



# Middleton PTO General Minutes

Nov. 12, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. - Middleton Elementary Media Center

## Agenda

1. Introductions
  
2. Approve Meeting Minutes
  - a. Minutes from Oct. 8, 2024 PTO General Meeting were distributed
  - b. Lavinia Finnerty moved to approve minutes
    - i. Katie Rock seconded the motion
    - ii. All in favor said, “aye” (no attendees opposed the motion)
  
3. Celebrations
  - a. Book Fair was a big success—thank you, Lavinia!
  - b. Culver’s Night on Nov. 11 was busy
  - c. District book banners have been hung around the school
  - d. All spots for the Ashland Productions play, “Press Start!” have been filled
  - e. Teachers are thankful for the food provided during Book Fair preview and for dinner on both conference nights
  - f. PTO budget is back in the black after the board made some cuts!
  
4. Budget
  - a. Reviewed Treasurer slides of recent highlights
    - i. Walkathon approximately \$2,000 short of goal
    - ii. Timberwolves tickets sales were better than expected, resulting in additional revenue
    - iii. Donations to PTO are ahead of what would be expected at this point in the year
    - iv. Culver’s Nights are also ahead of pace
    - v. Book Fair went well; positive balance of Scholastic Dollars
    - vi. After some recent reductions, budget is currently back in the positive (by about \$2,000)
  
5. Community & Volunteer Opportunities
  - a. Lunchroom Helpers: ongoing need for help cleaning up during lunches (Lunch Visitors sign-up is also open!)

- b. Ashland Productions theater offering: all cast spots for "Press Start!" have been filled, but families can join waitlist
- c. Helping Hands: deadline for signing up to shop for holiday gifts/donate money is Nov. 15 (reminder will be sent to MES families on Nov. 13)
- d. Reading Rivalry: communication to go home with third-fifth graders Nov. 14; looking for coaches
- e. Spring Carnival Planning Committee: need volunteers to get started planning before Winter Break
- f. A variety of Community Ed opportunities continue to be offered throughout the district during evenings and on no-school days

#### 6. Admin Updates

- a. To celebrate earning more than 5,000 Mustang Pride tickets, Student Council voted to have "Minion Day" (teachers dress like Gru & students dress like Minions) on Nov. 22
- b. November has been busy with Gratitude Month, National Native American Heritage Month, Veterans' Day (activities in each class to honor veterans), etc.
- c. Starlab coming soon: Nov. 25 - Dec. 6
- d. No school on Monday after Thanksgiving (Dec. 2) for staff literacy training
- e. Upcoming: Student Council's 10 Days of Giving
- f. First BINGO Night of the year was a success!

#### 7. Open Discussion

- a. Follow up on Walkathon prizes: Holly Hins will connect with first & fifth grade teachers to ensure movie day & extra recess/free-choice time rewards are redeemed
- b. Winter Book Fair set up is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 26 and Book Fair will be open starting Thursday, Feb. 27 (first conference night)
  - i. Second conference night isn't until the following Thursday, March 7, so a decision will need to be made about which days/hours the Book Fair is open during that full week in between