
Middleton PTO General Minutes

09.12.2023 - 6:30 PM - Middleton Elementary Media Center

Agenda

1. Celebrations:

- a. Gaga Ball Pit installed and kids are excited. Grand opening is tomorrow 9/13/23
- b. Little Free Library installed and stocked
- c. Commons Refresh- welcoming and inviting- new mural and furniture
- d. Start of school year- uplifting and exciting
- e. New Marty the Mustang completed by Kelly Renman - possibly debut at Walkathon

2. Budget:

- a. Fundraising & Expenditures
- b. Currently budgeting a -\$20,000 shortfall
- c. Walkathon funds can be used to pay for a lot of the activities scheduled.
- d. Science Budget will be used to pay for sub teacher for star lab
- e. Increased teacher support from \$175-\$225 and grade level support from \$400 - \$500
- f. Question about specific grade level fundraisers. Explained we are always open to new ideas for fundraisers. Questions asked about how fundraising is done and why more isn't done.
- g. Requested a volunteer to make contact with Kowalski's for a donation box
- h. Colin Kilbane offered to make keychains with Mustang Logo on them as a part of the spirit wear options. Can be done for not very much money
- i. Always looking for new ways to refresh fundraising or how to bring back some of what was done previously (5K, Golf tourney, etc)

3. Board of Volunteers

- a. New for 2022-2023 school year. Bring more people in to help beyond the current board. Upcoming volunteer needs - Book Fair, Walkathon, Picture Day
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4. Walkathon

- a. \$1500 already raised in 24 hours. Goal is \$25,000. School wide incentives and grade level / individual incentives.
- b. Walkathon is 9/29. DJ will be there, freezie pops handed out. Families can come walk with their kids. Pencils for each person who registers will arrive Friday. Pie a Principal is a big goal. As a schoolwide goal is achieved a date will be set to celebrate that goal instead of doing it right away and overloading teachers with extra things going on.

5. Snack Program


- a. A family in the district started this program. MES is a donation site. Extra that isn't used at MES is picked up and donated to other schools in need. Snack Program starts in October.

6. Scholastic

- a. Book Fair: 10/12 - 10/17. Teacher preview morning of 10/17. Set up 10/11 in the evening. Take down 10/17 at 4pm. Need PTO coverage part of 10/16 and daytime of 10/17. Sam is working those days but will be at MES to help take down the book fair on 10/17 at 4. Thursday 10/12 and Monday 10/16 are conferences and evening book fair hours. Will need volunteers

7. Admin Updates

- a. Best first week of school in a long time. Same has been said district wide. Things are getting better since COVID
- b. Custodial appreciation lunch held every year before the first day of school
- c. Nutrition Services- Walking Tacos first day of school was not intentional. Freem meals but no new staff. 4 ladies providing more or less 500 meals a day.
- d. Meeting with grade levels/talking about Mustang Be-Attitudes
- e. Getting new Math Core person for K-3. Will now have K-3 and 4-5
- f. Picture Day is 9/22
- g. Book Break- A new way of doing author visits. Allows for more than one author visit a year and is done virtually. Teachers have option to tune in live or watch the video later depending on the time and schedule.
- h. MAP testing for grades 2-5 is the week of 9/25. Devices are being rolled out this week so students have them for testing.
- i. Hispanic Heritage Month is 9/15 - 10/15
- j. Conference Sign Ups will be coming out soon

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- k. Middleton has its first Lego league run by parent Daniel Stallings. Thursdays 6:30-8

8. PTO Social Media Policy

- a. Will be revised and made clearer for parents