

Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

Milwaukee School of Languages (MSoL)

Meeting Minutes

5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 in School Library



1. Welcome

- a. **Introductions**-Parent Coordinator Ms. M, Ms. Martel, Administrator and 8 parents participated. We are growing!
- b. **Membership**-40 adults and 23 students presently. 110 members is our 2018/2019 goal. One idea to try to increase membership is to put a link to join online on the MSoL website (Member Hub). Ms. Kelly West and Ms. Pam Gende to connect with Mr. Paul Post regarding this idea and setting it up.

2. Quick Update

- a. **Spirit wear** profit was \$297 from fall sales. Thank you for the update, Ms. Pam Gende, Treasurer. In the future, spirit wear pick-up needs to be on specific days or at specific events or the items to be sent home with students, possibly to be delivered to homerooms by Ms. M.
- b. **October Parent/ Teacher Conferencess**-5 parents volunteered total at the PTSA table for the two nights. Not a lot of questions or traffic, but information given about membership, meeting schedule, and our activities and successes. Thank you to Ms. Kelly West for making the inviting signs.

3. Next Projects/Unfinished Business

- a. **Education Night Dates/Topics**-we would like to have 2-3 Parent Education Nights this school year. Ms. Sarah Harris to set up Presentations in January and February. LGBTQ Education Event (by Milwaukee LGBT Center) and Cyber Safety (by Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department). Parent, Ms. Jessie Runner, was not present but apparently looked into the possibility about a Presentation about Youth Drug Use. Ms. Sarah Harris to touch base with her about that. For the LGBTQ event, Harris to connect with GSA advisor, Ms. Gardner to promote. Ms. Debbie Knepeke is willing to team up on organizing and facilitating this event.
- b. **Shirt Design Competition**-Ms. Kelly West shared her ideas and research. First theme would be UNITY-one design for the whole school community. Ms. Tina Polk

- has a couple of contacts for shirt printing. Ms. M also to ask Mr. Harvill, who was one of the staff members who helped with Homecoming class t-shirts. We discussed doing shirt roll-out prior to Festival of Nations. Each student wearing the shirt would get a small token if wore to FoN. Ms. Kelly West also looked into Pop Sockets. When she connected with the company, it was found that the Pop Sockets were promotional and would need to be given away but not sold. No decision made.
- c. **Wellness Fair**-Ms. M, Parent Coordinator-tabled for later discussion at our December meeting.
 - d. **Google Doc Student Survey**-Ms. Kelly West to create a document with questions for students about how PTSA can support them. Parents at the meeting to ask their MSoL students about questions and needs to include in this survey. *If any parents reading this want to get input from their students about questions and needs for this survey, please email Ms. Kelly West at westks@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.*

4. Next Meetings

- a. *Wednesday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m.*
 - *****Potluck, all attendees to bring their favorite holiday appetizer to share*******
 - Join us for some holiday cheer!
- b. *Wednesday, January 9th at 5:30 p.m.* (2nd Wednesday-1st Wednesday there is no school)

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by:
Sarah Harris, PTSA of MSoL Secretary
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