

MCE PTSA Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2023

MCE Cafeteria

Attendance: Chris Delmage, Kristen Hans, Meredith Graham, Katie Baker, Heather Clayton, Christina MacCracken, Carolyn Schenck, Christine Koh, Jillian Pasley, Angela Schmale, Hannah Lu, Justine Bagley, Maureen Morse, Michelle Cavigliano, Laura Boyce, Courtney Weiss, Christine Burdett, Katie Triplett, Chelsea Malley, Dorothy Bauch-Barker, Laura Kottkamp, Elizabeth Saint-Joy

Called to Order: 09:20

1. Welcome and Call to Order:

- A. Introductions of PTSA reps and parents
- B. Principal Welcome Heather Clayton
 - 1. Back to school drone covers WHO I AM
 - A. showcasing the WHO I AM book
 - B. New to MCE: gone back to 8 kids at the lunch tables
 - C. Teachers have jumped right in with all the kids
 - D. Busses are running in on time/ Kindergartners are adjusting to getting to class
 - E. Lots of illness in the building- reinforcing the hand washing

2. District News:

- C. Super Sale: October 16-19th; encourage volunteering. Quality over Quantity. Reviewed what we can and can not sell
- D. Field Trips: District has created Common Field trips across the school- baseline experiences that every child will get. Teachers can add supplementary trips to it. Review the grade level field trips
- E. Membership: our membership is doing well for the district

3. Business Items:

- F. Approval of May/June minutes
 - Meredith Graham make a motion to approve
 - Katie Baker second the motion to approve
 - All in favor
 - Minutes approved
- B. 2023-24 MCE PTSA Budget Discussion
 - Christine Koh reviewing the budget
 - Best Buddies gave grant for it last year:
 - Jen Montgomery and Stephanie Calvarusso; Best Buddies promotes inclusion. Elementary level we discuss friendship, leadership and acceptance.
 - Target 3rd grade this year. Meet with a group once a month. Kids will fill out an application. Focus on activities to give to others, and friendships. Pittsford is the first district in the state. Approve the budget line in October.
 - Running Feet -discussed increased funds for this
 - Drone cost and printed the photo on canvas - \$75.00 discussed increasing the budget to include the cost of the printed photo

C. Open Committee positions for 2023-24: reviewed the list of open positions and need for shadows

4. Committee Updates:

- G. Welcome Back Picnic: Was successful; 297 families attended; over 1400 people attended. Busses- do they need be used? we can assess the need for them. very minimal use of busses.
- H. MCE PTSA Membership- discussed under District news
- I. ASE: Registration is open through Sunday. May programs are waitlisted, while we still have open spots in a few programs still
- J. Book Fair: Last week of October; looking for volunteers; Little ones need the most help; In order to run a register, you have to be a PTSA member. Emma Ferrer last year to help with Book Fair treasurer role- looking for a small committee to help count the registers. Courtney and Chris looking for a way to streamline the process and looking for a volunteer coordinator- Angela Schmale; Jillian P. will do All for Books
- K. Square One/ Original Works: looking at switching vendors due to the delay in orders being shipped to home and having orders shipped to school; Profit Margin is the same if we switched. Original Works is a NYS company. Reach out to Laura K. if interested in shadowing. No concerns about changing vendors. Laura is going to check if Original works does allow individual submissions.
- L. DEI: District level meeting are the 3rd Monday of the month; Zoom Link. 2 new co-chairs meet and greet occurred this week. District funds purchased Heritage Month bookmarks for the schools. Discussed DEI posts on the MCE express for highlighting cultures - September is Deaf awareness, Hispanic Heritage Month, Yom Kippur.
- M. Parents on the Playground: Jillian P will be helping coordinate this program with Rich Albano
- N. Running Feet: Will need a shadow for this
- O. Old Business/New Business: NA

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 10:17