

MOHAWK ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES

The January 2015 meeting of the Mohawk Elementary PTO was called to order at 7:03 pm. In attendance were the Principal, Ms. McVicar, the PTO Executive Board, PTO members and teacher representatives: Ms. Carbary, Mrs. Woolsey, and Mrs. Gendernelle.

President, Sian Lyons, opened the meeting with a welcome and round table introductions. She thanked everyone for coming and asked if you made any New Year's resolutions.

We had a guest presenter this evening: Dr. Pamela Jones. She is the Director of Curriculum and Assessments. Her presentation was about our new math program: Bridges. She explained the program and answered questions from parents.

During the Principal's report, Ms. McVicar stated that the Morley Candy sales raised about \$2200. The M-Step (which replaces the MEAP) will be given in March to grades 3-5. Mohawk received a \$500 grant from Exxon Mobile. Mohawk may be getting another computer lab. Working out the details now. On January 24, 2015, the district is having a Strategic Planning Meeting. All are welcome to attend.

During the teachers report, Mrs. Woolsey stated that the new Bridges math program is working well. The kids seem to be catching on very quickly.

During the Q & A from parents, Christina Makarov asked the teacher representatives: can we put the kids in their groups instead of saying find a partner/group. Many kids are feeling left out and cannot find partners/groups. Ms. McVicar said that she would address this issue at the next staff meeting.

During the President's report, Jessica Harris approved the meeting minutes for November 2014 and Rachel Mundy seconded. Our Audit is done and we were complemented on how well our audit went. From this point forward, the audit will be done on a monthly basis. We need new volunteers! We do a lot of fun stuff and we need new people to step up and help out with activities. We will have a vote at the February PTO meeting regarding revising the duties of the positions of the board.

During the treasurer report, Christina Makarov presented bank statements and closing balances for November and December 2014.

The following committee reports were made:

- Art to Remember: is done.
- Mom 2 Mom: will be on March 14th.
- Roller Skating Night: will be on February 2nd.
- Window Decal Sale: on going
- Sweatshirt/T-Shirt sale: do have some inventory left. Will do another sale.
- Vision Hope/Giving Tree: went very well. Received many gifts. Had enough left over to support additional families.
- Box Tops: Snowball Challenge is going on now.
- Cartridges for Kids: sent out 2 boxes.
- Health Team: Fitness month coming up. Mohawk Milers start next week.

- Kids Helping Kids: Jessica Harris is handling. Flyer going out.
- Restaurant Nights: working on February
- Room Parent: coordinating the Valentine Sundae volunteers.
- School Store: will be in March.
- Breakfast with Dad: went very well. Over 400 in attendance.
- Movie Night: is this Friday.
- Carson's Coupon Booklet Sale: can get the books now. The coupons are good on February 27 & 28.
- Valentine's Day Sundaes: getting the schedule now.
- Rec Center Swim Night: will be on March 28th.
- Plaster Playhouse: was a very nice event and well attended.
- Santa Shop: went very well. Spent a little more than budget because of supplies.
- Bingo Night: will be the last Wednesday in February.
- Green School: Kim Popso is handling the Eco Reading Program. Please contact her if you are interested in reading to a class during their library time.

During the Business portion of the meeting, the next PTO meeting was announced: February 10, 2015. Library Decorating (for March is Reading Month) and Spring Fair Planning meeting will be scheduled shortly.

There were no comments/questions/suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm with approval to go over our allotted time.

Jennifer Mrozowski, Secretary