

MES PTA

General Meeting Notes

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Attendees-

Katy Weber- President, Nora Scandariato- Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Mykula- Recording Secretary, Chad Miller- Treasurer

ABSENT: Sara Schneller, Co-Vice-President and Melissa Mulkowsky, Co-Vice President

Parents- 25

Teachers- 1

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- **Welcome and introductions by Katy**

FUNDRAISERS by Katy

- **Mega Raffle Fund Raiser- raffle prizes need to be secured by the end of the month, usually donated by local businesses, restaurants, local farm gift baskets. Begins month of November, pre-holiday season. Last year it made \$4,000.**

- **Yankee Candle Fund Raiser- our current fundraiser. Made \$3,000 last year. Catalogue and online ordering available.**
- **Square One- artwork fundraiser**
- **Columbus Day Weekend Bake Sale- Sunday, October 13 to be held at Emmanuel's**
- **Picture Day- Monday, October 7, online sign-in available**
- **Book Sale through Post Mark Book Shop- October 21-23, Family Night Wednesday, October 23**

Curriculum Night- Thursday, September 19, will have an Info Table at front lobby selling memberships, magnets, and t-shirts... \$10 will earn you a tote!

WHY WE NEED FUNDRAISERS by Chad

- **Handout- ballpark budget**
- **Parent suggestions always welcome**
- **Field Trips- big expense**
- **Musical- big expense**
- **School Assemblies paid for by fundraising funds**
- **Maureen- looking into Family Fun @ Kelder's in October. Family Fun held in June brought in \$150.**

CONCERNS & COMMITTEES

- **Yoga is pricey.**
- **Scholarships are offered. We are unable to change fees of professionals who teach afterschool courses.**
- **Maybe contact local colleges and inquire about volunteer work to set up a 'free' after school club.**
- **Need more parents to step-up and start an Enrichment Committee to research more extra-curricular possibilities.**
- **Also need, Garden Committee**
- **Yearbook Committee- New software, multiple parents needed. Rosi Landau offered to help.**
- **Health&Wellness Committee- In past have offered CPR course. Could take on any fight that you're passionate about... ex. Real Maple Syrup vs. synthetic syrup to be offered in cafeteria**
- **Parent concern with bus drop-off and pick-up schedules. Call First Student directly for a schedule 845.626.7143**
- **GPS Tracking not available yet.**

PRINCIPAL

- **working on bus arrivals so that instruction can start promptly at 8:50 am. Buses are leaving closer to 3:40pm trying to bring it to 3:30pm.**
- **District Initiatives- Restorative Practices-building community through circle times at start and end of day**
- **First week accomplishments- bus drills, helping acclimate Pre-K and Kindergarten students**
- **AIS (Academic Intervention Services)-early intervention in Reading and Math. Indicators are teacher observations and benchmark assessments. Results will determine if support is needed. Special Education Services are more intense and cater to a previous IEP (Individual Education Plan).**
- **Some services have begun. Ms. Bordeman services grades K-1 and Ms. Riley services grades 2-3.**
- **OT (Occupational Therapy)- Awaiting new providers**
- **Light Bulb Library- an enrichment rotation provided by librarian to 2nd and 3rd grade students. Teachers choose students strong in their independent reading levels and those that are comfortable being in small group library setting. Schedules are worked out with teachers to be sure students don't miss out on important instructional time. Explained by Ms. Covas.**
- **Budget is often for classroom supplies, teacher conferences, and library stocking. Last spring there were extra funds so afterschool Homework and Activity**

Program was started. At this point, there are no financial resources to have a program like this running all year.

- **Parent concerns can and should be brought to the board meetings held every other Tuesday at 7:15pm. Also write concerns on Board Page on District website.**

Next Meeting October 2nd.