

Parent Teacher Student Association

Milwaukee School of Languages

12/05/2018 Meeting 5:30 p.m. in School Library



1. Welcome and Holiday appetizers! Appetizers was an awesome idea! Thank you, Pam Gende. It created a festive atmosphere.
 - a. Introductions-Present at the meeting we had one staff member (Ms. M), Ms. Penny Larson from Milwaukee City Council PTA and Wisconsin PTA (thanks for joining us!), 6 parents and one student! We continue to grow!
 - b. Membership update-66 members currently. We would still like to add an online link/hub for parents and students to join the PTSA in the future. Pam Gende has a MFIS contact who can help us if we decide to do this. Amanda Gilman to send a message to all PTSA members to let them know their contact info will be put on the hub to make sure they are all right with this. Ms. M to send PTSA Success document to all MSL parents and staff members.

2. Quick Update
 - a. Education Night
Presentation entitled **Support for LGBTQ+ Students**-by Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's Youth Advocate Jamie Erdheim is scheduled for **Monday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m.**

Flyer to be made by Sarah Harris and to be shared with Mr. Shawn Gleesing to post on the MSOL website. Ms. M. to share with families by Robocall, Email and Text. Sarah Harris to reach out to school advisor of the Gay Straight Alliance about this event. Simple refreshments to be offered. Sarah Harris to reach out to Debbie Knepeke who shared at the last meeting that she is interested in helping with this event.

Topic and Speaker to be determined at a later date for either February or March. One topic discussed at previous meetings was Teen Drug Use. Jessie Runner has a contact she was reaching out to but was not at 12/5 meeting to report back. Other option discussed at multiple times is Technology Safety to be presented by the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department.
 - b. Mini grant winner for this quarter: *Special Education application to make mobile learning, sensory oriented, centers for students with severe disabilities.* Congratulations to Kristen

Williams, Special Education Teacher and her program. Amanda Gilman will contact her with the great news!

3. Next projects/unfinished business
 - a. Wellness Fair-Ms. M talked to SSW, SSW Assistant, and School Psychologist. It was tabled as it is an extremely busy time. Ms. M to talk to Ms. Martel about this event for a future date.
 - b. Google doc student survey-Kelly West, created a survey related to see what students would like to see from PTSA. Thank you, Kelly. Survey was shared by Ms. M at the meeting. Amanda Gilman to reach out to Kelly about next steps for getting the survey out to students and completed. We think that having it completed in homerooms may work best. We want to promote a high percentage of students completing the survey. As a result, we are interested in rewarding classrooms with 100% completion of the student survey by being entered in a raffle for a prize.
 - c. Shirt design competition-Kelly West started the ground work on this concept. Thank you, Kelly! Amanda Gilman to reach out to Kelly about next steps and getting a flyer out to elicit student participation in this competition/project.
4. Next PTSA Meeting Dates
 - a. Wednesday, 01/09/2019 at 5:30 p.m.
 - b. Wednesday, 02/06/2019 at 5:30 p.m.
5. Questions/comments/concerns/ideas

Please note:

- First MPS Language Summit is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th from 11:30 a.m. -2:15 p.m at MSoL.
- On Tuesday, December 11th from 5:30-8 p.m. at Potbelly on Mayfair there will be a fundraiser for the MSoL Math Club. Come eat and support this great student organization.
- Pam Gende has been our PTSA Treasurer for the last 2 years and is looking for a replacement. Thank you for your service, Pam.

Respectfully submitted by: Sarah Edmonds Harris, Secretary of PTSA of MSoL.

12/06/2018