

PTO Monthly Meeting

Tuesday February 13, 2024

In person/via zoom @ 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Welcome & Introductions

- 1.1. Ninja Geiger
- 1.2. Laura Chidylo
- 1.3. Niki Leonard,
- 1.4. Lyaewon Kang,
- 1.5. Emily L.
- 1.6. Laura Eastman
- 1.7. Gabriela Martinez Motta
- 1.8. Liz C., Victor Escalona
- 1.9. Laura Cristina Valderrama
- 1.10. Principal G.
- 1.11. Albi

2. Principal Update

- 2.1. Gaga Pit - arrived, installation will happen soon
- 2.2. The blue basket ball hoop (drop shot) will be replaced soon as well because it is broken and unsafe
- 2.3. Spring events, read-a-thon, budget/allocation season happening starting this Friday - summer/fall. No longer projecting via algorithms for enrollment. Just straight forward 379 kids 2 friday in January and are calculating the same number for next year.
- 2.4. New superintendent search: district initiatives, sets tone, noon today MMSD will do press conference regarding (woman from Indiana, Joe Gothard previous principal LaFollet, state superintendent of the year in Minnesota, maryland) There has been a lot of rollover because of the nature of the position and sometimes they are close to retirement age.

3. Teacher/Staff Updates

- 3.1. Albi - bus driver shortage, PTO funds \$500 for field trip to Mississippi River museum
- 3.2. Science Night - science fair setup, combined with literacy units, mostly done for science vocabulary. Val Blair is affiliated with the Institute for Discovery, Racket Club at West did a demonstration and are eager to return. Pulling signup for both gyms. Scientist parents/relatives in anything STEAM related. Gabriela will reach out to Tracy Kozial about organizing and Laura V volunteered to help with organizing.
- 3.3. Positive feedback from parent volunteering for recess

4. Upcoming Events

- 4.1. Popcorn - Thursday February 15 (funds benefit Health Office, need volunteers): Gabriela, Niki, Laura, Ninja, Emily 13:45 Next sale: Feb 23 to benefit Family Resource Center
- 4.2. Read-a-Thon- February 4-18 (Liz, Albi, Emily, Laura C) Emily L: assembly prep is the next step. Kindle and gift bags are needed. Albi will reach out to Leigh Ellingson to recreate the digital spreadsheet. Laura C is creating the certificates as prizes
- 4.3. Learning Showcase- Wednesday, March 6 Open House, Learning Night, Language Arts Curriculum (5:00-6:30): Principal G: If a table is wanted for PTO volunteer recruitment and international week volunteer, perhaps PTO members can wear nametags
- 4.4. Yearbook check-in (Laura E): Laura E: taking picture of events such as Learning Showcase, Poetry Cafe, Read-a-Thon assembly (Albi will remind teachers to take photos and Laura Valderrama volunteered to be the school photographer).
- 4.5. Poetry Cafe - March 21 (Liz and Gabriela)
 - 4.5.1.1. Liz to reach out to Mr. Edmonds

5. After School Classes Check-In

- 5.1. Chess Club - going well (Gabi), 31 students, SHES won the chess tournament
- 5.2. FPS Club (4 and 5 graders, Thursday afternoon - ended) - no update
- 5.3. Unicycle club - sign up went out last week and starts next week
- 5.4. Korean Club (Wednesdays afternoon) - no update

- 5.5. Scratch Club (Tuesdays) - computer coding UW student 4th and 5th graders, 2 parents per session are needed. The program is developed by UW
- 5.6. New Dungeons & Dragons club - Revere's idea! An adult organizer is needed (Liz C.), Children's Theater of Madison is doing Dungeons and Drama

6. Past Events

- 6.1. Chess tournament - see above
- 6.2. Opera for the Young - big success, Beauty and the Beast adaptation, five actors, student chorus

7. PTO Board 2024-2025

- 7.1. Laura Eastman provided bylaws/info session with time commitment, etc., "find a friend" who might be interested, google form
 - Potential Treasurer: Daniel
 - Potential Co-President: Emily L
 - No later than March 1, May Election
 - Emily L. will create a google form with info about Learning showcase

8. Shorewood School Based Leadership Team (SBLT)

- 8.1. Victor E: school equity UW Educational Leadership Department, how school parents can be part of the school governance SBLT Every school has an equity team: the owners of the school improvement plan. It's a teach where each grade is represented, BRS, social worker, etc., How are we improving shorewood? What are strategies to improve? Recess assessment, more direct teaching of

handwriting, are we seeing gaps by race? How are we supporting teachers? The meetings are on Mondays at 2:15 (full group), committee meetings are after. Mostly talk about curriculum, professional development. Emily L: how long do you stay in the role? Sustainability for long-term, Victor: this semester will work as a trial, then next year, open it up to the school. Principal G will send Victor the schedule. Meeting are held in library (School Based Leadership Team)

9. Adjourn 11:22 AM