

MOHAWK ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES

The November 2014 meeting of the Mohawk Elementary PTO was called to order at 7:04 pm. In attendance were the Principal, Ms. McVicar, the PTO Executive Board, PTO members and teacher representatives: Mrs. Gielegem, Mrs. Gendernelle, Mrs. Grahm, Mrs. Jerse, Mrs. Sonntag, and Mrs. Zybura.

President, Sian Lyons, opened the meeting with a welcome and round table introductions. She thanked everyone for coming and asked what Thanksgiving food can you not do without.

During the Principal's report, Ms. McVicar stated that Pen Night and Harvest Hoedown were this week. The Book Fair will be the first week of December. We will no longer be administering the MEAP. It is being replaced by the M-STEP. It will be given to the 3rd-5th grades in the Spring. The 3rd graders will be tested on language, reading, and math. The 4th graders will be tested on reading, math, writing, and science. The 5th graders will be tested on reading, math, writing, science, and social studies. The test will be computerized. There will be some classroom activity before the test is given. We no longer have the IXL Math program. It was replaced with MobyMax. If it is below 32 degrees in the morning, kids will wait inside until the bell rings. However, 8:15 is the earliest we can open the doors so please do not drop your children off before then (unless it is for latchkey). Want to put to rest some rumors that are going around regarding some staff members that are on medical leave. These staff members are truly on medical leave and will have more information about their return after Christmas. Report cards will look a little different this year in the math area because of our new math program.

During the teachers report, Mrs. Gendernelle stated that MobyMax is better than IXL because it is more than just math. Students can also do reading and earn minutes to play games. Don't forget early release is tomorrow. Mrs. Zybura stated that the kids were excited to design a t-shirt for our sweatshirt/t-shirt sale and we had 2 girls win. Thank you for involving the kids. Mrs. Jerse stated that the report cards will have the NWEA results from last fall and this fall so parents can compare and see where their child is at. Also, the DARE graduation is this week.

During the Q & A from parents: How did the Morley fundraiser do? Ms. McVicar said that they were compiling the numbers now. For the DARE ceremony, can we change the time next year so that working parents can more easily attend? May try scheduling afternoon or early morning next year instead of mid-morning. Regarding the copy machines in the building: can we have different people trained to handle jams and ink changes so that we do not have to interrupt the office staff? May be possible, will look into.

During the President's report, Kim McEvoy motioned to approve the minutes from the October meeting and Rachel Mundy seconded. February is our audit and we need to make sure that all paperwork is completed. When your event is over, turn your paperwork in as soon as possible so that we can make sure that everything is there.

During the treasurer report, Christina Makarov presented bank statements and closing balances for the month of October.

The following committee reports were made:

- Art to Remember: will be coming back in December.
- Mom 2 Mom: sold out sale-95 tables. We had 685 people come through.
- Window Decal Sale: on going \$2 per decal
- Trunk-or-Treat: had record turnout. Over 400 people attended.
- Sweatshirt/T-Shirt sale: turn in by this Friday.
- Plaster Playhouse Night: date was changed from 12/16 to 12/15. Will be December 15th at 7:00 pm.
- Harvest Hoedown: is this Friday. Everything is done and ready.
- Vision Hope/Giving Tree: will be doing Hats for Hope again in December. \$1 to wear a hat. Giving Tree registration is going out.
- Santa Shop: will be December 8-13. Staff signup is going on now.
- Carson's Coupon Booklet Sale: sold 12 booklets.
- Airtime Day: just sent us a check for \$88.
- Little Caesar's Sale: sold 274 kits and they gave us a \$75 bonus.
- Box Tops: Snowball Challenge is starting and going through January.
- Health Team: Red Ribbon month ended and prizes were given out. Fitness Fridays-will be Thursday this week because of the Harvest Hoedown. To celebrate the hoedown, this week will be line dancing. We will be having the snowman building competition again this year. If you could take a picture of just your snow figure for submission please. Thanks!
- Kids Helping Kids: will start in January.
- Restaurant Nights: going well. Working on finalizing December and January.
- Room Parent: start planning for the December parties.
- School Store: is this Friday.
- Sunshine: has had more not so sunny news.
- Vince & Joes: going on now. Buy a gift card and they will donate 5% back to Mohawk.
- Birthday Bucks: are good for school store.
- Funding Factory: need someone to chair. Looking to change to a different company. May go back to Cartridges for Kids.
- Green School Team: meeting next Monday after school. Will have the Eco Reading program again.
- Shoparoo: we have raised \$170 since August. Keep taking pics of those receipts.

During the Business portion of the meeting, the next PTO meeting was announced: January 20, 2015. There will be no PTO meeting in December. There were no comments/questions/suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Jennifer Mrozowski, Secretary