

Middleton Elementary PTO

General PTO Meeting Minutes
Middleton Media Center
February 13, 2018 6:30pm

- Welcome & Introductions
- Treasurer Update – Liz Willard
 - Box Tops were paid into us for a total of \$1175.10 of income
 - Kowalski's paid us for their receipt collection
 - Movie night put us in the black
 - Nickelodeon wrist bands are a success with many being sold over the holiday season.
 - Restaurants continue to roll in – Noodles, Culvers and Schwan's have paid us. Buffalo Wild Wings also gave us \$100 for the fundraiser night during the snow storm.
 - January was a quiet month for expenses.
- Administration School Update – Sara Palodichuk
 - Spring Break is coming up with assessments to follow.
 - New assessment information is changing with a change in President and his education agenda.
 - The ESA Act (Every Student Succeeds) – our school gets a report card/grade with 5 indicators – test scores, attendance (1-5th grade), etc. For attendance, a student with 15 or more absences is truant under MN State law (average absences per year per student is 7 days). Our District is required to follow MN State law – once a student is absent for 10 days a letter is sent home to connect families and staff.
 - Currently at Middleton, 72 students have missed 10 days of school, 21 students have been absent 15 days. Under the ESA Act, if our school falls below 90%, our school rating drops. Communication will be coming out regarding this issue. The school is flexible with family vacations, but they are unexcused absences. Health staff is working with this issue.
 - Be sure to check your student's attendance record in Parent Portal.
 - GREAT Jump Rope for Heart – over \$15,000 raised. GREAT event!
 - New structure for Pre-K for next year:
 - Mornings M, W, F for ages 3.5-5
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 - Afternoons M-F for 4-year-old Pre-K
 - Early Childhood Education runs the Pre-K program and will have more details to come.
- Upcoming Events
 - Movie Nights – we broke even. Student Council will take over movie nights going forward. We do not try to make a profit on movie nights.
 - Kindergarten Round up – February 20th
 - Conferences and Feed the Teachers – March 1 and 6th. Sign up genius coming out soon for signups. **We are grateful for any donations!!**
 - Ashland Productions Middleton Play – April 13th, 14th and 15th.

- **Art and Science Fair – APRIL 20th – DATE CHANGE!!**
- Twins Game – April 29th - watch for a flier to come out soon.
- Walk-a-thon – May 25th.
- Starting up 5K again – looking at dates to try again in the fall
- Restaurant Nights
 - Dino’s night – February 20 and 21st.
 - Chili’s is back on – 90 days at a time.
 - Portillos fixed their staffing issue – on the calendar for March.
- Winter Carnival – February 23rd 6:30 – 8:30pm
 - Rachel and Alexis have done an AMAZING job securing donations!!!!
 - Classroom baskets should be turned in no later than Tuesday, February 20th by 3pm.
 - Baskets/raffle items will start to appear online on our website.
 - Preorders open until Friday, February 16th.
 - More volunteers are needed to run carnival!
- School Communicator Update – Heidi Case
 - The District is looking to restart South Washington County Education Foundation. They are interested in starting the foundation up again and looking for any support and interest within the community – specifically within our schools. Contact Heidi Case if interested (heidi.case@gmail.com).
 - Lobby Day, Wednesday, March 7th 9:30 – 12:00noon – speaking (or just participating to show support) to lawmakers regarding policy – specifically around assessment regulations. If interested, contact Heidi Case (see email above).
- Reading update – Peggy Rollins
 - Opening Ceremony correlating to the Olympics for “I love to read month” was last week and the kids loved it!
 - Each classroom has their own country they’re learning about and representing.
 - February is full of classroom reading and writing activities for students including torchlight reading (flash light reading) and “Go for the Gold” reading log that came home with every student. The Literacy team spent \$350 on prizes for students.
 - Author, Douglas Wood, is coming to Middleton soon. He writes mainly picture books. He does music and talks about his work. \$1000 to pay him from the Literacy budget.
 - Guided Reading Library is in the works. Libraries look awesome and teachers have good response with the books being used.
 - Book in a bag for all K-2 students is showing to be a successful program.