

PTO Meeting, October 8, 2014

Treasurer Report: Balance in two accounts remains the same. Monies have been received for t-shirts (no final count).

PTO Account- \$2,402.95

Auction Account- \$9,323.17

Proceeds from the book fair have been received.

Book Fair: Sue reports approximately \$3,500.00 for all sales. Great for a Fall Book Fair. Approximately ½ will be for Scholastic Dollars.

Jim O'Connell explains we use Scholastic Dollars, we get twice the amount rather than extracting money for another account.

The 2nd Book Fair will have an ice cream social and that money will go to the PTO.

Jim asks the group how they feel about having two Book Fair's.

Teachers are all emailed notification for the book fair and put in their requests.

A parent noticed her child's teacher had not put in a request and is concerned that they may have missed an opportunity.

Lisa W thanks all volunteers for a successful event.

Pincipal Report: Mr. McCafferty thanks all parents for coming and thanks teachers who have come.

Thank you to Mrs. Michaud and Mrs. Hartigan for their participation in the Luke Capistran Run. The run raised approximately \$4,000.00. Money goes to children in need who would like to attend sporting camps.

Green Machine is up and running.

1st School Dance was held.

6th Grade Social will be held in November.

Food Drive will be held early November.

Progress reports go out Friday as well as the 1st edition of "Beak Speaks"

"Bring It" program is in its 9th year and is open to any child 4-12 years of age. "Bring It" is partnered with the United Way. They offer homework help, sports, games etc.

It's about bringing children together in a positive way.

Jodie Harper is in charge of "Bring It" It runs Tuesday and Wednesday evening all school year.

School Store is up and running.

Advisory is going well. It is character-based education. Students, parents and staff are all enjoying it.

Mr. McCafferty would like to all to know that teachers focus on children regardless of the teacher's contract.

MSD is using the new Manchester Academic Standards. There are new teacher evaluations and Student Learning Objectives. Focus is on academics and if any parent has any questions or concerns they are welcome to contact teachers or administrators.

Mr. McCafferty has been in touch with Sgt. Ledeau regarding topics such as cyber-bullying , sexting etc..

MPD did a program last year at McLaughlin Middle School. It was done by grade and at different times. Principal from McLaughlin stated that it was successful.

Lisa W. suggested having a session for parents and perhaps having McLaughlin and Hillside parents attend. Addressing parents would be different than addressing parents.

Jim O feels if it worked at McLaughlin, lets let Mr. McCafferty decide if the program is good for Hillside.

Sgt. Ledeau is ready to go forward if administration is ready.

Jim O states that originally, the PTO talked about a talk to parents only. The PTO has been trying to get MPD to do a program here. Jim states parents have wanted a program and suggests that we not have a program for the children at this time. It would have to go through the Superintendent and administrators. He suggests that the PTO stay out of the issues around students. He'd like to see a date in the calendar for adults.

Many parents want a discussion for the children.

Lisa W recommends that Mr. McCafferty talk to administrators.

Mr. McCafferty states that he will talk to the principal at McLaughlin to see how it went and speak with Sgt. Ledeau.

Lisa W. will follow through with her contacts that she has spoken to already to get a date to speak with parents.

Parents suggest November.

Kristine D. states it would be a good follow up to Red Ribbon Week.

Technology Committee: Mr. McCafferty states the committee has met once and will meet again next week.

Maureen H. asks about the purpose of the tech committee.

Mr. McCafferty explains they will get a vision and mission statement together for moving forward with technology in the school. Ideally 15 teachers will be on the committee and ideally the library will become a media center.

Mrs. Hannan states they are taking about where they would ideally like to start with the technology.

Sherry asks if the Green Machine has a list of events.

Student Council and new teacher are running the Green Machine.

Adriann Newton does "Beak Speaks" newsletter, which is currently being written.

Sherry N. will be getting the info on the website.

Spirit Wear- 30-40 orders have been placed from the newsletter.

Long sleeve and short sleeve t-shirts are being sold. Information in on school website.

School Store: Jim O reports Tanya R will be leading this effort. The store will be open on Fridays during lunch and manned by the PTO.

There is a need to purchase some things for the store. Jim asking for \$500.00 to go towards items for the school store.

2nd By Lisa W. All in favor unanimous.

The popcorn machine is usable but very all and falling apart. Tanya got some quotes on new machines \$999.00, Sam's Club 798.00 Amazon 769.00

Jim asks the group to consider whether the PTO wants to buy new popcorn machine. Parent questions "How will it be used?"

It would be used at fund-raisers, social events, and Fridays during the school store hours.

"Who will make it?" PTO will make it.

Jim O states that it will generate income and eventually pay for itself.

Kris D. is on Parent Volunteer Committee at St. Catherine's and states they are currently looking at purchasing a popcorn machine as well and she can inquire to see if two could be purchased to bring down the cost.

Jim suggests that Tanya R and Kristing D. get together to talk about the pricing.

Maureen H states that if the PTO buys the machine, proceeds should come back to the PTO.

Auction Night: Maureen reports Justine has reserved March 13th for the event.

Casey P. and Maureen H. have met to talk about eh position.

Last year, tech education and enhancement was the position. We need a message to our sponsors. Casey P suggests that the library be the focus. Library to media centers can help with grant writing.

Jim suggests looking at Parkside as they got a School Improvement Grant, which came with Multiple Initiative.

Mr. McCafferty suggests a plan for technology and a media center.

Mr. McCafferty will ask the technology committee for their suggestion for the library.

Maureen H. needs volunteers for the event and she'll send an email.

There are opportunities for all in all areas. It is not just about fundraising.

Jim O. tells the group about the Hillside cross country team and the Builder's Club who did a great job cleaning up Derryfield Park. Teachers led students and the park looks great.

Jim spoke with SRO about safety of the children getting dropped off. In the past children have been hit by cars in the area.

Students must use the cross walk and parents must slow down and wait for buses to load/unload.

SRO will address these issues.

There is a question in the November election, a by-partisan question about the tax cap spending to revenue cap. It will allow schools to spend more money.

Closing- Builders Club is honoring two families that won the yard clean up at the auction.

Children are getting rakes, garbage bags, and other materials for the clean up.

September minutes Motion to accept. 2nd All in favor unanimous.

End of meeting.