



MWE PTA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2015
8:07 am to 9:25 am

- I. Welcome/Call to Order - Pam Ferworn
The meeting was called to order at 8:07 am.
- II. Principal's Report - Pam Redd
 - a. PowerPoint presentation, "Good to Great" including a mission statement for the school which can be found on the MWE website. "Every child, No excuses" focuses on each child's personal best.
 - b. The school wants all children reading on grade level (at or above) by 2nd grade.
 - c. Data on general attendance and In School Suspensions was discussed. We have good statistics in these areas.
 - d. STAAR tests revealed that writing scores are low across the entire district.
 - e. Discipline - A new "conflict resolution" method is being tried in 5th grade classes. Students problem solve in "healing circles" to work out conflicts.
 - f. Grading methods are being adjusted. A study was done over the summer to find ways to make it more meaningful to parents. A Math Rubric is being implemented this year.
 - g. New staff in the school: Kinder - Ms. Williams, Spec. Ed. - Barbara Womack, Health Fitness - new hire coming soon
 - h. Ms. Redd is running for the Cy Fair School Board - it is a volunteer position in the evenings. If you would like more information, please contact Ms. Redd directly.
- III. Establishment of Quorum - Susan Thomas
- IV. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Judith Sakalosky to approve the minutes as presented. Sarah Laird seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the membership.
- V. Treasurer's Report - Sarah Laird
 - a. The treasurer shared the PTA balance sheet to show \$68,647.39 in total assets with \$30,385.78 in net revenue.
 - b. Budget amendment recommendations:
 - i. Addition of 2 tickets for Family Point Resources Breakfast - \$130.00
 - ii. Purchase of a new lockbox safe
 - iii. A motion was made by Sara Vasut to approve these expenses, the motion was seconded by Jennifer Texeira. The motion was voted

on and approved by the membership.

- iv. Additional adjustments to the budget included: Carnival t-shirts made a net income of \$900.00. Office supplies budget was increase to \$1500.00. Teacher Allotments were reduced \$300.00 because special ed allotments had been doubled up.
- v. Eagle Excellence Fund has raised \$6,150 to date.
- vi. Sponsorship has raised \$28,363.00 to date.

VI. President's Report - Pam Ferworn

- a. Family Point Resources serves several MWE families. Jason Roberts is the director. Judi Campbell is the community relations coordinator. Irma Moreno was awarded volunteer of the year.
- b. Nottingham Forest neighborhood will be having a Turkey Trot this year and will be dividing the money raised with Family Point Resources.
- c. MWE received a "Good Neighbor Recognition" from the school district.
- d. We are still trying to find ways to help our sister school, Edgewood Elementary.
- e. MWE PTA Mission Statement and POW's are on the Google Drive. POW's must be signed by all Board members and are due by the end of October.
- f. There are no new updates on the Memorial Drive crosswalk. Please report any offensive drivers to the SBISD police. Take pictures of license plates as necessary.
- g. PTA will continue to support the current charities we have relationships with including: Family Point Resources, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts
- h. Open PTA Board positions include: Publicity, Reflections, Directory Sub Committee.
- i. Paige Hebert will be assisting and stepping into the role that Ruth Ann Johnson currently handles once the Johnsons' relocate to San Antonio.
- j. An advertising policy for PTA was presented to the membership for a vote. It included:
 - i. Facebook will mention only school and district info. No advertising even by "approved vendors." No political material except generic info regarding poll locations, etc. Promotion of Spirit Nights for both PTA and the School will be allowed. Community Happenings such as the Turkey Trot will be allowed. Will only mention organizations we support: Edgewood Elem., Family Point Resources, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts
 - ii. E-Blast/Newsletter will include all components as above. For businesses, PTA will follow what was outlined in the sponsorship levels. It will advertise PTA Spirit Nights and MWE Spirit Nights
 - iii. A motion was made by Ingrid Hartz to approve the advertising policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Resha Zazueta. The motion was approved and the policy passed as presented to the membership.

VII. VP Ways and Means - Melanie White reported that the new delivery of spirit apparel is being delivered.

VIII. Programs/Committee Chair Reports

- a. Rock Wall was a big success and the Hospitality Committee provided a great lunch to the company.
- b. Friday will be Walk to School Day.
- c. Red Ribbon Week is coming the week after the carnival. The theme will focus on Respect and bucket filling.
- d. Gingerbread Houses - this is a community outreach project. It is our third year doing it. Resha Zazueta volunteered to chair this outreach.
- e. Carnival - Booth volunteers are needed. Please sign up. Tickets can be preordered on the PTA website. Forms will come down on Oct. 16. Capital Grill has been very generous with sponsoring the Carnival.
- f. Prize drawing will have only child-centered prizes this year. There is an Amazon Registry set up to purchase and donate these items to the prize drawing. There will be a silent auction for adult items and Auction Party sign-ups. This will begin the week after carnival ends. Information about these options has been sent out via E-Blast, Mom's Club, and Block Captain emails. Class Art Projects will be in the silent auction.
- g. Fall Fundraisers - The kids enjoyed the coin drive. Kinder/PreK raised the most money and won a pajama party. The kids are finishing up artwork for the fall fundraiser. The art teacher would love parent volunteers to help with this task.
- h. Project Study Group includes Laura Pena, Dawn, Tamara, Kristen
- i. Membership - Currently includes 312 members, 29 are teachers. Membership is open all year online. Memberships help fund the school and its programs.
- j. Directory - The online directory will be live at the end of the week on My School Anywhere and the hard copy will go to print at the same time.
- k. Box Tops are due October 21 to Valerie Brennan and Jennifer Hammer.
- l. SBEF Style Show is this Friday, Oct. 9 featuring Elaine Turner and Chloe Dao. \$100/ticket. Proceeds go to fund art field trips and scholarships in the district.
- m. Yearbooks may be ordered online through Balfour. There will be a cover art contest. Save your email confirmations of purchase.

IX. Other

- a. Vote on directory cover art - #1 won
- b. Art Sculptures in the library
- c. Hands on Science begins next week.

X. Adjournment was at 9:25 am.

Susan M Biehl