**Middleton Elementary PTO**

General Meeting Minutes

Middeton Media Center

January 8, 2019 6:30PM

* School update – Assistant Principal Downs
  + We have conferences on Thursday, February 7th and Thursday, February 12th coming up. Look for Blackboard link for sign up soon.
  + February is “I Love to Read Month” – watch for activities coming up including author visit.
  + Ashland Theater performances are February 21st, 23rd and 24th.
  + Thank you to the PTO for the Davanni’s gift cards to all the staff and the ice machine!
  + Middle school enrollment for 5th grade is coming up.
* Budget update/overview – Liz Willard
  + Carnival is coming up March 1st and we’re looking for sponsorships to help keep costs down.
* PTO updates/upcoming events
  + Carnival March 1st – watch for sign up genius link.
  + Art Fair March 22nd – we’re in need of volunteers – please contact Marea Anderson.
  + Science Fair April 5th – if you’re interested in being an evaluator please contact Marea Anderson or Mrs. Garry.
  + PTO board roles may be open next year. If you’re somewhat interested, no pressure, we’d love to have a conversation with you! You can shadow current Board members to see if you’re interested before committing. We also have committees and special events – please reach out if you’re interested in anything.
* Star Lab - Mrs. Garry
  + Mrs. Garry showed the Star Lab – a bubble dome the kids get in and learn about stars and the galaxy.
* Questions/comments
  + Mrs. Garry proposed raising money/using funds for an outdoor classroom. Outdoor classroom day is May 23rd. Can we look into possible grants, sponsorships from local businesses, U of M, a special campaign? Also look into outdoorclassroomday.com The contact at the Watershed is Andy Shelling (sp?).

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