

PTO Minutes

Wednesday September 17, 2014

Attendees:

Brittnee Pierse – President	Danielle Boettcher	Sharon Lentz
Juli Watkins – Vice President	Jessica Booth	Kristi Moore
Shannon Brandow – Treasurer	Lisa D’Ambra	Tanya Nobel
Stephania Burns - Co-Secretary	Becky Dertz	Jen Rice
Alysha Herrera - Co-Secretary	Stephanie Griggs	Teri Wegner
Lacey Dahl – Assistant Principal	Melissa Harrison	Ami Tieman
Nikkole Anderson – Teacher Rep	Vivian Harvey	
Tonja Waldschmidt – Presenting Teacher	Vicki Kravitz	
Melanie Cronican – Presenting Teacher	Kim Kruger	

Introductions:

- Brittnee called meeting to order and everyone introduced themselves to the group.
- Minutes from previous meeting were sent around to review.

Principal Report:

- Patti was out, and Lacey had nothing new to report.

Teacher Report: Special Education Team – Tonja Waldschmidt & Melanie Cronican

- The Special Education Team has decided to implement their own Artful Learning Program into their curriculum with the Mild/Moderate & Severe needs kids.
- Last year they taught about “Perseverance” and how it tied into their Masterwork which was The Great Wall of China. Inquiry Center & Original work all tied into “Perseverance”. They chose to do grid artwork with the kids, and then showed them the final project. The kids were originally dissatisfied and requested to re-do the project. They completed the project 3 times before they were satisfied. The final grid is displayed in the hall by the cafeteria.
- MDVE is the first school to introduce the Special Ed program into Artful Learning. This year they have decided to start again with “Perseverance/Great Wall” again, and then move on to either Change or Empathy.

Brittnee – President Report:

- Student Directory information reviewed. Close to 200 Families have opted into participate so far.
- Sponsorship Letters have been sent out for the Fun Run and Mirage Dental will be our Title Sponsor. We also have a few other verbal requests for sponsorship so far. The Fun Run will be put on by the PTO this year which enables us to give each child a MDVE T-shirt for the run.
- Brittnee reviewed the Mountain Lion Way (Character Building Plan) & also went over how we planned to tie that in with the Districts Wellness Plan. Email will be sent to families soon reviewing the Mountain Lion Way. Each month we will go over a difference character trait.
- Brittnee told parents about the Volunteer of the Month program. Vicki Kravitz is this month's Volunteer of the Month, and will be featured on the new website.

Juli – VP Report:

- Parents informed about the Strategic Action Plan of the PTO, and each attendee was given a copy for review.
- A new website has been secured at MDVEPTO.com and also MDVEPTO.org
- Website is getting very close to being complete, and should be rolled out within the next month. Rebrand is also happening in tandem with the new website.
- Juli told parents about the new T-shirt logo, and passed around print examples. Order forms will go home soon in Friday Folders. We should have them in time for the next Spirit Day.

Stephania & Alysha – Secretary Report:

- Minutes for the last 2 meetings were voted on and approved.
- Stephania informed parents that the Policy/By-Law Book is available in the front office.
- Alysha reviewed the voting policy. Attendees must have attended at least 50% of this year's general PTO meetings in order to be eligible to vote.

Shannon – Treasurer Report:

- Spirit night fundraiser totals were reviewed.
- We received from Freddy's \$382
- We received from King Sooper Cards \$297.50
- Brittnee reviewed with parents how the Safeway & King Sooper cards work, and how the stores pay 5% of total purchases back to our school.

NEW Business:

- Parent Jen Rice asked about the probability of starting a chess club as she has previous experience in her last school. Brittnee told her we would review this possibility with Patti & Lacey.

Teacher Dismissal**Committee Breakout:**

- Fundraising Committee led by Brittnee and Shannon / Teacher Appreciation Committee led by Juli/ and Events Committee led by Stephania and Alysha.

Parking Spot Drawn:

- Teri Wegner is the winner of the spot, until the next meeting.

Meeting Dismissal