes compiled by Jill Talant, PTO Secretary