



MWE PTA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
8:08 am to 9:30 am

- I. Welcome/Call to Order - President Pamela Ferworn
The meeting was called to order at 8:08 am.
- II. Establishment of Quorum - Susan Thomas
- III. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Sara Vasut to approve the minutes as presented. Kristen Carlson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the membership.
- IV. Principal's Report - Dr. Pamela Redd
 - a. The district is applying to be a "District of Innovation." This frees the district up from following state regulations and gives more options to help students such as flexibility with timing, graduating students, and customized support.
 - b. There is a Strategic Planning Committee/Design Group for the school. Parents can send emails to Dr. Redd if they have ideas for improvements. For example, purchasing furniture that allows for more movement. Presentations will be very soon.
 - c. Our SPARK park is supposed to be maintained and upgraded by SBISD maintenance. The maintenance group services the entire district and are very delayed in attending to work orders. Also, changes must be approved and there is a process in place which takes time.
 - d. 2nd Grade did a ball collection for the students to use and play with during recess.
- V. Fall Fundraiser Report - Katrina Tufaro
 - a. The art project raised an estimated \$2,500 and did not raise as much as Innisbrook. It is a smaller fundraiser and MWE takes a 25% profit on sales. There will be some pickup and delivery options added the last week of school. On the mornings of December 14, 15, and 16 parents may come get the artwork. Otherwise it will go home in backpacks with the students.
 - b. Eagle Excellence fund has raised \$6,500.
- VI. Watch DOGS - Kevin Rump
 - a. Donuts and Dads will be on January 14. This event is to encourage and promote the Watch DOGS program and get dads to sign up for shifts. Although full day sign ups are recommended, dads can split a day with another person.

- VII. Treasurer's Report - Sarah Laird
 - a. The treasurer shared the PTA balance sheet to show \$105,428.41 in total assets with \$66,302.37 in net revenue.
 - b. Revenue update
 - i. Silent Auction - \$15,482.18
 - ii. Carnival - \$38,714.19
 - iii. Children's Artwork - \$3,823.25 gross
 - iv. Sponsorships - \$33,589.00

- VIII. President's Report - Pamela Ferworn
 - a. Project Study is a committee that reviews and decides how to allocate special funds for projects. The group is requesting a speaker, Katherine Nicholson, an occupational therapist, to come discuss sensory processing issues. This will be a four hour clinic for the MWE staff and there is space for a few parents. She is scheduled to come January 4 and the expense is \$1,226.00. Sara Vasut made a motion to approve funding for this presenter. Sara Norwood seconded the motion and it was approved by the membership.
 - b. The bylaws must be reviewed every five years. There will be a 30 day review and a vote at the next meeting to in regard to any adjustments. The bylaws and standing rules can be accessed on the PTA website.
 - c. Two MWE families were recently affected by a fire. The community response has been an outpouring of donations including gift cards, furniture, clothing and other house items. Extra items will be offered to other MWE families in need.
 - d. Family Point Resources has opportunities for sponsoring our school families.
 - e. MWE PTA will host another coat and shoe drive to donate to our sister school, Edgewood Elementary. New and gently used items for adults and kids can be donated.
 - f. A coordinator for Career Day is needed to organize this event. Career Day will be February 2.
 - g. International Festival will be coordinated by Shirlanne Alexander-Gay . It will be held January 21in the evening. A Family Fun Night chairperson may be needed to assist with the evening.
 - h. The Talent Show is coming up this spring and a chairperson will be needed to coordinate this.
 - i. There is quite a bit of spirit wear still available for sale. In January, smaller items will be available at the School Store.

- IX. Programs/Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Gingerbread houses will be made by classes and taken to the hospital for display.
 - b. Harbor Lights Choir will be performing for students.
 - c. My School Anywhere - Directories are up and live.
 - d. Redemptions are going well. Amazon and Office Depot also have opportunities to support MWE with designated purchases.

- X. Other
 - a. Volunteer Sign-up options are being explored by Sarah Leslie to determine the easiest, most streamlined approach to encouraging participation.
 - b. Kids Helping Kids is a community outreach project by local families. On December 10 this group will be meeting at the school to complete donation bags for children at Yellowstone Academy.
 - c. A holiday money collection for front office staff will be coordinated by Kristen Carlson.
 - d. Karen Lewis will be organizing Macy's Make a Wish Santa Letters and needs stamps to mail the letters. PTA recommended stamps be donated by the students writing the letters.
 - e. Not enough students are providing their own school supplies and there is a shortage in the classrooms. This needs to be examined before next school year.
- XI. Adjournment was at 9:30 am.

Susan M Biehl

MWE PTA Secretary 2015 - 2016