

Tuesday October 7, 2014

**Call to order at 6:33pm by Jon Krier**

13 parents; 4 teachers: Mahoney, Behrens, Jill Claussen, Stephens

Board Members: Jon Krier, Co-President; Kristy Gotschall, Treasurer and Shelly Anzalone, Secretary

Still looking for President-Elect

Approve minutes from last month's meeting.

Review of Income Statement: Add one line to under Special Projects: \$1,000 Science room mural. This was approved last year and finally got approved by MPS and will be one of the next few projects

**Committee updates**

**Walk-A-Thon:** Julie Shaner: Made approximately \$500 on the dinner but overall the money will be used towards the walk so essentially it was a break even. Lots of positive feedback on the dinner; \$1,000 in pledges so far, but hoping for a large amount at the end. Email from someone asking for online amounts so they can be included in their pledge sheet. Still need set up and tear down at the actual Walk-A-Thon on Friday – looking for 2 extra bodies at 7:45am and 3:20pm. Emails were sent out yesterday to parents. Prize sheets are due on Tuesday.

**Classroom parties:** Carri Dyer: Still looking for 3 room parent volunteers – French, Doblak and Petersen. All the rest is going well.

**Teacher Grants:** 14 applications totaling over \$5,000; will have to select down to \$3,000 total.

**Movie Night:** Erin Barry: Next movie night not until November; in need of a DVD player.

**Buzz Book:** Laura Hensley: Friday plan on allowing online book purchasers will get access to the online version. Only about half of families have purchased. One more round to allow families to pay cash or check.

**Social/Welcome Committee:** Jessi Mann: We are going to be allowed to have the Pancake Man in the gym (allowed to have propane in the gym). Pancake Man worked with Fire Marshal to make it safer. Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs:** Candice Casper: Reviewed summer collections. We received a LOT of Coke rewards although we haven't historically done this. Next Box Tops will be November through end of holiday break. We are collecting Hy-Vee receipts; there is a collection box in the store at 156<sup>th</sup> & Maple.

**Fun Nights:** Cara Robbins, not present: First fun night is this Thursday for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders Halloween theme.

**Original Art Works:** Shannon Bennett: Jill will follow up on finding the folder for Shannon.

**Yearbook:** Suzie Hartman: No update.

**Youth Frontiers:** Julie Shaner: Retreat is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Feedback was positive again.

**Watch Dogs:** Addie Hollingsworth: No update.

**Girls on the Run:** Addie Hollingsworth: No update.

**Principal's Report:**

Superintendent's Meeting: Big changes coming from new Superintendent. Prior Superintendent used to be very worried about inequity; new Superintendent will be looking at this. Not really sure how this will look but a lot is up in the air and things will be changing. Superintendent is considering asking that MSPF put an interactive white board in every 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom and 1 iPad in every K-5 classroom. This would mean none of the MSPF money would come to the schools. Right now about \$300K goes to Abbott and is used for things like Youth Frontiers and after school study grants. No decisions have been made yet and more information is to come.

Meeting on 156<sup>th</sup> Street widening. 2016 preliminary work; 2017 for actual work. 156<sup>th</sup> will be completely closed for 2 months; ideally over summer months. Cross walk will be wider but same position.

**Announcements:**

- Still looking for a PTO President/Co-President for the 2015/2016 school year
- Next PTO Meeting is Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Upcoming school events:
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Fun Night on Thur Oct 9<sup>th</sup>
  - o Walk-A-Thon Fri Oct 10<sup>th</sup>
  - o Fall Break: No School: Oct 15 -17
  - o N – Z Reading/Writing PJ Party Tues, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>
  - o Runza Night Monday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> (5 to 7pm)
  - o Halloween Parade/Parties on Fri Oct 31<sup>st</sup> (No Trunk or Treat)
  - o CAN FOOD DRIVE: Chili Feed Competition – Cookie, Cupcake, Bars competition for the kids on November 20<sup>th</sup>

Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 pm