

# Middleton Elementary PTO

General PTO Meeting Minutes  
Middleton Media Center  
January 9, 2018 6:30pm

- Welcome & Introductions
- School Update – Sara Palodichuk
  - Staff and students had a nice transition back to school last week with three days of indoor recess.
  - Friday was an all-school assembly to review expectations.
  - Mustang Pride ticket goal this month is 3,000 tickets. Reward will be Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> with a USA Olympic themed event (students encouraged to wear red, white and blue) IF the students reach 3,000 tickets earned. Rewards are also given on a classroom basis – extra recess, pajama day, etc.
  - Conferences will be March 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – signup links will be coming out soon.
  - BIG news – the watershed district received grant funding to work with the City of Woodbury and Tree Trust program. They will be planting prairie grass, 200 trees and a butterfly garden between Lake Middle School and Middleton, along with a side walk. An outdoor classroom will be created near the kindergarten doors (South East corner of the school) with stadium-like seating. A completion date of the whole project will be in the fall. The project is set to begin May 22<sup>nd</sup> with every classroom planting a tree. Parent volunteers (room parents) will be asked to help coordinate with classrooms. Meetings will begin this month to help coordinate this project and include lessons on the Eco system, etc. We're looking for parents who are interested in a parent lead team to take on this initiative. Mrs. Garry is the school science lead who is helping to organize. The first meeting is **January 23rd 3:30 – 4:30 at the school (room TBD based on attendance).**
  - Kindergarten enrollment is in February. Projections are for 120 kids – a big class.
- Treasurer Update – Liz Willard
  - November and December were quiet months.
  - Movie night was a success last Friday – a huge turnout with the cold temperature.
  - Restaurant nights have been a great success. Thank you for dining out to help Middleton!
  - Big expense for December – PTO bought ALL staff gift cards to Davanni's.
  - Under special projects and requests - new bulletin boards will be installed outside the main entrance soon.
- Carnival Planning – February 23, 2018
  - Rachel and Alexis have started planning, getting donations for raffle and silent auction. Quite a few donations have been secured already. Classroom baskets will be organized soon through room parent volunteers. The Middleton Monthly has a sign-up genius for a planning committee to help set up and plan the event. We are still looking for people to help plan.
  - If you own a business or have a service or product to donate, please contact us!

- Food will include, mini donuts, cotton candy, Jamba Juice, Acapulco and Chuck E. Cheese will make an appearance!
- Fundraising Survey Results
  - 100 people responded
  - People enjoy: Open House flat donations, Boo Bash/Carnival, Walk-a-thon
  - People do NOT enjoy: Cherrydale – change companies or stop altogether
  - People do NOT want to combine Boo Bash and Carnival
  - Adults-only parties – 8 people willing to host, 60% of people interested in attending
  - New Fundraiser ideas of interest
    - Parent only outings 60%
    - Bring back the 5K – 70%
    - Adults-only golf outing – 30%
    - Family golf outing – 40%
  - Walk-a-thon – would your child raise at least \$50? Yes – 75%
- School Communicator Update – Heidi Case
  - Update from Dr. Jacobus regarding school closing procedures. Twin City Superintendents work together to determine closings. The National Weather Service reached out to metro superintendents to help them determine when to close based on location. Standards now are schools will close when wind chills reach -40 degrees during bus stop times. Schools do everything to try to remain open, and give parents an option to keep their children home. Dr. Jacobus said it's much easier to determine closure with snow.

Upcoming dates to remember:

1/23: 3:30 – 4:30 Watershed Project Meeting  
 2/13: Next PTO Meeting – 6:30 Media Center  
 3/1 and 3/6: Parent Teacher Conferences