Miscoe Hill PTO Meeting Agenda

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| Date: 11/14/22 | Location: Miscoe Library |
| Called by: Victoria Wilkinson | Time:6:34 |

Attendees

Victoria Wilkinson, Kelly Lucier, Jessica Tilley,Joe Bonapace, Deb Lane, Melissa Morse, Gina McFadden. Tara Corcoran, Lyndsey Nickerson, Jen Mannion

Opening Reports

President’s Report: Victoria Wilkinson

* Teacher Requests
  + Gail Farquharson teaches babysitting class as an enrichment class 2 to 3 times a year. They learn a lot of information and get a certificate at the end. Fifteen years ago she received a donation of “Think it Over” babies from high school. Changed the whole enrichment. Breaks up the information. Baby dolls are programmable so baby cries. Try to feed it and can hear baby eating and see if that stops the crying, etc. Dolls are not working well anymore. Either won’t turn on or turns on with strange noises. She researched options and there is not a lot. Many are expensive toys. The company is called Reality Works now. Needs programmer remote with babies. $1930 for 2 dolls. Will look at budget and figure out what we can do.
* Have not heard back from Mrs. LaJoie. They are not far enough along in project to know titles yet.

Treasurer’s Report: Kelly Lucier

* Accounts overview
  + DQ $325
  + Red Heat $640
  + Meadow Farms $1730. Might have more coming.
  + Cash for Miscoe last year $150, this year almost $1000.
  + Annual budget for fundraising was $2300 already at $5000.
  + Textiles is doing great averaging $100 per month.
  + Spending is slow so far this year. Cultural event and supplies will be coming.

Principal’s Report: Jennifer Mannion

* District Comprehensive Review going on. People in today observing classrooms.
* Nov 8 PD day – working with street level data and working up to MCAS
* Offered participating in S3 academy. First meeting last week. Big cohort across the state. MTT systems. Looking at an individualized plan for each student ultimately.
* Student focus group happening with Taft Library.
* Book Fair was awesome.
* Scott Glassman said we can move forward with fundraising on Spirit Wear. Amanda wants to run it.
* Found a new chorus teacher who will start Dec 5.
* Para and Special Education Administrative Assistant hired.

Agenda

Old Business- Unfinished

* Fundraising
  + Spirit Wear - update on athletics taking this or handing it back to PTO
  + New year round store? Need logo?
  + DQ Cooks Night Out 10/13 Recap – see above
  + Red Heat Cooks Night Out Recap – see above
  + Meadow Farms and Money For Miscoe 11/9 Recap – see above
    - 6th grade wins extra recess
    - Jordan Flaherty wins Pinz bowling party (6th grade Mr Carters class)
    - Looking at possible alternatives for next year
  + Utilizing the morning announcements and TVs for advertising Fundraiser
  + Super Bowl Square update – Joe
    - Legality? Town can answer? 50/50 raffle equivalent. Deb check with Ellen at town hall.
    - Put together site and Joe will donate ad-free option on site
    - Accepts Venmo, Paypal, etc and money goes directly to Miscoe PTO account
    - Does site have an age safety check?
    - Can create additional boards if we sell out the first one.100 squares per board.
  + Worcester Railers with chorus – Jess – will touch base once new chorus teacher starts
  + Providence Bruins reached out with similar deal. Discounted tickets. Chorus option.
  + WooSox fundraising opportunities - Stephanie
* Book Fair recap
  + Kids missed posters, etc.
  + Donated a copy of Diary of Wimpy Kids to each 5th and 6th grade class
  + Will do wish list for teachers to spend money we earnedds.
  + We gave gift certificates through guidance for kids to buy books
  + Get message out that kids can go to book fair while parents at conference
* PTO Logo -Will have a contest and try to coordinate with the art teachers. Want to make contest accessible to all students even if they don’t have art.
  + Kids just need a way to submit their design.
  + Will make flyer and posters to advertise.

New Business- Ideas, Motions, Announcements

* Staff Appreciation for Thanksgiving - Deb
  + Deb mentioned gift bags - Is this for November or December?
  + Looking at Dec 9 to have a cookie swap during PD day. Holiday themed.
  + Will put out sign up genius. Will make sure to have allergy friendly items with ingredients. Also, salty items. Volunteer spots also.
  + Will have platters to raise money
  + Flavored coffee and hot chocolate
  + Thanked everyone who donated previously.
* Cultural Curriculum Enhancements - Gina
  + Looking for co-chair of this committee.
  + Gina has been researching a mindfulness program that can train teachers in various SEL skills, who can then teach the students these skills. Working with Assistant Superintendent. 6 week program to teachers and staff and ultimately children to handle stress. Requires commitment of time from teachers.
  + Looking to do approximately 4 things a year.
  + Jenn would like a blurb to share with teachers to help get suggestions from them.
  + Senor Wilinsky at Clough did a lot with stress reduction etc might be able to help.
  + Touch base with guidance counselors after connecting with Cheryl.
  + Deb is willing to help with writing grant with MUEF.
  + Minding your Mind.