

MES PTO MINUTES

MES School PTO Minutes

November 21, 2006

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Maria Beltramello at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance: Maria Beltramello, Dee McDonald, Jen Minchella, Karen Bonnanzio, Julie Koulouris, Jack Zamary and several parents and attendees.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved by a motion from Evelyn Gobstein and seconded by Karen Bonnanzio.

President's Report

- Made mentioned that last month's treasurers report was reconciled by Dee McDonald and not Ana Forina.
- Asked the PTO body to address concerns up front.
- Discussed the possibility for checks for fundraisers be payable to the parent rather than the school to avoid bounced checks payable to the PTO and the need for us to have to track down the owner of the bounced check. Caron Reilly motioned to make this possible and Mary Ann Dzinski seconded the motion.
- \$200 was paid to the PTO Advisory counsel.
- Discussed the idea of setting the budget after the fall fundraiser.

Secretary's Report

- Discussed the need for committee and chairs heads.
- Caron Reilly accepted to chair the Perpetual Fund...

Treasurer's Report

The budget for the current school year was distributed and reviewed by the Board and PTO members. Discussed included:

- The final numbers on Innisbrook is \$7701.25
- Final numbers for the Book Fair were not in we are around \$1900+.
- Yearbook expense will be wiped down after purchases.
- Looking in to CD rates for the \$19000.

Board of Education Report

- Discussed security system for region 15. Use fiber optic technology to connect all schools in the district.
- Raising money for bleachers at the High School.

Principal's Report

- Jack Zamary presented his report see attached document
- 1. Key points included:
 - Parent conferences
 - Celebrations
 - Gym Ceiling
 - Visiting author
 - PTO funded purchases
 - Curriculum update

Teacher Representative

- Thank you to the PTO for the wonderful breakfasts.
- 1st graders are studying New England and the First Thanksgiving.
- Discussed professional development and the use of filming other teachers as a learning tool for teachers.

MES PTO MINUTES

MES School PTO Minutes

November 21, 2006

Old Business

- Food drive was a huge success. Plenty of food was collected to fill the Middlebury food bank. The school received \$405 dollars worth of gift cards and \$300+ of monetary donations. Middlebury was excited to give to Middlebury.

New Business

- Friendship sent a card and a gift card to Maureen Arnone's family wishing her son well. Baby gifts were sent to Mrs. Van Zandt and Mrs. Higgins on the birth of their sons.
- Discussed fundraiser at Sullivens Jewelers. Fundraiser runs for a week with a Friday evening kick off. PTO receives 10% of all the items purchased by a MES family member. Tracey Griffin has already talked to Sullivens and has agreed to do this for MES. PTO agreed to set this up.
- Discussed possible baseball family nights at the Bridgeport Bluefish or at the Rockcats. We are looking in to this.
- A Social event was brought to the table called the Festival of Tables by Julie Koulouris.
- Jackie Post suggested we sell raffle tickets as another idea for our other big fundraiser. 3 to 5 items listed to win.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00pm