

**Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)  
of Milwaukee School of Languages (MSoL)**

**Minutes from Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 Meeting**

**5:30 p.m. in School Library**



1. Welcome
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Membership-We are currently at 68 members. Still working on adding link on website for people to sign up to join. Amanda Gilman was able to figure out how members info would not be shared with other members on the website when they join.
  - c. Treasurer's Report-Our treasurer was not able to be at this meeting. Treasurer's Report to be given at February PTSA meeting.
2. Quick Updates
  - a. Parent Education Event 01/07/2019 (Supporting our LGBTQ Youth)-Jamie Erdheim, Youth Advocate from Milwaukee LGBT Center did a powerpoint presentation as well as offered Q & A time. Resource info was available to take. We had 3 staff members and 11 parents present. Milwaukee LGBT was given a small donation for this presentation by our PTSA organization.
  - b. Mini Grant-most recent recipient was notified. Applicants who didn't win will be put in the running for the February selection of the next mini-grant. Ms. M will get out application forms out to other staff who would like to apply.
3. Next projects/unfinished business
  - a. Next Parent Education Event-Signs of Depression, Mental Health Issues and Suicide. Sarah Harris and Ms. M. are connecting with the Therapist from MSoL's School Community Partnership for Mental Health, Ms. Nancy Reed, who is contracted through Children's Hospital of Wisconsin about this Parent Education Night. We would like to hold this event on a week night in February and try to avoid nights where MSL sporting events are scheduled. Ms. M. and Sarah Harris to work on this event.
  - b. Google Document Student Survey-Surveys to be distributed through Homebases. Amanda Gilman to reach out to Kelly West 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 (possible pizza party or popcorn party).

- c. T-shirt Design Competition Project-Kelly West to email Ms. M. the flyer and Ms. M. will distribute the flyer to students. We need to come up with a due date for design entries. We are interested in having a couple of t-shirts made up and available for viewing at Festival of Nations on 04/04/2019. Students/families to be able to purchase t-shirts at Festival of Nations. T-shirts to be delivered to homerooms after purchase. We discussed the possibility of getting a credit/debit card reader.

- d. Festival of Nations 04/04/2019 Table to sell t-shirts. Amanda Gilman to make sign up sheet for volunteers for this t-shirt/PTSA table.

An idea was brought up about implementing a Festival of Nations passport card where attendees get stamps for visiting different places/sites at Festival of Nations.

Students/parents who turn in a completed passport will be put in a raffle. PTSA is willing to provide raffle prizes (multiple gift cards). PTSA is willing to pay a total of \$50. Several parents are also going to donate raffle prizes. Amanda to buy baskets to put together raffle prize baskets.

- 4. Upcoming PTSA meetings

Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

- 5. Questions/Comments/Concerns/Ideas-Our calendar on the website is not up to date: athletics and other events such as Festival of Nations are not included at all. Amanda to contact Ms. Martel about this concern.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sarah Edmonds Harris, Secretary of PTSA of MSoL*

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