

Middleton Elementary PTO

General PTO Meeting Minutes
Middleton Media Center
November 14, 2017 6:30pm

- Welcome & Introductions
- School Update – Sara Palodichuk
 - Conferences – lots of great feedback from families and staff – looking forward to the other half this week.
 - Students are settled in, but still working on expectations.
 - There's a BIG concern for drop off and pick up – a safety officer was at school in October said parking past the curb (past the cross walk) is illegal and not safe for students. PLEASE follow the route for drop off and pick up to keep everyone safe.
 - Multiple cars are parked in the handicapped spots – staff will call police on these violators.
 - PLEASE help spread the word on parking lot safety. Sara has tried phone calls, emails, talking personally to people, as well as observation during pick up.
 - The commons is getting out of control during pick up – students are getting hurt due to high traffic. Parents need to stay to the side of the walls to let students through.
 - THANK YOU for helping to pass the referendum!!
- Treasurer Update – Liz Willard
 - Cherrydale Fundraiser raised \$14,942.44.
 - Boo Bash raised \$5,752.68
 - Bethanie – book fair totals are around \$7,000 in sales, sales are down this year.
- Cherrydale/Boo Bash Closing Up
 - Several issues with orders with Cherrydale this evening. Renee, our rep, was here to help and able to assist with customer service issues. Please call Cherrydale customer service with any issues. 1-877-619-4822.
 - Thank you for your support, despite the frustration with ordering, orders and pick up.
 - We are open to ideas for new fundraisers but need to raise at least \$15,000.
 - Love Your Mellon idea from a parent. \$10 profit per hat.
 - Boo Bash went well – slime was a big hit. Bounce houses didn't show – they said they'll be back for Winter Carnival.
- Communication – Text Messages?
 - Parents are voicing they're having trouble hearing about activities.
 - Blackboard Connect has an option for text, but it's supposed to only be used for emergencies.
 - Remind App has text availability – should we sign up?
 - Twitter? Do people use Twitter more than Facebook? Do we need to get a Twitter account? Marea is willing to head up.

- Upcoming Items
 - Feed the teachers – still looking for donations asap!
 - Holiday gifts – PTO is working on gifts for staff.
 - Guided Reading Library Completion – still a work in progress. We're waiting on bins to arrive. 1st grade is almost complete. 2nd grade is in-process. Once supplies are in we will need more help. Evening hours would be better based on what we're hearing. Linzy will set up date and time with the okay from Sara for evening volunteers.
 - Basketball Game – Staff versus parent basketball game in the beginning of January at Lake Middle School. Probably not enough space for the event we're looking to hold. This would be a no cost event, just make a little on concessions and have a fun night out for families.
 - New Book Fair Chair Team – Bethanie is willing to help train a team of people for a book fair team. Looking at setting up an informational meeting to learn more with no commitment – just come to learn if you're at all interested.
 - Anyone interested in a social outing with parents only based on grade level to get to know other parents? A parent is open to starting something like this for parents to get to know each other. Maybe a Survey to get started to find the interest.
 - Evereve (Shhh!) is offering to hold a fundraiser for us – something similar to a social event for parents only.

Upcoming dates to remember:

11/16 – 2nd night of conferences

11/17 – The Emoji Movie

11/27 – Ronnally's Pizza (all day)

1/9 - Next PTO Meeting