

MES PTA

General Meeting Notes

Wednesday, October, 2019

Attendees-

Katy Weber- President, Melissa Mulkowsky- Co-Vice President, Nora Scandariato- Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Mykula- Recording Secretary, Chad Miller- Treasurer

Absent- Sara Schneller- Co-Vice-President

Parents- 13

Teachers- 1

September Minutes- Approved

Budget \$24,000- Approved

Field trips- Approved

Budget News & Review- Katy & Chad

- **Opt-out option well received- made \$720**
- **It's an allocation of our expenses; field trips**

- **If an expense is over \$500 we vote for approval at general meeting**
- **If an expense is under \$500 we vote for approval at board meeting**

Square One Fundraiser- Katy

- **Profits go towards art initiatives**
- **Last year's profit went unused due to Mr. Protoss's move**
- **We stand to make more this year**
- **Last year's and this year's profits will pay for an instructor, making a FREE after-school club for students**
- **One option is Mindful Coloring**
- **Ruth Wetzel was recommended by Mr. Protoss**
- **Request to parents- we're looking for an art instructor**
- **This will possibly be open to all grades, K-3, but final decision will be made by hired instructor**

Volunteer Opportunities & Fundraising- Melissa

- **Sign-up for Bake Sale, Sunday 10/13**

- **Baked goods could be dropped off on Friday before... it's a half day**
- **Baked goods should be individually wrapped since it's a grab and go bake sale**
- **Baked goods should include ingredients to identify any allergens**
- **30 Day Raffle hand-out to view all our secured donations**
 - **Try selling raffle tickets outside of school community**
- **Book Fair**
 - **Concessions to include limited bake sale, water, pizza, cider?, \$5 totes and other MES gear**
 - **Purchase \$40 or more in books and receive a free tote**
 - **Will children receive a free tote during school day purchases?**

Special Education Committee Meeting

- **Meeting will take place every other month Oct., Dec,...**
- **Location: Kerhonkson School Library**
- **Held by Meg Braren**
- **Topics include: your rights as parents, who does what, processes, Q &A**

- **Rescheduling of Guest Speaker**

Proposal by parent- Stephanie Labodin

- **October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month**
- **Would like our school to recognize and celebrate Rock Your Socks Day- Saturday, March 21st**
- **Asking PTA to purchase white socks for students to decorate and potentially wear to school**
- **Shared website findings for socks and fabric markers**

School Assemblies- Katy

- **Secured for 2/20- Traveling Lantern**
- **Reduced rate as they perform at KES and MES \$445**
- **Still have \$2,700 for assemblies**
- **PreK-1 have Hungry Caterpillar booked**
- **TBA for 2nd & 3rd grades... show conflicted with state tests**
- **UPAC no other educational option**
- **Madison will look into Woodstock Theater**
- **Return to school by 1:30 to make bussing routes**
- **SUNY New Paltz- Planetarium is a possibility**

Fundraising- Melissa

- **All sign-ups are greatly appreciated**
- **New Parents- please continue to talk with us... we'll take any time commitment... this will help core group**
- **Spread word of volunteering to parents that are unable to attend**
- **Box Top submission- Billynda will help count and sort**
- **Box Tops could be sent in loose or taped to sheets if still available online**
- **Fall Collection Deadline - November 1st**
- **14 day window for scanning receipts to enter Box Top purchases digitally**
- **30 Day Raffle- suggested by Danika Brodhead**
- **Vanaver Dance- concessions**
- **Panera Family Night- Friday, November 15th 4-8pm 20% of sales given back to MES with flyer or Facebook Invite**
- **Lydia's Pie Fundraiser moved to Thanksgiving vs. Christmas last year**
- **Penny Social idea shared by Nora**

- **Parent concern- pricing is twice as much for pictures with Memory Makers vs. Lifetouch**
 - **We had issues with Lifetouch**
 - **KES uses and recommends Memory Makers**
 - **Memory Maker fairly local- Hopewell Junction**
 - **Have options for retake & discount on 3rd set**
 - **We'll get more clarifications on pricing and digital offers**

Next Meeting November 6th.