

## **PTO Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday November 14th, 2023**

Join Zoom Meeting

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### **I. Welcome & Introductions**

Caitlin Malkus, Libby Schmidt, Pankaj Singh, Lucy McCluskey, Laura Chidylo, Lucy Richards, Emily Liztnerski, Daniel Momont, Niki Leonard, Gabriela Martinez, Laura Eastman, Francesca Rodriguez, Mick, Laura Valderrama

### **II. Principal Update**

Principal Gillespie sent out the DPI state school report card results via email to parents. Test scores and attendance are key factors in the grading system, SHES received five stars. All of the report cards are found on the [MMSD website](#).

SHES also received a grant, which will enable the school to hire a social-emotional coach for 4K.

### **III. Teacher/Staff Updates**

Update from Rachel (Social Worker) - parent volunteer help is needed at recess, as the staff is feeling overextended. Not all teachers have sent out the request for help, so it is recommended that all teachers send the information to parents. A PTO message and Sign-Up Genius will be set up by Emily.

Junior Great Books - Nurse Lucy McCluskey will put together a Google form for first- to fifth-grade parents to sign-up for afterschool book clubs. Books take about three weeks to arrive after being ordered. PTO can create a scholarship fund for this club. Support material can be found on the [Junior Great Books website](#).

### **IV. Upcoming Events**

- A. Popcorn sale - Gabriela M. reported that some volunteers are needed for upcoming popcorn sales: January 5th, February 9th (Health Office Popcorn Sale), March 22, April 5th, May 31
- B. Pre-winter break Wine pull for SHES staff- Laura C. is organizing this to be before winter break (announcement after Thanksgiving, December 8th as last day for donations and orders can be picked up on December 18th). Monetary donations can be sent via Venmo. 60 bottles are recommended; 10 non-alcoholic options will be provided.

- C. A helmet drive would be ideal to have on or before May 1st (Bike to School Day).

### **VII. After School Classes check-in**

- A. Chess Club and Chess tournament - Brock Bakke is planning a chess tournament for February at SHES. SHES students received 1st place in another recent tournament.
- B. Future Problem Solving Club (4 and 5 graders, Thursday afternoon) - Talia Richmond (former SHES student) and Erica Richmond are facilitating and all is going well.
- C. Unicycle club (Paulina will be parent representative) - The club is going well. Mr. Edmonds asked if PTO can pay for two more unicycles (\$200), which was agreed upon unanimously by the board. Students who are members of the unicycle club are also a part of the Unicycle Association.
- D. Korean Club (Wednesdays afternoon) - Korean Club is going well. Next year a grant will be pursued for the club.

### **VIII. Past events**

- A. Scholastic book fair - Lucy M. reported that over \$1,500 was raised. Not all teachers used vouchers but many did. Many positive responses were received by families, however it was not clear for some parents that students did not attend the book fair during school. \$1,300 will be given to Ms. Hill's librarian fund, which will be used for child-size furniture. 23 students were able to get book thanks to donations to the All for Books fund.
- B. Fall festival - Daniel M. reported that the only issue was the power generator may need to be replaced. More power strips would be helpful in the future. It was noted that it was nice to be on the opposite side of school because less students went into the building. Photos of the event should be sent to Laura Eastman.
- C. Picture Day - Picture Day and Picture Retake Day went well. Proofs should be arriving in the next couple of weeks. Laura Eastman and Geoff Pan are setting up templates for the yearbook.
- D. Fall clean up - Not very well attended this year, perhaps due to weather and the Badger game happening that day.
- E. Costume Swap - Emily L. and Daniel M. reported the swap went well this year. Remaining items were donated.
- F. Winter Drive - Went well this year. The school social worker took the remaining items.

### **Other Updates**

- A. Annual Appeal - Daniel M. reported about \$9,500 has been received. One final email will be sent out on Monday.
- B. Spirit Wear - most donations were about \$5.

- C. PTO for Next Year -Due to having no volunteer to fill the Treasurer position for the 2023-2024 Board and the current co-VP moving into that position, a second co-president will be needed for 2024-2025 PTO Board. Current board must start work on recruiting new volunteers to fill these Board positions so there won't be a scramble to fill them at the beginning of the school year or deal with switching around again.
- D. It was unanimously agreed upon by the PTO board that the PTO would donate approximately \$30 to Social Worker Rachael Nactwey for a punching bag to be purchased for the school's Green Zone, as a tool for emotional regulation.

## **IX. Adjourn**