

MES PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 12, 2005

Minutes

1. Call to order and President's Report
 - a. PTO Advisory Committee Report – Jackie Mulhall: Budget vote is on May 4. Notice will be going home once a week. You can request absentee ballot.
2. Secretary's Report/Minutes – Nancy Belden: No report
3. Treasurer's Report – Carol Brunick:
 - a. Request to purchase frames for Rob Bolster pictures from Cultural Arts budget.
 - b. Teacher grants have not been completely fulfilled yet.
4. Principal's Report – Jack Zamary:

Region 15 volunteers to be recognized in Voices.

Student led conferences will be May 17th and 19th.

PA system – speaker mounts need to be re-ordered from different vendor

A team from Sherman Public School visited MES and MMS to look at what we had in place and were very impressed with MES.

School Day for 2005-06 – will have 9:00 am start and end at 3:30pm. The extra 5 minutes per day is equivalent to 30 additional hours of instruction. This is a more logical start time and bus runs will work for 05-06 and 06-07 when PHS adds another 5 minutes.
5. Board of Ed – Carol Brunick: Budget was presented. We need a lot of support for budget. Only 20% of parents in region vote.
6. Guest Speakers - Suzanne Kenishea, President MMS PTO: Shared PTO opportunities at MMS and left volunteer forms for people to take.
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Teacher Rep – Cynthia Flisher: no report
 - b. Ways & Means – Beth Marino, Nina Walsh
Yankee Candle sale: Should get final number soon
 - c. Friendship – Mary Tesch, Donna Sherwood:
A Grotto and Mrs. G. basket was sent to VonCulin and Holland families. We received a thank-you note from Mrs. Percival.
 - d. Membership
Roller skating Party for April vacation cancelled
 - e. Yearbook: Theme is “Our Time to Shine”. It is completed and at printer.

- f. Coast to Coast Marathon: Approximately 150 kids are participating on a daily basis. We need parent volunteers for recess times. You can signup on the calendar in the gym. We are having a Beach Party today in celebration of reaching California. Only 28 kids have not participated. We will try to get everyone at MES to walk. Remember to bring/send in water bottles for your children as it gets warmer to keep them hydrated.
 - g. Book Fair – Colleen Johnstone: The book fair went well and worked in the gym for 3 days.
 - h. 5th Grade Movin on Social – Barbara Tzezos: Current date is June 10 with a raindate of June 13. T-shirt order forms were sent out.
 - i. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is May 6. D’Amelio’s and Labonnes will be catering. If anyone would like to bake a dessert, please let us know.
 - j. Art Show: Schedule for April 30 at Pomperaug High School. Mrs. Miller has great artwork.
 - k. New Fundraiser for 2005-2006: Will be April 8, 2006 at the Greek Church (date change). If you are interested in helping talk to Jackie Mulhall, Kim Seman or Jackie Post. We are planning silent and possibly live auction.
 - l. Mother’s Day Plant Sale: Dana Dowling will organize this again. It will be the Wed, Thurs and Fri before Mother’s Day. If you would like to help call Dana.
8. Old Business
- a. Elections/Nominations – Carol Brunick: Executive Board nominations were taken for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Elections will be done at the May meeting. After the election we will send out a form to get committee chairpersons.
9. New Business
- a. PTO Region-wide Dinner: We are the sponsoring school. It will be held Monday, May 23 with cocktails and dinner at 6pm at Colonial Tavern in Oxford. It would be nice for a lot of people to attend. Cost is \$30 per person.
 - b. Website: Use www.region15.org. It has lots of information such as calendar, lunch menus, etc.
- Last Day of school is now June 22.
10. Next PTO Meeting – May 17 at 9:30 am
11. Adjournment – 10:45 am