

Middleton Elementary PTO

General Meeting Minutes

Middeton Media Center

November 13, 2018 6:30PM

- School update – Principal Williams
 - We have conferences on Thursday and Tuesday. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so.
 - Lost and Found will be donated after the Thanksgiving break. Please check over conferences.
 - Trick or Treat for UNICEF – almost \$1,300 was raised with 175 boxes turned in! Great job, Middleton!!
 - KS95 teacher of the week was Mrs. Koehnen who received her recognition on Monday. Way to go, Mrs. Koehnen!!
 - Dunn Orthodontics rewarded us for the Halloween candy buyback program of \$1,000! Way to go, Middleton!

- Budget update/overview – Liz Willard/Linzy Nathlich
 - Spirit wear came in and has been delivered. We are in the hole right now, but we will be selling items so that number should come out even at the end of the school year.
 - Boo Bash number is final. We made over \$1000 more than budgeted.
 - Sports Outings – Timberwolves game is this Sunday and Marea did a great job coordinating. Watch for Twins game in April.
 - Restaurant Nights – Culver's, Davanni's, etc.
 - Evereve was an adult night that was a success that earned over \$322.80.
 - Amazon Smile – always use smile.amazon.com (doesn't work on the app), donates a percentage to us! They recently increased the percentage they donate, so load up for holiday shopping!
 - Angel Fund – So Wash Co Cares put together a list and sent to us to donate to our own Middleton students for cold weather clothing needs. All students are kept anonymous – not even the PTO knows.
 - Staff Appreciation went to custodial day.
 - Teacher support – teachers can ask for support for their classrooms that we have money set aside for.
 - Literacy needs – Peggy has requested books throughout the building for grades to help our students with various reading needs.
 - Fees – credit cards fees, printing fees, etc.
 - Special Requests – PTO purchased additional 6' tables and a new rolling cart for event needs throughout the years.

- School Communicator update – Heidi Case
 - Dr. Jacobus was at our School Communicator meeting last week and spoke about the district being in the 3rd year of their strategic plan. This involves:
 - Listening to kids and understanding their needs.
 - One thing you should notice from this is your child’s teacher talking about what they know about your child at conferences.
 - Learning cultures and integrating that into our teaching. Coaches have come in to help teachers learn how to do this.
 - Aiming to close the achievement gap.
 - Another part of this strategic plan is staff involvement.
 - Spark is a teacher/staff idea/problem solving/innovation submission program. From October 9th – November 2nd, 128 ideas were submitted to staff. Voting is now taking place on those 128 ideas and eventually a few top ideas will come out of this process and will be implemented into the district.
 - Growth is another issue at hand where the school board will need to decide what to do with the ever-growing needs at the high school level. Each HS needs to hold 2300 kids.
 - Cheryl Jogger also presented on the No Kid Hungry initiative and encouraged all to come out for meals and to the Skoolie bus. With 1 in 5 kids hungry within our district, the district is partnering with NKH to reduce the rate, so kids have full bellies to be more productive at school.

- Boo Bash Wrap Up
 - Event went well, and entrance line flowed better with presales in line and ticket sales around the corner.
 - Attendance was up and apparent with more than \$1000 earned over budget.

- PTO updates/upcoming events
 - Perogi’s Thursday’s food truck at conferences.
 - Brick Oven Pizza – Tuesday’s conference food truck
 - Coupon Book (\$25 and Middleton gets half that). We plan to sell them on conference nights along with extra Spirit wear.
 - Board & Brush fundraiser is Tuesday, November 27th with only 15 seats remaining! Sign up or the event opens to the public a week prior.
 - Conference Nights – feed the teachers signup genius is out – we need help for Tuesday night.
 - Book Fair will be set up during conference nights – be sure to stop by and check out your student’s wish list. Also, be sure to check out the signup genius coming out soon to see if you can help us out and work a shift!
 - Timberwolves game is this Sunday! Please claim your tickets ASAP to avoid any issues day of.

- PTO board roles may be open next year. If you're somewhat interested, no pressure, we'd love to have a conversation with you!
- Questions?
- Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.