

MES PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 19, 2004

AGENDA

1. Speaker – Joe Velardi on Childhood Obesity
2. Call to order and President’s Report
 - a. PTO Advisory Committee Report – Jackie Mulhall
The Advisory Council supports the change in the school lunch program to add healthy choices. Also spoke about security in our schools.
 - b. New Agenda Format: The agenda will only include committees that have something to report. If you want something on the agenda, contact Jackie one week before the meeting.
 - c. Reminder on distribution of PTO handouts: All handouts need to be approved by Jackie Mulhall and Mr. Zamarly.
3. Secretary’s Report/Minutes – Nancy Belden
No report
4. Treasurer’s Report – Carol Brunick
 - a. Budget is available for review. Author expenses were approximately \$1000. The Great Books program is training three people. Innisbrook fundraiser sales were approximately \$19,700 of which half goes to PTO. Ice cream social was over budget due to bounce house.
5. Principal’s Report – Jack Zamarly
Thanks to Joe Velardi for presentation.

New lunch program: Chef’s salad now offered as well as cereal bowl with yogurt. A 1st grader was interviewed by the newspaper.

Author Suzy Kline was a big success. Thanks to Mary Ann Dzinski and Kathleen Doan.

New science program: Science will be included in future CMT’s and will be added to instruction in spring 2005.

Coffee with the Principal is Thursday October 28 at 4pm in the MES cafeteria. Mrs. Lettick will present the 6+1 Writing Traits program.

Thank you for your help with visitor’s passes and signing in.

Technology update: A lot of work was done over the summer to setup the new area in the library. We also upgraded from Windows 98 to Windows XP and upgraded desktop security software. Sixteen new computers were given to the classrooms so each class should have a minimum of 2 computers. Computer classes started this week.

Facilities update: We have a beautiful facility and atmosphere. We however have the smallest classrooms in the region, approximately 800 sqft. The portable is approximately 1000 sqft. We are anticipating smaller numbers next year, but not in the long term. Concerning our core facilities, the cafeteria is full, especially during 1st grade lunch. There has been an issue concerning a class with many cases of strep throat. Mr. Zamary assured us that he is doing everything to check the class. Duct work has been checked and we are doing more cleaning. More information will be available this week.

Apparel sale is on-line with pay pal. If you do not have a pay pal account, you will need to create one.

6. Committee Reports

a. Teacher Rep – Cynthia Flisher

Suzy Kline was great! She was very appropriate for all ages and even got the teachers involved. Lee Ann Pratt, a teacher for trailblazers, gave a talk to grades 3 through 5 and is coming back to speak to grade 1 on November 7. Our Math Program is going much better in this second year.

b. Ways & Means – Beth Marino, Nina Walsh

Annual fundraising calendar with pictures and information on where the money is being spent will be printed soon and sent out. There was a preliminary discussion of a perhaps doing a social event with silent auction next school year. We would need to get a committee in place for this event. Further discussion will be at the next meeting.

c. Cultural Arts/Authors –Mary Ann Dzinski, Kathleen Doan

Suzy Kline went very well, everyone enjoyed it. There are a few signed books available at the library for \$4.00. Mr. Zamary will decide what to do with any extra books. An illustrator will be coming in March.

d. Friendship – Mary Tesch, Donna Sherwood

Cards were sent to Sarah Belden and the Dowling family.

e. Art Coordinators –Georgia Candiotti, Jackie Desmarais

There is artwork hung in Dinovas, Senior Center and at the library. These will be changed each month. Kathi Miller may attend next PTO meeting. Also anyone who wants to donate used printer cartridges should speak with Jessica Snider.

f. Community Service: Library Book Sale – Nancy Belden, MaryAnn Dzinski

This is to be the PTO's community service project. The event will be held Friday, December 3, 10:30 – 1:30pm and 3:00 – 7:00 pm and Saturday, December 4, 10:00am – 1:00 pm (silent auction to close at noon on Sat). We are still looking for a wrapping paper area chairperson. If you are interested, you should speak with Nancy Belden or Mary Ann Dzinski. Please start looking thru your things. We are looking for new and/or gently used items (toys, men's ties, golf supplies, tools, Christmas items, frames, craft items and anything else you can find). You can bring them to the library starting Oct 15.

7. Old Business
 - a. Fall Bookfair: Will only be three days this year. Volunteers are in place. Setup is this Friday.
8. New Business
 - a. Thanksgiving Baskets: Last year each class made a basket to give to St Mary's Hospital Children's clinic. This was previously coordinated by room mothers. Room Mothers also handled purchasing a gift certificate for a turkey. Caron Reilly and Kelly Perrotti volunteered to be the coordinators and will get information to all room mothers.
 - b. Teachers grant meeting Tuesday 10/26 at 10am.
 - c. Pictures of Suzy Kline event to go to Republican. Any pictures of events send to Amy Von Culin for website, Anna Forino for scrapbook and Leslie House for the yearbook.
9. Next PTO Meeting – Tuesday November 16 at 9:30 am
10. Adjournment – 9:00 pm