

## **September PTSA Minutes (09/12/2017)**

Welcome/ Introductions

### **Officers**

- Mrs. Martel, Ten Parents, and Three Students in attendance. All in attendance at the beginning of the meeting introduced themselves.
- Discussed possible student discount for student membership. Decision was not made.

### **Membership**

- Membership forms were given to those who haven't joined and cost (\$10.00)
- We would like to move towards forming some specific committees (fundraising, events, volunteers, other).
- Update on PTSA members and MSL Parent Page Facebook members
- April 2017 23 members, September 2017 40 members
- April 2017 163 Facebook page members, September 237 Facebook page members

### **Accomplishments for 2017/2018 school year**

- Staff work room re-do (came out of Staff Survey request) and possible next steps. (Requests included a fan, white out, glue sticks, post its, paperclips, new paper cutter, scissors and stapler attached to a table, removing tables in room and getting two smaller tables and a couch).
- One parent offered to get paper products and another offered a paper cutter. One parent will look into getting a scissors and stapler attached to a table.
- Food trucks and vendors at 9/7/17 Open House, request has been for food trucks again at Parent Teacher Conferences on 10/10 and 10/11. We talked about it being difficult for parents to eat at food trucks and meet with teachers at the same time. The Boys and Girls Swim Teams are selling food and drinks those nights as well (hotdogs, chips, water, soda, baked goods). Mrs. Martel also indicated that she and Ms. Hobson (Parent Coordinator) will be discussing other options for Conference nights.

## **Finances**

- Treasurer's Report
- Report/tentative budget was shared and discussed by Pam Gende, our Treasurer. Current balance is \$3,108.34. Robin moved that we accept the budget as written, Sarah seconded. Tentative budget approved.

## **Next projects**

- Putting Morning announcement information on website or Facebook page was discussed. Rufus King High School does this and Ms. Martel expressed that she would like to look at their website to see how they do this.
- Mental Health education: MSL has the Project Aware grant this year. Ms. Martel will talk to people from that grant about possible parent education through this program. We also have a connection with the Police Department and there is a plan for there to be a safety lesson on technology use in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English sections. Other suggestions for parent and student education was domestic violence and human trafficking through the Sojourner Family Peace Center. Sarah will talk to Social Worker there about that possibility as well.
- PTSA section on school website to be updated. Amanda to provide PTSA membership forms, officer list, and meeting dates. Sarah to forward minutes from PTSA meetings monthly.
- Mini grants: Sarah explained how we did this program in the past; we would like to keep this going in the future, we discussed giving out one grant quarterly (\$200 per grant, four per year, the first deadline will be December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, form to be updated and distributed.)
- Concession sales during Saturday Recreation activities/games at MSL on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- We will need volunteers. Volunteers can be both students and adults. We would like to have multiple shifts. The activities generally go from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. so the concession sales would be during this time. Donuts for the morning as well as Gatorade, water, hot dogs, candy, popcorn, nachos were suggested. Donations of food and drink for parents who cannot volunteer was also suggested. Sign up form or doc to be used. Susan Arnold offered to do Sign Up Genius if needed.

## **Spirit wear/T-shirts.**

- Dunn's was suggested to use. We will discuss further at our next meeting. We discussed the option of having students design the graphic/message and they could vote on their favorite. We would like the t-shirts to highlight all of the

different languages taught at MSL (i.e. hello in each language or something similar.) Mrs. Martel will have Dunn's do a couple of mock-ups of possible t-shirt designs.

### **Upcoming events**

- Tosa Bowl and Bun October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Pizzeria Piccola December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- We will need volunteers, hours, flyers and other publicity.
- Questions, comments, concerns, other\* Mrs. Martel suggested that parents sign up to get regular email updates from MSL on the MSL website. \*Our email address is [MSLPTSA1@gmail.com](mailto:MSLPTSA1@gmail.com)\* Our next meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 in the school library

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Harris, MSL PTSA Secretary, 09/13/2017*