

MES PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 18, 2004

Minutes

1. Call to order and President's Report
 - a. PTO Advisory Committee Report: Jackie Mulhall
Budget proposal report status quo: additions to teachers to keep class sizes down.
Dr. Sippy plans to come to one of our meetings to go over budget.
2. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Nancy Belden
No report
3. Treasurer's Report: Carol Brunick
 - a. Innisbrook made approximately \$9000. Book Fair made \$400 over budget.
Cookie dough approximately \$2000. Poinsettia sale made \$5000.
4. Guest Speakers
 - a. Joe Zukoski, Board of Education representative to Region 15 Technology committee, discussed our technology program. They have a multi-year technology plan which includes curriculum, staff development, hardware and software, administration, staffing and budgeting. It is important to be on the cutting edge of technology. Emphasis is on increasing technology in our elementary schools. Replacement goal for computers is 6 years, but this is not happening. Frugal staffing in this area, 2 region wide and 1 at each school.
 - b. Karen Kirk introduced herself again and explained her job is communication between school/home/community. Email at karenmkz@charter.net
5. Principal's Report: Jack Zmary
Thanks for new fence on back playground.
PA system: Components are being delivered and installation should be done soon.
Enrollment: 6 new students registered during Christmas vacation and the week after. We have enrolled 10 new 2nd graders since 7/1/04.
National Assessment of Educational Progress: MES 4th graders to take test. Our school was asked to participate.
No Child Left Behind: All region 15 schools made adequate progress.
{ HYPERLINK "http://WWW.REGION15.ORG/MES" } - Yearbooks online purchasing available.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Board of Education: Recognized PHS State Championship Football team.
Discussed senior class accomplishments.
- b. Teacher Rep: Cynthia Flisher
All teachers are taking courses on reading strategies and all are using these strategies. Mr. Zmary mentioned that Cynthia did a great presentation to the faculty on this.
- c. Ways & Means: Beth Marino, Nina Walsh
Poinsettia sale made more than budgeted.
Cookie dough raised approximately \$2000 for Desmarais Van Fund.
Personalized Note card sale: Nancy Belden
We are doing customized notecards. You can purchase 50 cards for \$15.00.
Children create their own art work and it is made into notecards. Fundraiser will start the end of January.
- d. Friendship: Mary Tesch, Donna Sherwood
Sent sympathy cards to the Dest, Marino and Higgins families
- e. Art Coordinators: Georgia Candiotti, Jackie Desmarais
No report.
- f. Yearbook: Theme is "Our Time to Shine".
Cost is \$12.50 and will be put on website for paypal. Deadline for ordering is February 28. We still need someone to take pictures for Kindergarten (Jackie Mulhall) and grade 2.
- g. Community Service:
Library Book Sale – Nancy Belden, MaryAnn Dzinski
It was a wonderful event with approximately 350 children buying gifts for their family. The kids had such a great time picking their gifts out by themselves or with the help of a parent or 5th grade Friendly Helper. The event raised over \$8000. The proceeds from the bake sale of \$540 were donated to Middlebury Social Services, \$500 to Southbury/Middlebury Youth and Family Services and the balance was given to the Middlebury Public Library. The library is tentatively planning on using a portion for children's programs geared toward grades 1–5 and possibly hiring a part-time student for the summer to help with programs. A portion will be saved for expenses next year. We also had a large amount of books and videos left over which were donated to St Mary's Children's Clinic thru Sandi Carbonari-Welsh. Thirty women's lotions and make-up were donated to the Middlebury Community Women's Club which they used to create gift bags for women at Safe Haven.
- h. Coast to Coast Marathon will start March 1 and go until mid May. On April 1 we will add recess time for the students to participate. We are in the process of setting up pen pals in CA for 3rd and 4th graders. We are also looking for corporate sponsor to pledge \$ per mile.

7. Old Business
 - a. Box tops money: A fence was purchased for the back of school. Cost was over \$2000.
 - b. Mall receipts from Christmas must be in by Jan 31.
8. New Business
 - a. New Fundraiser: Feb 2006 (2005- 2006 year). This will not replace any other fundraiser. This is a new targeted fundraiser that would be a social event/silent auction/wine tasting etc. The hopes are to be able to purchase something big that is needed in the school. We need to get a committee formed now to get this in process. If anyone is interested, contact Jackie Mulhall. She will schedule a kickoff meeting.
 - b. Elections: Carol Brunick will not be treasurer next year as she is moving on to MMS. If anyone is interested, let Jackie Mulhall know.
9. Next PTO Meeting – February 15 7:00 pm
10. Adjournment – 11:00 am

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