

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 10/02/2019

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in School Library

PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association)

for MSL (Milwaukee School of Languages)



1. Welcome/Introductions-11 parents, 1 staff member, and 4 students participated!
2. Membership Report-55 members to date! Food truck night profits were shared.
3. Treasurer's Report-Spreadsheet provided.
Transition from Treasurer to Treasurer will occur, but has not yet. (Ms. Gende to Ms. Freistad)
4. Grant Applications-October 1st Deadline. One application was received. It was from Ms. Pfaller, Middle School German Teacher. Her request is for funds for Modern Learning including online activities such as interactive videos and programs. She would like to purchase headphones and they would be used in various middle school classes. This grant application was approved! Congrats, Ms. Pfaller and the MSL Middle School! The other Grant Application deadlines this school year are 12/1/19, 2/1/20, 4/1/20. Ms. M will let Ms. Pfaller know. Mr. Parish is aware of an over the ear headphones from Koss that he is able to get for \$5 a piece. Ms. M. will let Ms. Pfaller know about this opportunity.
5. Sign Up for PTSA Table at Fall Parent Teacher Conference Nights (T 10/22 and W 10/23)-Sign-up sheet provided, Sarah Harris posted a message on the PTSA Parent page to get volunteers as well and will do so again prior to the Parent Teacher Conference dates. Membership forms and chrome book to be available.
6. Parent Education Nights
 - A. Monday, 9/30/19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Parent Education Night by Parenting Network on how to talk to your adolescents about sex education; students and parents were invited. Very positive feedback about session was received! About 25 people attended! Thank you, Ms. M and the Parenting Network!
 - B. Becoming a Foster Parent will be from 5:30-7 p.m. to be rescheduled. Ms. M is open to other ideas for other Parent Education Nights.
 - C. Plan for providing refreshments for Parent Education Nights this year-PTSA has decided that Ms. M, Parent Coordinator will be given a budget of approximately \$25 per Parent Education Night for refreshments out of the PTSA budget.
7. Staff Appreciation Efforts
 - A. Dinner for Staff for one of two Parent/Teacher Conference Nights/October 2019 to be provided by PTSA-Ms. M to talk to Dr. Baez about which night and which vendor they would be interested in. We have paid for pizza and subs in the past.
8. Student Idea-Family Movie Night-we discussed having it in the gym, auditorium, or cafeteria and having refreshments for sale by PTSA. Josh Parish mentioned using Into

Film UK. **Sarah Harris** is willing to look into possible Milwaukee Film youth films. One student suggested interest in other social events such as a Sports Night and a Dance. We also discussed having a Student Council Representative at each of our future PTSA meetings. We talked about having a Movie Night on Friday, November 22nd. **Ms. M.** will look into a school location.

9. Announcement: This is **Sarah Harris's** last year as PTSA Secretary. Vacancy will need to be filled by May 2020 for the 2020/2021 school year. **Sarah Harris** can help transition the next PTSA Secretary as needed.
10. Concerns/Questions/Ideas-**Lori Banks** would like to re-institute a Suggestion Box at future meetings. We also talked about getting staff input through Ms. M. Another idea was getting the 6th grade welcome dinner in the fall going again. **Elizabeth Schmid** put together a MSL Workroom Wish List that **Ms. M** will share with staff to get input for what they need. **Sarah Harris** proposed the idea of a PTSA Staff Appreciation Sub-Committee to take care of all staff appreciation efforts throughout the year: dinner to be provided for staff, one Parent Teacher Conference Night, Staff Appreciation Breakfast in May, raffles/prizes in May, other ideas...
11. Next meeting date and time: *Wednesday, November 6th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by *Sarah Edmond Harris*, PTSA Secretary

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