

Minutes from Thurs. September 2, 2010 PTO meeting

4:01 PM - Meeting called to order. In attendance: Elizabeth Briggs, Akshay Sharma, Carly Weber, Laura Krisch, Megan Ridgley, Bobbie Chase, Micah Mefford, Krista Burchill, Amy Schwartz, Carla Slebodnick, Kelly Shushok, Jenny Lo, Jeanne Truesdell, Nancy Massey, Sarah Mathes, Femi Dinakim

Agenda: committee chairs, fall festival, and principal update

Principal report: School- Transportation is rocky but getting better. Dismissal has been changed to 3:30 PM, so kids aren't waiting on buses as long. Curriculum nights will be the following week. New program- homework club starts next week and is available for all students. Homework will only be assigned that can be done independently, so parents can read with children.

Treasurer Report: Last year: finished year with surplus; Kroger cards played huge role in that extra money. This year: stipend checks already cut (\$40.00/teacher), grades 3-5 planners will be bought by the PTO this year, monthly Kroger cards donations were lower over the summer.

Fundraising: We will do flags and gift wrap through Neighborhood Promotions. Amy will work with LeeAnn Nelson of Neighborhood Promotions. The plan is to deliver orders before Thanksgiving and hopefully raise at least \$2500. Flag sales will raise 40% in profit, gift wrap sales 50%. If our 501c3 application is approved before the sales campaign starts, we'll run a letter writing campaign simultaneously. We may look into scrips gift cards in Dec. Fundraising discussed and not pursued at this time: kitchen items, Yankee candle, and MaggieMoo's coupon books. Discussed selling MaggieMoo's coupon books at same time as scoop night there.

Adventure club: Krista wants to provide free child care during PTO meetings. There is a 50% discounts to all MCPS employees.

Volunteers: Still need committee chairs for many spots. Akshay is doing webpage, but we are still looking for restaurant coordinator, VT parking (Sept. 11, Oct. 16, and Nov. 4) coordinator, Spring Fair coordinator and 2 volunteers to apprentice for school picture coordinator. Carol Beliveau may be handling 5th Grade Legacy.

Fall festival: Will have without VT athletes. Date TBD

Website: \$200 budgeted for web hosting. Akshay felt we could do it for less than \$100/2 years and will send an email with a link to web site.

Teacher Appreciation: Soup luncheon will be on Oct. 26th which is an early release.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM