

Mohawk Elementary PTO minutes from March 21, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Katie Ruzala

Attendance:

Board Members – Marie Laskowski, Michelle Schmidberger, Katie Ruzala, Katie Fohey, Jill Talant, Julie Hasse, Stephanie Burkart, Ashley Fruciano, Ashleigh Balsamo

Staff members – Mrs. Verellen, Mr. Szwejk, Mrs. Woolsey, Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Jezerski, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Grahn, Mrs. Burkhart

Parents – Amber Clark, Traci Bowman, Bill Ciaramitaro, Nicole Rowley, Lindsay Barron, Kristi Dedenbach, Heather Parks

Principal's report:

- Reading month is going great.
- Mohawk book swap next Thursday, half day.
 - Students get to sign up for their favorite book. At 11:15 they will go to the room their book is being read, and a surprise teacher reads it.
- Gearing up for Mstep. Begins the April 8th. Tuesdays and Thursdays. 5th grade Thursdays. 3rd and 4th are doing Tuesdays.
 - Skipping concert week.
- April 8th, the day we come back from break, is the eclipse during dismissal. Will be sending guidelines in the smore as it is dangerous to look into.
- New 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Dewitte. Mrs. Allman's husband got a promotion and they have to move.

Teacher's Report:

- Mrs. Kelly - Kindergarten is going to library tomorrow.
- Student Council sucker sale was a success - 655 suckers sold.
- Mrs. Jezerski – 4/16 Music concert for 1st 3rd and 4th. Paired with Mrs. Zybura to make horses.

Officer Reports:

President's Report-

- Katie Ruzala approved minutes from January 2024. Seconded by Katie Fohey.

Treasurer's Report- Statements read by Treasurer, Michelle Schmidberger

- Bank Statement through the end of Oct: Checking \$31,187.60.
- Savings \$5.

Committee Reports:

2024

- 4/22-4/26 Penny wars coming back to help cover 5th grade field trip.
 - Will be held in the hallway during lunch
 - Winning class will get an ice cream sundae at recess.
- May 10th. Spring Dance – selling concessions and foam glow sticks. 6-8:30

- Reading month is this month. So far we have made \$3,350. Our goal is \$5,500. Mr Middleton is excited to be a human sundae. 74 kids have signed up. 55 have donations. Ends midnight Wednesday 3/27.
- Mother Son night at Dave and Buster made \$500 over projected
- All disbursements need to be in by 5/30 or they will not be accepted. Checks need to be cashed ASAP
- Open PTO Positions next year
 - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Co Room Parent Coordinator, and Co Social resigning
- 4/23 next PTO meeting.
- Field Day Fun Day May 31st.
- 5/6 Staff Appreciation day
- Muffins 5/17
- Donuts 6/4 am
- 4/10 The Rink and 5/21
- Cutting Edge Open Gym Saturdays 3/30, 5/18 2-4
- Scoop and Twist 4/30 at 23 and Card. We are asking teachers and the principal to volunteer to take orders 4-9. Facebook page will have signup times as the event gets closer.
- Kids helping kids
- Kroger ongoing

Open discussions:

- Voted to approve to add \$2,000 to budget for Fifth Grade field trip.
 - Unanimously passed
- 5th Grade Pizza party June 6th. Outside at Iroquois.
 - There will be a t-shirt signing and slide show.
- Financial Health of PTO – since we were unable to have as many successful fundraisers as anticipated, and new expenses that have popped up during the year, we have to add new fundraisers. It looks like we have a lot of money in the account, but the last page of the expense report shows start-up costs required for the next year. We have always had a large carryover to cover Tiger Trek prizes, startup supplies (wipes, tissues, pencils, etc.) curriculum night, grade level shirts for kindergarten, 4th grade Lansing trip, welcome sign, etc.
- Tiger Trek money comes in November, so all startup money needs to be carried over from the previous year. It has been this way for years.
- \$0 cost fundraisers are happening now. Spring Dance and Penny Wars.
- Mrs. Gjokaj had her baby last week. Building sub is taking over for maternity leave, Ms Silva.
- Mrs. Carroll is coming back from Maternity leave next Tuesday.
- If we do not find a treasurer – we cannot operate and there will be no Tiger Trek. This is our main fundraiser which raises about \$30,000.

Next Meeting is April 23rd @ 7:00 p.m. at Mohawk Elementary.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm

Minutes compiled by Jill Talant PTO Secretary