

MBES PTO

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2011

6:00P.M.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00. Present were: Nancy Massey, Elizabeth Briggs, Michelle Vann, Micah Mefford, Lisa Belden, Yvonne Clark, Steven Sutphen, Carly Weber, Shereef Sadek, Jennifer Brown, Cindy Hill, Patti Williams, Hansen Ball, Bill Sembello, Jenny Lo, and Carla Slebodnick.
- II. Introductions were made and the minutes from the September meeting were approved.
- III. Principal's Report: Mr. Mefford
 - Kitty Williams received the Office Max Adopt a Classroom Award, \$1000.00 in supplies.
 - Smart boards and sound systems have been installed in all classrooms.
 - Attendance incentive programs will be implemented to recognize excellent attendance.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Carla Slebodnick spoke for Jeanne Truesdell.
 - \$2280 earned year-to-date on Kroger cards.
 - \$1509 raised at first football game parking lot.
 - Bill Sembello thanked the PTO for his \$500.00 discretionary fund.
 - Playground equipment including balls and jump ropes have been purchased for all three playgrounds and is currently available in all three playground storage lockers.
 - Four swings have been purchased for the 3-5 playground.
 - A rug was purchased for Mrs. Wiggert.
 - 4-square and hopscotch patterns will be painted on all three playground areas.
 - Four chairs were purchased for the reception area of the office.
- V. Teacher's Report: Mrs. Williams
 - Mrs. Williams shared thanks from the teachers for the PTO support.
 - Mrs. Martin suggested painting Twister on the playground blacktops.
 - Some teachers need clarification on their classroom parent volunteers.
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- VI. President Report: Carla Slebodnick
 - Carla attended the MCPS superintendent's PTO President's meeting. The new MCPS website was discussed. Supervisors have approved bond sales for the new MC schools.
 - School improvements are nearly complete at MBES to meet current building codes.
 - A redistricting study is planned for August 2012.

- The county has several new initiatives to improve learning, including up-to-date technology and a commit to graduate.

VII. Committee Updates

Landscaping Committee

- Steve Sutphen shared plans that were drawn by a Master Gardener to improve the appearance of the front of the school. Master Gardeners will maintain the garden and provide applicable lessons to teachers. Plans include a tactile section, a fragrant section, and a tropical section.
- Nine member of Greeks Giving Back improved a bed at the front of the school.
- Valley Landscaping will donate plant material.

Fall Festival

- Carly Weber shared the date, October 28, 5:30PM till over. Two movies will be shown. There will be a haunted house, a costume parade and a pumpkin decorating contest. Healthy snacks will be served.

Football Parking

- Carly Weber offered \$2.00 off coupons for the Harding Avenue lot for the October 9 game. All proceeds from the event support the MBES PTO.

School Photos

- Yvonne Clark reported the fall picture event went smoothly and on schedule.

Teacher Appreciation

- Cindy Hill reported a new e-mail account for teacher appreciation: thankourteachers@gmail.com. In addition to Teacher Appreciation Week, four additional events are planned for this school year with the first event scheduled for October 20th.

Books for Breakfast

- Nancy Massey reported the September event was a success, delivering 160 books to MBES students. Books for Breakfast runs the third Thursday of the month from 8:15 until 8:55AM.

Fundraising

- Carly Weber is planning a Bull & Bones event for May. She is looking into other restaurants for other events.

Guest Author

- Elizabeth Briggs has scheduled Tom Angleberger in the spring, probably March/April. He has a \$500.00 fee but we have a \$1000 grant from

National Bank of Blacksburg to pay for the event so we discussed possibilities for spending the remaining \$500.00, including purchasing books for students.

VIII. Other Updates

- Carla Slebodnick informed the attendees that we are still in need of a President-Elect.

IX. New Business

- Basement Cleanout: We discussed cleaning out the MBES basement, possibly prior to the Fall Carnival. No date was set.
- B. Mr. Sembello discussed a bulb fund raiser to benefit the YMCA at Virginia Tech after school program. Specifically, the funds raised will help pay for the bus that provides children a ride home. The YMCA program is available to all MBES students Monday through Thursday afternoons. It provides students an opportunity to complete homework, have a snack, and a safe ride home. Those interested in purchasing bulbs can contact Mr. Sembello.
- C. Mrs. Rasnake will host an art fundraiser to benefit the art program this Fall, and the PTO will host a chocolate sale fundraiser to benefit the MBES PTO next Spring.
- D. Carla Slebodnick announced the MBES 50th Birthday party to be held in the Fall of 2012. Planning for the event begins now. Anyone interested in helping should contact Jeanne Truesdell.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM.