

Tuesday September 2, 2014

Call to order at 6:37pm by Jon Krier

21 parents; 2 teachers: Derrick Spooner and Crista Jensen

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

Still looking for President-Elect

Committee updates

Walk-A-Thon: Julie Shaner: Meeting immediately follow PTO meeting. Different format – spaghetti dinner this year catered by Ragazzi's on Friday September 26th. Kids still get free t-shirts. No information will go out prior to dinner kick off. Packets will go home the following Monday. Two week pledge period; then following Friday October 10th walk will occur during school day. This will be a fitness activity that will last 30 minutes; can run or walk. Kids can earn 1 prize. This is our one major fundraiser of the year.

Classroom parties: Carri Dyer: Still looking for 6 room parent volunteers

Movie Night: Erin Barry: Movie stopped working half way through; 20 to 30 minute intermission that sold a lot of concessions. It was difficult to maintain attention on the movie after break. There are two more movie nights this year.

Buzz Book: Laura Hensley: Going well; so far, 134 families confirmed; 145 unconfirmed; 100 print directories to be ordered.

Social/Welcome Committee: Jessi Mann: Great success; only 24 left over at the end of the night. The committee took a loss on this but will need lots of hands on deck for Pancake Man. Friday night will be the time to decorate the guy and 5th graders will make snowflakes.

Per Erik Chaussee: As of today, Omaha Fire Marshall has issued an edict that no propane tanks inside the building. Left it up to the Pancake Man to make some modification; this is true for all businesses.

Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs: Candice Casper: \$1400 in August received a check; Just finished up first gather of the year. Candice is also doing the website this year; let her know if we need anything put out there.

Fun Nights: Cara Robbins: First one is 2nd & 3rd graders Halloween theme; about one month away.

Original Art Works: Shannon Bennett: Did research other options but same thing different options and seems to be most popular. Mrs. Jensen can always use volunteers to help in the classroom during the time when kids do their project.

Yearbook: Suzie Hartman: Still taking orders but price has gone up to \$15.00; orders can still go a few more months. Suzie could use more volunteers.

Youth Frontiers: Retreat is October 1st and Westside Church is booked; MN will help provide volunteers, will need about half as many as last years because only 1 grade. 9am to 2:30pm. Will purchase lunch for teachers

and volunteers this year. Kristy Gotschall, contact MPSF and ask them how they want it taken care of; PTO may have to write the checks up front and then get paid for the Grant.

Watch Dogs: Addie Hollingsworth: Sept 16th 6:30 to 7:30pm kickoff pizza dinner initial meeting will be held. Dad and kids are welcome; kids come to library to watch movie. Need volunteers for serving pizza, selling t-shirts and watching kids – 12 to 15 would be ideal.

Girls on the Run: 3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls. Addie will have more information.

Principal's Report:

School Improvement Team: 17 people made up of teachers and parents; more people are welcome to volunteer.

Action Team Committee: Looking for volunteers for this.

Blood Drive at Abbott: Monday Sept 29th 2:30 to 5:30pm Contact Debbie Powell to sign up to donate.

Enrollment 416 currently; down slightly because district is trying to do what they can to maintain enrollment at Millard North. 625 kids per class at MN. Last year 80 kids at each grade school feeding the high school.

Technology: A few schools in Millard are experimenting with iPads and technology in classrooms. Approximately \$2.5 million just to maintain the district technology.

Common core: Adopting a national regulation of what is taught in the schools. Students transferring within the state, pretty easy adoption; students from other states it is a little more difficult. Nebraska Board of Education would decide on this but could be rescinded by Nebraska Legislature.

22 per classroom is the goal of the district. 30% are transfer or open enrollment (125 students) All these decisions are made at the district level.

Announcements:

- Next PTO Meeting is Tuesday October 7th.
- Girls on the Run meeting is next Tuesday
- Still looking for a PTO President/Co-President for the 2015/2016 school year
- Last Year's funding:
 - o Basketball hoop went up
 - o Shade trees back behind the playground are still yet to be planted and spent

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm